**NYS Children’s Medicaid**
Home and Community Based Services (HCBS): Family Peer Support, Youth Peer Support and Training, and Crisis Intervention

Children’s HCBS are services provided at home and in the community, that help children who need extra care to avoid going to the hospital or to a long-term facility.

Over time, some of these services will expand and be available to all children in NYS Medicaid who need them, at the dates noted below. 

*Note: These dates depend on approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).*

For more information, talk to your Health Home care manager, or the Children and Youth Evaluation Service (C-YES).

**Family Peer Support Services**
(Expanding on 7/1/2019)
- Provided by a Credentialed Family Peer Advocate/Certified Recovery Peer Advocate with a Family focus who has similar experiences
- Get support and assistance with:
  - Locating information and resources available to the youth/family’s needs
  - Making informed decisions
  - Building and maintaining natural supports and resources

*The full HCBS array of services are included in the NYS Children’s Waiver. You can find out more about Children’s HCBS by contacting the Children and Youth Evaluation Service at 1-833-333-2937.*
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(Expanding on 1/1/2020)
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  o Developing skills to manage health challenges and be independent
  o Feeling empowered to make decisions
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  o Transitioning to the Adult health system when the time is right

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(Expanding on 1/1/2020)
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