



Families Together in New York State (FTNYS)

JOB POSTING

There is an opening in the YOUTH POWER! division of Families Together in NYS, Inc. YOUTH POWER! is the statewide network of young people who have been labeled and are seeking change. Through peer-to-peer mentoring, we empower young people to be active citizens that are aware of government operations, their rights and the ability to use their voices to influence policies, practices, regulations, and laws.

POSITION: Western Regional Youth Partner - The Regional Youth Partners are peer leaders that connect local youth groups, coordinate regional youth advocacy efforts and provide technical assistance and training on youth empowerment, youth-guided practice, and youth peer services. The Regional Youth Partner position is a credentialed Youth Peer Advocate position, which promotes the lived experience perspective and youth-guided philosophy across all child-serving systems

LOCATION: Applicant must reside in one of the 19 counties in the western region. *Preferred location Rochester or Buffalo.*

STATUS: Full-time salary employee – High 30s with benefits package

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have personal life experience accessing children's mental health services and be willing to share this information publically. Additional experience with Disability, Foster Care, Addiction, or Juvenile Justice is beneficial.
- Must have experience working/volunteering as a Youth Peer Advocate or comparable peer role
- Bachelor's or Associates Degree preferred but not required
- Must have valid driver's license, reliable transportation, and be able to travel

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/EXPERIENCE:

- Independently motivated; Excellent coordination and organization skills; Experience with youth leadership and advocacy; Experience with peer support preferred; Excellent written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills; Demonstrated ability to engage with diverse groups; Demonstrated ability to speak with small and large groups of people; Experience with various software packages: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Go-To, Google applications

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Regional Representation

- Establish contacts in the following counties assigned to the Western Region: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates

Network Organized Youth Involvement, Empowerment and Peer support

- Build and sustain a network of groups & councils to collaborate and share information
- Recruit and engage YP! Ambassadors throughout your region
- Coordinate regional forums/focus groups for no less than 50 young people per year
- Host regional Peer Leaders Support and Development (PLSD) meetings for Youth Peer Advocates and Youth Peer Advocate Leaders (YPALs) for Youth Peer Advocates and their supervisors

Directly Assist & Support Youth Groups and Councils

- Assist groups in starting up & sustaining
- Attend youth groups & councils to see how they do things, learn from them and provide support and feedback if needed
- Help to set up meetings with service providers & government officials for systems advocacy

Train and Educate Youth and Adults

- Provide educational and empowerment activities related to YP!'s mission areas
- Provide education on grass-roots organizing and sustainability strategies
- Offer training and technical assistance to adult allies, government entities, agencies and organizations on youth engagement, youth guided practices, and youth peer services

Increase Youth Involvement & Advocacy

- Identify youth leaders to participate in regional and local planning councils
- Participate in the regional interagency technical assistance team
- Organize regional youth input for statewide advocacy, as well as helping to increase youth involvement locally and regionally

Additional Obligations

- Develop outreach materials
- Complete required reporting
- Attend statewide staff meetings and events
- Attend and support the AMPLIFY-NY regional Youth Leadership Forums
- Collaborate with the Office of Mental Health Division of Children and Families regional coordinators, Families Together in New York State chapters, Parent Advisors and New York State System of Care
- Maintain Youth Peer Advocate credential status
- Perform other duties as assigned by their supervisor

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applicants must send a resume with a formal cover letter in order to be considered.

Letters must indicate the title of the position that the applicant is seeking.

Mail to:

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