

Advocacy Alert!

Advocate for children & families
in the 2025-26 NYS Budget!

Contact your representatives!

Youth Mental Health Call Script:

Introduction:

“Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I’m a constituent from [Your Town/City]. I’m joining Westchester Children’s Association and fellow statewide child advocates to urge [Senator/Assemblymember Name] to support key policies addressing youth mental health in New York State.”

Key Points:

New York’s youth are facing significant mental health challenges, however increased investments in health services can resolve this.

- “Invest \$200 million into **children’s behavioral health services**, including school-based mental health clinics, is critical for our youth’s well-being. In addition, please ensure enhanced program access by **increasing behavioral health rates and contacts by 7.8%**.”

Closing:

“Thank you for your time and leadership. I urge you to support these important policies for the future of our children and communities.”