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# Youth Mental Health Advocate Program

## Open House

*May 25 & June 6, 2023*



# Welcome

What services does your organization currently provide to youth and young people?

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# PROGRAM PARTNERS



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Part of Working the Gap, an initiative of CUNY SPS Youth Studies and the Academy, that provides meaningful learning and work experiences to young people ages 17-24 who have completed high school or a GED and are not currently enrolled in college.

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## 25 Youth Mental Health Advocates

- Paid work experience in a youth-serving CBO (Sep 2023 – Jun 2024)
  - 15 hours/week @ \$20/hour
- Training and coaching through the Academy
- College-level courses in youth development from CUNY SPS YS
- Support to identify and pursue a next step in their career development (work or college)
- Up to 9 college credits

# BENEFITS FOR CBOs

- Host organizations will receive:
  - Trained youth advocates who can make a positive difference in the mental health of young people your organization serves
  - Reimbursement through HRA WPP for wages paid to the youth advocates (salary plus fringe up to 25%)
  - Specialized training and support from the Academy in topics such as trauma-informed supervision and effective referral pathways
  - Payment of at least \$1,500 that can be flexibly used for CBO costs

# ELIGIBILITY: MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR CBOs

- Be a nonprofit organization that already delivers services to youth and young people in NYC
- Willingness to accept at least three youth advocates
- Ability to designate an administrative and clinical supervisor who will provide routine support to the youth advocates
- Commitment for the designated supervisor(s) and other key staff to participate in select trainings and implementation support through the Academy
- Ability to refer young people to clinical care, where needed

# WPP REQUIREMENTS

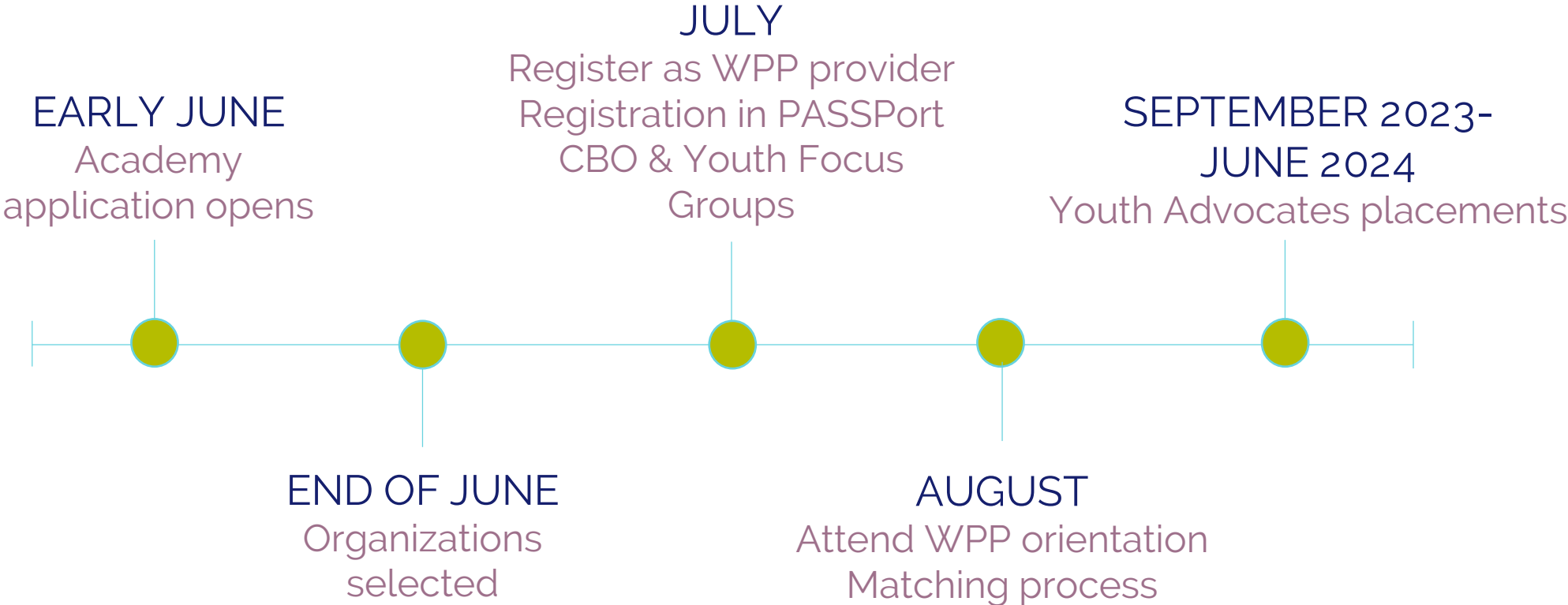
- WPP reimburses part-time internship experiences for youth aged 16-24
- Nonprofit organizations must already deliver services to youth and young adults (e.g. work readiness or skills training, bridge programming, financial empowerment services, case management, etc)
- Service providers should provide wrap-around supports as needed for participants
- WPP prioritizes funding for organizations serving opportunity youth (young adults who are out of school and work or underemployed).
- Reporting requirements: new hire data, monthly and quarterly reports



# WPP REIMBURSEMENT

- Providers submit reimbursement requests (invoices) to the WPP team after participants have been paid
- Payments are received 8-10 weeks after finalized reimbursement requests are submitted
- WPP providers typically have to onboard participants as staff to cover wages and fringe benefits. Internal HR processes should be in consideration when applying to become a WPP provider
- WPP providers are encouraged to utilize a payroll service such as ADP to provide payroll summary reports which are mandatory for reimbursement

# STEPS & TIMELINE



# ITEMS TO PREPARE

- Academy application: released June 6
- Attach an organizational chart that shows the staffing at this program.
- Applications due June 30

FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS

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