



Department of  
Youth & Community  
Development



## APPLY NOW

### MEETING THE MOMENT: CREATING ANTI-OPPRESSIVE SPACES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

#### About Partnership for After School Education (PASE)

The Partnership for After School Education (PASE) is a child-focused organization that promotes and supports quality afterschool programs, particularly those serving young people from underserved communities.

#### About the Meeting the Moment: Creating Anti-Oppressive Spaces for Young People Cohort

PASE is accepting applications for this upcoming cohort, which is part of our DYCD Developing a Safe and Supportive Environment initiative. This series equips youth development leaders with tools to create stronger, more positive, and anti-oppressive environments for young people. Sessions will focus on language, policies, and management, to help participants reimagine spaces that foster healthy relationships, belonging, and inclusion. Considering the challenging circumstances youth and communities are navigating, the group will explore equitable strategies to ensure their programs are set up for everyone to thrive.

In addition to the virtual kickoff and five in-person learning sessions in April and May 2025, participants will also have access to a menu of embedded support services including: observations, virtual sessions, facilitated team meetings, or audit of equity-related policies and procedures.

#### Participants can earn up to 10 SACC hours for the in-person learning sessions.

Sessions are facilitated by [Simone Gamble](#) and include some guest facilitators.

#### Eligibility

- This program is open to DYCD funded programs and/or Small Agencies (organizations with budgets \$500,000 or less). Others are welcome to apply and will be considered pending space available.
- Organizations must be able to participate in sessions, commit to sending 1-2 consistent representatives to the virtual kickoff and all five in-person learning sessions, and commit to utilizing the embedded support available.

#### Topics and Timeline

Date	Activity
April 7, 2025	Virtual Cohort Kickoff
April 14, 2025	Session 1 – Equity and Inclusion Foundations
April 21, 2025	Session 2 - Mitigating Bias and Foundations of Anti-Racism
May 5, 2025	Session 3 – Belonging and Building Affirming Spaces for All
May 12, 2025	Session 4 – Neurodiversity and Accessibility
May 19, 2025	Session 5 – Centering Youth Voices

*Kickoff will be held virtually on Zoom and all subsequent sessions will take place **in-person** at PASE’s office, 11 Broadway, Suite 1515, New York, NY 10004 from **10:00am – 12:00pm**.*

To apply, please complete this brief [application form](#) by **Monday, March 24, 2025**. Questions? Email Lysandra Hutchinson, Deputy Director of Programs, [lhutchinson@pasetter.org](mailto:lhutchinson@pasetter.org).