THE CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM IS READY TO HELP.

Family peer advocates are available to provide an understanding ear and a wealth of information about services and supports in Western New York, your family’s rights, and the mechanics of the system. They have walked in your shoes and know the peaks and valleys of caring for a child with significant emotional and behavioral needs.

CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM FROM MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES OF WNY

For more than 60 years, Mental Health Advocates of WNY has provided all of that and more to individuals and families living with mental illness in our community.

If you are a family coping with mental illness and you require support services, contact us today.

OTHER MHAWNY SERVICES

- Basic Emotional Skills Training (BEST)
- Community Outreach and Education
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Information & Referral Service
- Legal Services (civil matters)
- Support Groups
- Workplace Well-being
- Youth Support Programs

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Child & Family Support Program

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Individually and group respite
A time for caregivers to rest and recharge.

Facing the reality of having a child with significant emotional and/or behavioral challenges is often an overwhelming experience for families, with many caregivers feeling lost and isolated. CFSP can provide short-term individual respite by a trained, experienced, respite worker to give caregivers a much-needed break. For more information on how to apply contact familysupport@mhawny.org.

CFSP also provides group/recreation opportunities in a variety of community settings with other youth with similar needs.

Family and youth activities
Families raising a child with emotional or behavioral challenges often find participation in community activities difficult. Several times a year, CFSP offers family activities such as bowling, summer picnic, social skills groups, and Saturday arts and recreation.

Activities are posted on our website’s event calendar MHAWNY.ORG/EVENTS.

Family peer advocates provide:
- Information and referral for linkages to doctors, clinics, and other community support services
- Help navigating the education, mental health, behavioral health, addiction, juvenile justice, and child welfare systems
- Necessary skills and information to families so they can advocate effectively for their child
- Parent/caregiver educational workshops and support groups
- Parent skill development

All families are welcome regardless of insurance. Family peer advocacy is provided by the Erie County Family Support Service, Child and Family Treatment Supports (CFTS), and High Fidelity Wraparound Services based on eligibility.

Phone support is available Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm. Evening and weekend hours are available by appointment.
To learn more visit MHAWNY.ORG, email familysupport@mhawny.org, or call (716) 886-1242 x337.