

What is a Regional Youth Partner?

As young people with lived experience, Regional Youth Partners (RYPs) engage young people, Youth Peer Advocates, and adult allies in their region. They support the efforts of local youth groups and organizations and empower youth to be vocal advocates. RYPs provide trainings and technical assistance on self-advocacy, youth guided practice, and implementing Youth Peer Services. Through focus groups and forums, RYPs are able to gain youth perspectives on the things that help and harm in their services and communities and amplify their voices in regional and statewide advocacy efforts. They work to increase the quality and capacity of Youth Peer Support by offering networking and professional development opportunities for YPAs and their supervisors.

“The Parent Advisors and Regional Youth Partners play such a critical role. They have lived experience, and are connected to families, youth, advocates, communities, and state leaders in ways that impact change on all levels.”

*- Paige Pierce
CEO, Families Together in New York State*

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**New York State Regional
Parent Advisors and
Regional Youth Partners**

What is a Regional Parent Advisor?

Parent Advisors work in collaboration with all child-serving systems to provide, infuse and support the family voice and Family Peer Support across all services. Their role is to build a strong network of family peer support programs and to assure that there is a strong family voice in the development of all policies and services.

Parent Advisors coordinate training opportunities for Family Peer Advocates, clinical service providers, schools, community organizations and families. They host forums to exchange best practice ideas, foster cross-systems collaboration and strengthen family-provider partnerships.

Parent Advisors share information with parents and providers and create opportunities for these stakeholders to provide input on how services and policies are working for families and youth.

Parent Advisors help connect people to programs that provide direct assistance. As parents of children with complex behavioral challenges, the Parents Advisors bring a unique perspective and passion to their work.

Contact Your Parent Advisor or Regional Youth Partner

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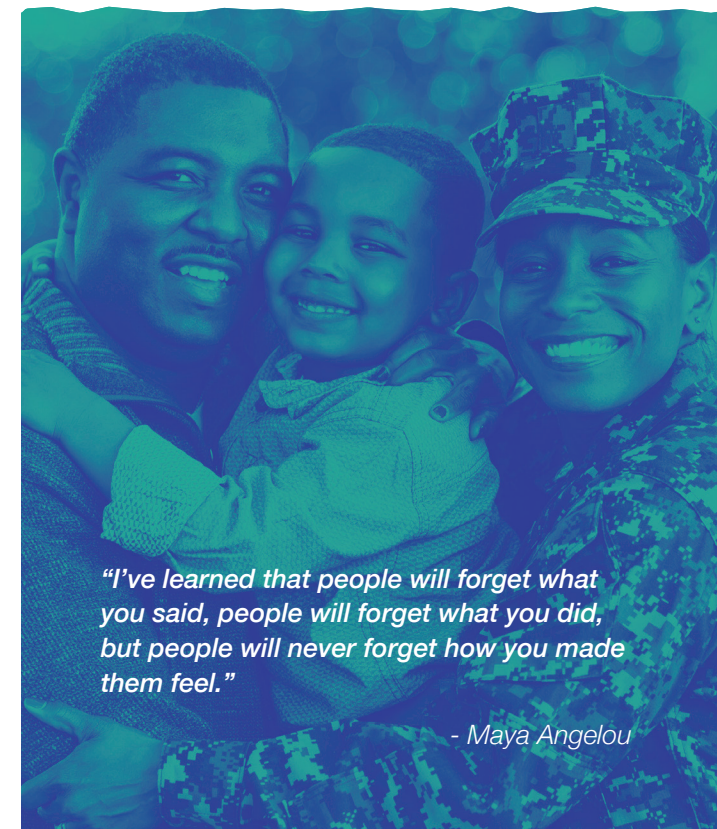
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"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

- Maya Angelou