

Building Recognition. Advancing Support. Changing Systems.



**YOUTH CAREGIVER
COALITION**
RECOGNIZED. SUPPORTED. EMPOWERED.
BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE TOGETHER

FUTURE

THE PROBLEM: AN INVISIBLE POPULATION

Youth caregiving is a growing but underrecognized issue. Nationally, millions of children and adolescents provide care within their homes, often without formal support or acknowledgment.

In New York State:

- Youth caregivers are not formally identified in schools, healthcare systems, or social services
- There are no standardized supports or pathways to assist them
- Many experience chronic stress, academic challenges, and social isolation

Despite their contributions, youth caregivers are often misunderstood or overlooked, leaving them to manage complex responsibilities alone.

The New York State Youth Caregiver Coalition is forming to change that.

THE OPPORTUNITY: A SYSTEMS-LEVEL RESPONSE

There is a clear and urgent need to create a New York State Youth Caregiver Initiative aimed at:

- Recognize youth caregivers as a distinct population
- Establish early identification pathways
- Provide structured, tiered support systems
- Equip professionals with tools to respond effectively
- Build awareness across communities

THE COALITION

The coalition brings together:

- Education systems
- Healthcare providers
- Community-based organizations
- Youth-serving agencies
- Policy and advocacy leaders
- Researchers and evaluators



WHY NOW

Youth caregiving has long existed in the shadows. The need and opportunity to respond has never been greater.

CALL TO ACTION

We are actively recruiting partners to formally launch the New York State Youth Caregiver Coalition.

Join us in:

- Advancing recognition of youth caregivers
- Shaping statewide solutions
- Participating in implementation efforts

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