WHAT IS A YOUTH PEER ADVOCATE?

A Youth Peer Advocate (YPA) is a trained individual between the ages of 18-30 who self-identifies as a person with first-hand experience receiving services in any of the child serving systems: mental health, addiction recovery, juvenile justice, child welfare, and special education. YPAs can use their lived experiences to assist in supporting youth in their resiliency, recovery, and wellness.

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**Phone calls and emails will be returned within 3 business days.**
Youth Peer Advocates facilitate support groups for youth ages 13 - 26 years in Erie County and are available to meet with youth one-on-one by appointment.

They also provide peer support services to youth receiving inpatient treatment at Erie County Medical Center, Western New York Children's Psychiatric Center, OLV Human Services, and BryLin Hospital; and outpatient treatment at select BestSelf clinics.

To learn more about the Youth Peer Advocates, or to obtain a complete schedule of upcoming community events and support groups, please visit: www.mhawny.org.

If you would like to receive more information about the Youth Peer Program, please send an email to: peersupport@mhawny.org.

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