

## **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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018** to Heather Lane, LMSW, OMH Coordinator of Youth and Family Peer Services at: [Heather.Lane@omh.ny.gov](mailto: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

## **Youth Peer Support Readiness Funding 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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018 (October – December 2018); the Comprehensive Workplan must be submitted by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- For 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 (January – March 2019); the report must be submitted by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- For 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019 (April – June 2019); the report must be submitted by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- For 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019 (July – September 2019); the report must be submitted by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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

- 4<sup>th</sup> 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