Youth Peer Support Readiness Grants
August 2018

Eligible applicants:
Mental health provider organizations who:
- Are currently an Office of Mental Health’s (OMH) 1650 (Family Peer Support) program, or an OMH HCBS Waiver Individualized Care Coordination Agencies and
- Have been designated by the State to provide Youth Peer Support services under the Child and Family Treatment and Support Services and
- Currently employ Youth Peer Advocates (full time, part time, per diem, and contracted staff are all acceptable) who are providing Youth Peer Support Services.

To participate in this funding opportunity, eligible providers must submit a proposal (no more than 3 pages) that includes
- Baseline data of youth receiving Youth Peer Support services in calendar year 2017, where applicable.
- Brief plan for the development of a comprehensive workplan with timeline (by quarter) for implementation of expansion and readiness activities.
- Networking plan for YPAs, in collaboration with Regional Youth Partners, and other identified resources.

Proposals should be submitted by COB on September 28th, 2018 to Heather Lane, LMSW, OMH Coordinator of Youth and Family Peer Services at: Heather.Lane@omh.ny.gov

Required Elements of the Comprehensive Workplan:
- Creating and executing a comprehensive workplan to ready the agency for employing Youth Peer Advocates (YPAs) and preparing to expand the number of YPAs within an agency to include but not limited to:
  - Organizational readiness for inclusion of YPAs
  - Supervision design and preparing supervisors for YPAs
  - Agency plans for training and education on role of YPAs and working collaboratively on YPAs
  - YPA recruitment strategies
  - YPA retention strategies
- Networking with other agencies who are employing YPAs, youth peers, in collaboration with Youth Powers! Regional Youth Partners

Amount: Please note: Providers are eligible for only one award.
- Up to $10,000 per provider, no less than $5,000 per provider, depending upon interest and funding availability.

Reporting
- Refer to quarterly reporting requirements below
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Quarterly Reporting Requirements

Reports must be submitted to Heather Lane, LMSW, OMH Coordinator of Youth and Family Peer Services at: Heather.lane@omh.ny.gov within 45 days of the close of the previous quarter, with the exception of the first quarter, as follows:

- For 4th Quarter 2018 (October – December 2018); the Comprehensive Workplan must be submitted by December 31st, 2018
- For 1st Quarter 2019 (January – March 2019); the report must be submitted by May 15th, 2019
- For 2nd Quarter 2019 (April – June 2019); the report must be submitted by August 15th, 2019
- For 3rd Quarter 2019 (July – September 2019); the report must be submitted by November 15th, 2019

Reports must include the following data and narrative descriptions on completed activities and achieved outcomes during the quarter:

- 4th Quarter 2018 - Submission of comprehensive workplan with time line to expand the number of YPAs within an agency

- Remaining Three Quarters: Report on -
  - Description of Implemented Timeline and Workplan Activities
  - Networking Activities