



Advocates for Children of New York

Protecting every child's right to learn

Workshops for Youth in Foster care for Ages 12 – 21

- ***Movin' on Up: Getting to Graduation*** helps young people understand what it takes to graduate from high school. Students will learn how to get extra academic help and discuss resources that are available if they are struggling to graduate. We also will confront common myths about GED programs.
- ***School Discipline*** introduces youth to the New York City Department of Education's Discipline Code and explains students' rights concerning school safety agents and suspensions. Students will also gain a better understanding of their own responsibility for conduct in school.
- ***School Rights 101*** covers the right to be in school. Through role-play activities, students will learn communication strategies and explore self-advocacy techniques in the school context. Students will also discuss school push-out and the importance of completing their education.
- ***Special Education: Fact and Fiction*** encourages students to understand their disability and empowers them to exercise their rights as a student with special needs in the public school system. Topics will include accommodations, transition plans, and advocating for oneself at an IEP meeting.
- ***Work It!*** teaches students how to prepare for the work force and acquaints them with topics like the job search and workplace etiquette. Students will learn about employment resources available through the Department of Education and other agencies. A separate session for students with disabilities will provide information about ACCESS-VR (formerly VESID) and OPWDD and explain applicable legal protections.

To schedule a workshop, contact Erika Palmer at (212) 822-9504 or epalmer@advocatesforchildren.org