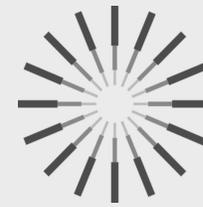


Center for Community Alternatives (CCA) supports and builds power with people across New York State who have been affected by mass incarceration, criminalization and community disinvestment.

Through a statewide network of direct services, advocacy and organizing, and by supporting the leadership of directly-impacted people, we advance civil and human rights for all New Yorkers.

CCA works to build a world where everyone has what they need to thrive.



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## Peer Recovery Services for Young People



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#### CCA's CORE Center

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CCA offers peer recovery support services for youth ages 13-17 who have a history of substance use, involvement with the juvenile or adult legal systems, or who have experienced parental incarceration.

CCA's peer recovery groups are person-centered and self-directed, recognizing recovery as an ongoing process.

## About CCA's Peer Recovery Services for Young People

CCA's CUSE and CORE Centers provide peer recovery support services for youth aged 13-17 in Monroe and Onondaga County.

Both locations share free lunch for youth Monday through Friday from 12pm to 1pm.

We offer clubhouse and afterschool activities, support groups and discussion spaces including a sound engineering program where young people can learn to make beats with guidance from a professional sound engineer and explore their passion for music.

## Support Groups & Discussion Spaces

### **I Had Nowhere To Go:**

a peer-led and judgment-free support group that helps participants understand and make the most of difficult situations while connecting with peers facing similar challenges.

### **Dare To Be Power Hour:**

an open discussion space for youth to voice their concerns about underage drinking and substance use.

### **Visiting Room:**

a group for young people who have an incarcerated parent.

## Groups & Gatherings for Youth

### **Bust A Rhyme:**

a hip-hop and poetry open mic session

### **Podcasting:**

a group to learn how to produce and record a podcast.

### **Speak Up, Sing Out:**

a music-writing group to get creative and write original poems or lyrics while collaborating with fellow peers and have fun

### **The Science of Sound:**

a group to learn how music affects behavior and brain function, including how it can reduce stress.

## Recording Studio

One of our key initiatives is to provide young people with an outlet to express their truest voices, selves, and culture through music, artistic expression, and storytelling.

From tracking and mixing, beat-making and rapping to podcasting and video editing, CCA's CUSE and CORE Recording Studio is a versatile environment for young people to grow, heal and transform through the arts and activism.

