



Social Workers & Psychologists

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



Dear Friend,

As the year comes to a close, I wanted to once again acknowledge all the hard work you do and the services you provide to our NYC public school students despite the difficulties you sometimes face. We, as clinicians, are often the first line of defense for children and families in need of mental health services, and our roles are invaluable.

It has been my absolute honor and pleasure to have served as your chapter leader for the past three years. We have made some valuable headway and met some of our goals, but there is still much to do. I will continue to advocate for us as clinicians and educators as we undergo contract negotiations. If we all are supportive of each other and stand together as we go through this process, I'm confident we can make great strides in uplifting our professions and improving working conditions.

It has been a joy to facilitate professional development, meet with the leadership and create opportunities for us to network and build relationships with each other. I'm sharing some photos from the more recent chapter activities we've enjoyed. (*See photos below.*)

Wishing you a restful, fun-filled and well-deserved summer vacation.

Sincerely,

Anurag Singh
Social Workers & Psychologists Chapter Leader

School-Based Support Team positions available

The vacancies for School-Based Support Team positions should be available on the Open Market Hiring System. However, there has been some confusion about what might be available so I want to share with you the patterns of service (POS) of all the available vacancies.

[View the patterns of service.](#)

If you would like to apply for these positions, please [log into the Open Market Hiring System](#). You must register on the website before you can log in.

On the left side of the page, you can click on the menu link, "Create/manage applications." Make sure to complete step 1 and then you can move to step 2. The default search setting is on "vacancies" so you can browse and see what you can find.

In the event that you cannot find a vacancy that you saw listed on the POS, you can click "schools" under "search for." Then, you can apply to the majority day school of any proposed POS vacancy. If there is any confusion about the appropriate school to which you should apply, ask the supervisor by email. Of course, feel free to contact me if you have any issues.

Please note: If you are ATR, you must be hired during the open market period to claim retention to an SBST cluster.

Our School Psychologists PD Day

Thank you for joining us for our School Psychologists Professional Day on June 1 to help our members further develop their professional skills. We hope you enjoyed our workshops and speakers. For those of you who could not attend, we hope we'll see you at future events.



Sandra Roman, a bilingual school psychologist for the Region 5 Committee on Special Education, listens intently during a workshop.

[Take a look at more photos from the event.](#)

Our chapter's end-of-year celebration

Thanks to those of you who joined us for our End-of-Year Celebration on June 6! It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all your hard work this year and build solidarity as a chapter.



A group of chapter members pauses for a picture during our end-of-year celebration.

[Take a look at more photos from the event.](#)

Our Single Shepherd and Bridging the Gap event



At our chapter meeting on June 11 for social workers in the Single Shepherd and Bridging the Gap programs, members had a great opportunity to meet with UFT President Michael Mulgrew and Chapter Leader Dr. Anurag Singh to have a discussion about these two relatively new initiatives that provide social work services to high needs students.

Download the new UFT app today!

The union has released its new app for members only. If you haven't done so already, please download the app for Apple phones or the app for Android phones. You can use UFT-Mobile to access special member-only discounts for apparel, gifts, travel and more. The app contains a digital version of the UFT membership card with your six-digit UFT member ID number.

You can use it to prove you're a UFT member, whether for UFT services or for member discounts. UFT-Mobile offers a simple, fast way to connect with your union, from registering for classes to calling a specific UFT program or service to getting involved in the latest campaigns. You log in to the app using the same username and password you use for the UFT website. If you don't yet have a website account, the two-step online sign-up process is quick and easy. Encountering a technical issue with the app? Email appsupport@uft.org.

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