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The New York State Office of Mental Health has issued a request for proposals for round two of Youth Safe Spaces – a program to create voluntary, youth-led, community-based, non-clinical mental wellness spaces for youth and young adults ages 12 to 24.

This initiative will fund four programs throughout New York State. Applicants may establish new Safe Spaces or enhance existing community settings – such as libraries, youth recovery clubhouses, and recreation centers – to offer Youth Safe Spaces programs. **Applicants do not need to be licensed OMH providers.**

Funded Youth Safe Spaces will:

- Offer peer-led, culturally responsive, and supportive environments;
- Increase access to wellness resources;
- Facilitate individual and community youth mental wellness training; and

- Provide opportunities to empower young people to advocate for change.

Priority will be given to rural communities, and those impacted by trauma, youth homelessness, transportation barriers, or limited behavioral health access.

The full RFP is available on the OMH website:

<https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2025/yssp2/index.html>

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