



Youth Peer Network Advocacy RFP Q&A

1. What is the “Peer Advancement Network”? Is this the Peer TAC or something else?

ANSWER – The Peer Specialist Workforce Advancement and Mentoring Network for New York State, run by the National Association of Peer Supports (N.A.P.S.), will serve as a centralized entity to provide leadership, support, advocacy, and best practice guidelines, ensuring that the integrity of the Peer Specialist discipline remains intact, while demonstrating and reinforcing fidelity to the established core values and best practices. As such, it will be important for the awardee of this RFP to communicate with the Network for alignment and collaboration between the field of adult Peer Specialists and youth Peer Advocates.

2. Are there reserved seats for the YAB members on the Recipient Advisory Council? Or are there seats we will need to advocate for being designated for the YAB members?

ANSWER – The Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) is an open meeting to anyone who wants to attend, rather than a membership Committee with seats. YAB members will be notified of and invited to join these meetings with preparation from the awardee of the RFP to assist them to contribute.

3. Is there a character limit or formatting style we need to adhere to if we upload a response to the Program Specific Questions instead of answering in the text box?

ANSWER – There are no character limits for the upload option. However, the response *must* be succinct and appropriate to the question being asked. Points may be reduced if the answer is not responsive.

4. Are awardees required to offer in-person events in each OMH region annually or can events be held virtually for stakeholders in each region?

ANSWER – The RFP funding is to support the development of a Statewide Structure and Network for Youth Support and Advocacy. As such, it is expected that all activities and action steps be made available in all regions of the State. Applicants will be required to clearly outline in their proposals how they plan to meet all Objectives and Responsibilities outlined in Section

5.2, and specifically Objective 1, including, but not limited to how they will be able to accomplish:

- creating opportunities for youth to network at a local or regional level through meetings, technology, conference calls, etc.
- hosting a regional event, such as a youth forum, in each region, at least annually, to empower youth, build advocacy skills and gain input and insight into current issues for youth