

# New York City Family and Youth Peer Support Services

Family and Youth Peer Support (FYPS) services empower and support parents and caregivers as well as children and youth from birth to age 24 experiencing social, emotional, developmental, substance use or behavioral challenges.

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC Health Department) funds a network of FYPS alliances throughout NYC, with one alliance per borough. Each alliance consists of a lead organization and several partner organizations. Family and youth peer advocates provide the following core services:

- Emotional support
- Information on mental health conditions, services and family rights
- Skills development
- Advocacy and assistance to navigate child-serving systems
- Referrals to appropriate services and resources
- Recreational activities

All FYPS services are free. Parents, caregivers, and children and youth may access these services directly or by referrals made from a family member, individual or organization. For more information, visit [nyc.gov/health](http://nyc.gov/health) and search for **child mental health services**.

**To access FYPS services, contact one of the following Alliance Coordinators:**

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FYPS Providers: Brooklyn Perinatal Network, Community Counseling and Mediation, Christopher Rose Community Empowerment Campaign, The Jewish Board, Korean American Families Services Center, Masa, Public Health Solutions, Sheltering Arms, Staten Island Justice Center, The Door, University Settlement, and Vibrant Emotional Health