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Carlee Hulsizer is a young person from Rochester, NY in long term recovery, with over four years clean from all mood and mind-altering substances. She began her recovery journey in high school, so she is sensitive to the barriers facing young people in recovery. She uses her lived experience to help other young people recover from substance use disorder.

Carlee is currently a youth Recovery Program Specialist for Youth Voices Matter-NY, a statewide youth and young adult recovery community organization. She covers the western region of New York State and empowers those with substance use disorder to find their voice.

In addition to her work with Youth Voices Matter-NY, she is heavily involved in her community. Carlee has volunteered with multiple grassroots organizations in the Rochester area. She has met with legislators, assemblymen and women, and other political leaders to change policy in regard to addiction and recovery. Her passion for advocacy is making a difference to all of those with substance use disorder.