

Long Island Regional Technical Assistance Team

The Long Island Regional Technical Assistance Team (RTAT) meets every 6 weeks in person and the LI DDSO office. **Our team** consists of members who represent regional offices of NYS Agencies, including but not limited to:

- OMH
- OMRDD
- OASAS
- NYSED
- CCFS

Representative from: Nassau County Department of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, & Developmental Disabilities, Nassau County Family Support System of Care, Suffolk County Department Of Mental Hygiene Services, in addition Parent to Parent – Family Service League, SPOA, Long Island Families Together, Long Island Parent Center, North Shore Child and Family Guidance, Long Island Communities of Practice.

The team is co-chaired by:

- **Maryann Braithwaite** – Associate Director of Children and Youth – NYS OMH
- **Helene Fallon** – Long Island Parent Center, funded through NYS SED/VESID and hosted by Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center.

Our guiding principles are to stay solution focused, facilitate communication and collaboration across systems, agencies and organizations. Establish relationships between Tier I, II, and III (RTATs)

Our short term goals include:

- Identify challenging situations with “hard to serve”, “hard to place” and “disconnected youth” cases and brainstorm with the team to find solutions that will improve outcomes.
- Develop a cross-systems training that will include the protocol for accessing all services.
- Outreach to all agencies and organizations to distribute information and get feedback with regard to successes and best practice or challenges and barriers they may be encountering.
- Bridge all tier levels to assure regional participation from all child serving agencies.

Mission Statement – The LI-RTAT recognizes the challenges families face raising children with multiple needs. We foster collaboration across systems to ensure access to services that are family driven and outcome oriented.