Youth Voices Matter - New York
2022 Youth Policy Statement

Based on data gathered from our statewide Youth Recovery Needs Survey, developed and administered by Youth Voices Matter- NY and in collaboration with OASAS Youth Clubhouse members and leadership as well as youth and young adult recovery community partners, we have identified THREE priorities for our 2022 Youth Policy Statement. We call on the Governor and the NYS Legislature to take the following actions immediately to address the needs of young people in the Recovery Community across NYS.

**Housing**

Funding for new and existing recovery housing programs. Unstable housing for young people is unacceptable.
- Greater investment in stable housing in all communities as a form of harm reduction
- Recovery Friendly Housing on all SUNY and CUNY Campuses
- Make housing vouchers available for safe, affordable, recovery-friendly housing

**Transportation**

Equitable accessibility for all communities across the state to ensure that youth and young adults can access their community’s recovery support services
- Dedicated funding for youth transportation services
- Funding for additional staff and vehicles at OASAS Youth Clubhouses in order to provide youth consistent transportation to and from centers
- Expansion of mobile treatment and recovery services for youth as well as an awareness campaign to increase youth access to those services

**Recovery Supports**

**Education**

Funding to establish new Recovery High Schools and continued funding support for existing Recovery High Schools
- Provide non-clinical Recovery Support Services in addition to clinical services in all NYS high schools

Funding to establish new Collegiate Recovery Programs and continued support for existing Collegiate Recovery Programs in NYS
- Establish peer-based Collegiate Recovery Programs on all SUNY and CUNY campuses statewide

**Community-Based Recovery Supports**

- Expand OASAS funded clubhouses to include at least one in each county
- State-wide anti-stigma campaign specific to normalizing substance use disorder treatment and support services

**Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Services Integration**

- Expand co-occurring treatment options for youth and young adults