6 Steps to a Youth Peer Advocate Professional Credential

Step 1

Complete Level One Online YPA Training

• You will need to complete the Level One self-paced, online training modules in order to apply for a Provisional Credential.

Step 2

Apply for the YPA Provisional Credential

 Once you have completed the Level One online training modules, you can apply for the Provisional Credential. After approved, all requirements for the Professional Credential must be completed within 18 months.

Step 3

Complete Level Two Online YPA Training

• To begin pursuing the Professional Credential, complete the Level Two self-paced, online training modules.

Step 4

Complete Level Two Virtual YPA Training

• Once you have completed the Level Two online training modules AND you are currently employed providing YPST services, you will need to complete the Level Two virtual training. This includes a 4-day training session.

Step 5

Complete Consultation Calls

 Once you have completed the Level Two virtual training, you will be enrolled in 5 weekly consultation calls through your trainer.
 Consultation calls are required to receive your certificate of completion.

Step 6

Apply for the YPA *Professional* Credential

• Once you have completed steps 1-5 AND have a minimum of 600 hours of relevant work experience, you can apply for the Professional Credential. After approved, the Professional Credential is valid for two years.



Access all links and documentation for the Youth Peer Advocate Credential on www.ftnys.org, under Workforce Development.

Questions? Please email us at YPACredential@ftnys.org or call 1 (518) 432-0333 ext. 18.

Youth Peer Advocate Credential Training

	Level 1 online self-paced modules		
Level 1 Required for YPA Provisional Credential	Module 1	Introduction to the Youth Peer Advocate Role	7 lessons
	Module 2	Developing Self-Efficacy Skills	8 lessons
	Module 3	Cultural Competence	5 lessons
	Module 4	Professional Expectations	7 lessons
	Module 5	Small group facilitation	5 lessons
	Module 6	Navigating the system	10 lessons
	Module 7	Documenting your work	6 lessons
Level 2 Required for YPA Professional Credential	Level 2 online self-paced modules		
	Module 1	Working across systems	6 lessons
	Module 2	Service systems, part 1	6 lessons
	Module 3	Service systems, part 2	6 lessons
	Module 4	Education into career	5 lessons
	Module 5	Understanding marginalized populations	8 lessons
	Virtual In-Person Training		
	Day 1	• Principles of Youth Peer Support	
	Clarifying the Youth Peer Advocate Role		
	Day 2		
	Mentoring and Coaching		
	Day 3	Cultural Humility	
		Interdependence	
	Day 4	 Professional Expectations 	
	Documentation		
	Coaching Calls		
	After completion of the virtual in-person training, each participant will complete a series of		
	coaching calls to reinforce application of skills and competencies in their work as a YPA		
Eligible for Renewal of YPA Professional Credential	Continuing Education		
	Best Practices for Working with Families		
	Creating Inclusive Environments for LGBTQ+ Youth		
	Supporting Youth Living with Chronic Conditions		
	Recognizing and Responding to Crisis and Safety Concerns for YPAs		
	Motivational Interviewing for YPAs		
	Additional CE Modules are in development. We welcome your ideas!		
	Reach our Youth Workforce Development Team at <u>YPAcredential@ftnys.org</u>		
		Supervisor Resources	
Orientation	Training for Youth	Peer Advocate Supervisors	
Youth Peer	Advocate Hiring To	olkit	