







YOUTH PEER ADVOCATE CREDENTIAL SCREENING TOOL

Thank you for your interest in the Youth Peer Advocate Training & Credential program administered by Families Together in NYS, Inc. and sponsored by the NYS Office of Mental Health. While approval for the YPA Credential is not guaranteed, this screening tool will help you determine if you may be eligible to apply.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

-  Are you between 18 and 30 years of age?
-  Do you hold at least a HS Diploma, GED, or state equivalency?
-  Do you **self-identify as a person who has first-hand experience** with emotional (mental health), behavioral challenges, and/or co-occurring disorders with onset **prior to the age of 21?**
-  Do you have **first-hand experience navigating child-serving systems of care for your treatment?** Examples include but are not limited to: Mental Health Inpatient/Outpatient, Special Education, Child Welfare, Addiction Services and Supports, Juvenile Justice, and Intellectual/Developmental, Disabilities Services.
-  Are you willing to **share relevant aspects of your personal experience**, as a youth peer, in the course of providing services to other children/youth who are facing similar challenges?
-  Are you currently employed in a NYSOMH licensed, designated or funded program providing Medicaid reimbursable services of youth peer support?

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Note: If you answered "No" to any of the above questions, it is likely you are **not eligible** for the Youth Peer Advocate Credential. We encourage you to explore other peer credential programs in NYS.

QUESTIONS?



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