

Parents of Transitional Age Youth (PTAY)

The Parents of Transitional Age Youth (PTAY) program is designed to help families guide young adults ages 14-25 with behavioral, emotional, or mental health needs through the transition to adulthood. Our goal is to help families gain a sense of confidence in guiding their youth through this process, as well as to empower families by providing them with information, education, and resources which will help them to advocate for supports and services for their young adult.

Support groups are held monthly to give parents the opportunity to come together to support each other and share ideas and information. PTAY parents are assisted through an online support system, and one-on-one support with the PTAY Coordinator is available. PTAY workshops educate and heighten the awareness of parents, professionals, and community members about the struggles many families face as they seek to guide their young adult to independence. Some of the topics covered include housing, education, transportation, social skills, and independent living. Additional information is available through the PTAY website and Resource Center.

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Brockton Area Multi-Services, Inc. is a statewide human services organization dedicated to “bringing people and services together.” Incorporated in 1975, BAMSIS is one of the largest minority non-profit organizations in Massachusetts and delivers a broad spectrum of high-quality services to individuals and families. Program services include day and residential programs; counseling and outreach; school-based services; child and family support services; and information, referral, and advocacy.

Department of Mental Health

The mission of the Department of Mental Health is to improve the quality of life for adults with serious and persistent mental illness and children with serious mental illness or severe emotional disturbance. This is accomplished by ensuring access to an integrated network of effective, efficient and culturally competent mental health services that promotes consumer rights, responsibilities, rehabilitation, and recovery.

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Parent Information Network

The Parent Information Network (PIN) is a parent information, support, and advocacy program designed by parents and professionals to help families who have children with serious emotional, behavioral, and/or mental health challenges. PIN services are confidential and free of charge.

PIN helps parents and caregivers stay connected with other parents to help reduce the stress and isolation many feel as they cope with raising a child with mental health needs. The program is staffed by trained Parent Coordinators (PCs) who have faced similar challenges parenting their own children.

PIN is a member of the Parent/Professional Advocacy League (PAL) and the Federation for Children with Special Needs. PIN is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health Southeast Area and managed by BAMSI.



Services available

- Parent support groups that meet monthly and give parents an opportunity to come together to support each other, build relationships, and share ideas, strengths, resources, and information.
- One-on-one support from trained Parent Coordinators who provide support through telephone contact and by attending school and family meetings when time allows.
- Parent/Community education, including free parent workshops, trainings, community forums, and legislative initiatives. PIN strives to educate and heighten awareness about the struggles families face when raising a child with mental health challenges.
- Family activities and events – opportunities for parents to socialize in a positive and affirming environment.
- Resource center that includes information on services in the community as well as a wide variety of books, DVDs, and manuals on mental health issues.
- Online support for parents of transitional age youth (PTAY) at www.tayatpin.org, ongoing online support group for parents of transitional age youth, and a monthly e-newsletter with updates of PIN activities.

Area we serve

PIN serves the Southeastern Massachusetts Area in the Department of Mental Health site offices of Brockton, Fall River, Hyannis (Cape and Islands), New Bedford, Plymouth, and Taunton/Attleboro. All PIN services are confidential and free of charge.



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