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.