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Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale

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## State-by-State Directory of Parent Peer Support Training and Certification Programs

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## ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY

Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS) created this directory based on information obtained from state mental health and substance use authorities, local and statewide family support organizations, and the National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health. The directory features information sources for each state; *italicized text* indicates that the information is a direct quote from the source provided.

The information in this directory was current as of June 10, 2020. If you encounter information that needs to be updated, please send details to [BRSSSTACS@C4innovates.com](mailto:BRSSSTACS@C4innovates.com).

The directory uses a format like that of the *Peer Specialist Training and Certification Programs: A National Overview* published by the University of Texas at Austin. Each state table features the following information, as available:

<b>Website(s)</b>	Web addresses—or URLs—of sites with information on credentialing, certification, and training
<b>Certification</b>	Official title used by the state, recognizing that the state may not have one and may use more than one title
<b>Certification Status</b>	Description of the current certifications offered or recognized by the state (state certification does not necessarily mean that the state requires certification for an individual to be a parent support provider)
<b>Program Description</b>	Brief description of the statewide program
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Information on the state’s credentialing body and how to contact it
<b>Manuals/Application</b>	Links to manuals, training materials, and application for certification
<b>Training</b>	Training information and organization(s) defined by the state as official organizations for training
<b>Reimbursement</b>	State’s reimbursement model

<b>ALABAMA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	No website
<b>Certification</b>	No state certification
<b>Certification Status</b>	On October 26, 2018, the State Plan Amendment for Rehabilitative Services approved Alabama to provide peer support services. The state is developing a certification and identifying potential sources for training.
<b>Program Description</b>	Not applicable
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Not applicable
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	Not applicable
<b>Training</b>	Not applicable
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Information unavailable

<b>ALASKA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	In development; the state anticipates going live in January 2021.
<b>Certification</b>	Peer Worker certification is in development and the state anticipates that certification will be available in January 2021.
<b>Certification Status</b>	The State of Alaska is developing a certification for mental health and substance use peer support that will include certification for parents and family members. The state awarded a contract to the Alaska Commission on Behavioral Health and anticipates that certification will be open for applications in January 2021.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>In 2017, the Division of Behavioral Health launched an initiative to develop a Peer Worker Certification. Formed in January 2018, the Certification Workgroup had 40 members, including representation from peers (from the mental health and substance use treatment communities and family members), agency providers, re-entry coalition staff, and advocates from a variety of locations statewide. The workgroup first reviewed peer support certification programs from 11 states and several national programs, and then worked through multiple areas and made recommendations for each.</p> <p>The Division’s expectation is that the certifying body will closely adhere to these recommendations. One recommendation is that the certifying body create an advisory group comprised of a majority of behavioral health peers to guide the body’s development and continuing work.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<b>Alaska Commission for Behavioral Health Certification</b> <a href="https://akcertification.org">https://akcertification.org</a>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	In development
<b>Training</b>	In development
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Peer Support Services – Family Peer Support is a part of the State Plan Amendment and is in the 1115 Medicaid Waiver.

<b>ARIZONA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Office of Individual and Family Affairs</b> <a href="https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/HealthcareAdvocacy/OIFA.html">https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/HealthcareAdvocacy/OIFA.html</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Parent / Family Support Provider
<b>Certification Status</b>	<p>Certification is active.</p> <p>The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System’s Office of Individual and Family Affairs (AHCCCS OIFA) established training requirements and credentialing standards for credentialed parent/family support roles providing parent/family support services in the State of Arizona, as described in its AHCCCS Covered Behavioral Health Services Guide (2017).</p> <p>Individuals certified or credentialed in another state may obtain credentialing with AHCCCS after passing a competency exam. If an individual does not pass the competency exam, the Credentialed Parent/Family Support Provider Training Program requires that the individual complete additional training before retaking the competency exam.</p>
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>AHCCCS recognizes the importance of the Parent/Family Support role as a viable component in the delivery of integrated services and expects its contractors to support these roles. Contractors shall ensure the provision of quality Parent/Family services in support of integrated care in the AHCCCS Children System of Care and Adult System of Care. The state requires credentialing as specified in this policy for reimbursement of Credentialed Parent/Family Support services.</p> <p><b><i>AHCCCS’s Credentialed Parent/Family Support Requirements (PDF)</i></b> <a href="https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/MedicalPolicyManual/900/964.pdf">https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/MedicalPolicyManual/900/964.pdf</a></p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<p>AHCCCS OIFA has training requirements and certification standards for Family Support roles providing Family Support Services. Arizona developed training requirements and certification standards for Peer Support Specialists/Recovery Support Specialists providing Peer Support Services. Arizona Complete Health credentials agencies and each Parent/Family Support Provider Training Program has the authority to develop a unique competency exam.</p> <p>Agencies employing Certified Parent/Family Support Providers who deliver family support services are responsible for keeping records of required qualifications and certification.</p>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p><b><i>Training and Peer Support Supervision Requirements</i></b> <a href="https://www.azcompletehealth.com/providers/resources/provider-manual/pm_section_15.html">https://www.azcompletehealth.com/providers/resources/provider-manual/pm_section_15.html</a></p>

<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p>A Parent/Family Support Provider Training Program must submit its proposed curriculum, competency exam, and exam-scoring methodology (including an explanation of accommodations or alternative formats of program materials available to individuals who have special needs) to AHCCCS OIFA. In response, AHCCCS OIFA will provide feedback or approve the curriculum, competency exam, and exam-scoring methodology.</p> <p>The training and peer support supervision requirements are online at <a href="https://www.azcompletehealth.com/providers/resources/provider-manual/pm_section_15.html">https://www.azcompletehealth.com/providers/resources/provider-manual/pm_section_15.html</a>.</p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>A 1115 Waiver covers services.</p>



<b>ARKANSAS</b>	
<b>Website</b>	No website
<b>Certification</b>	Family Support Partner (FSP)
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is in development. The Arkansas Department of Human Services established training and credentialing standards for peer support specialists, family support partners, and youth support specialists. Medicaid may reimburse services provided by those who achieve the status of peer support specialist, family support partner, or youth support specialist.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the Arkansas Department of Human Services' <i>Peer Support Specialist, Family Support Partner, and Youth Support Specialist Standards</i>:</p> <p><i>A Family Support Partner models recovery and resiliency for caregivers of children/youth with behavioral health care needs. A FSP is a legacy family member who has been the primary caregiver for a child who has been involved in behavioral health services. They use their lived experiences, training, and skills to promote recovery and resiliency. FSPs provide support and build relationships through their shared experiences.</i></p> <p><b><i>Peer Support Specialist, Family Support Partner, and Youth Support Specialist Standards</i></b> (PDF)  <a href="https://bit.ly/3hXiltU">https://bit.ly/3hXiltU</a></p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Not applicable
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p><b><i>Peer Support Specialist, Family Support Provider, and Youth Support Specialist Standards</i></b> (PDF)  <a href="https://bit.ly/3hXiltU">https://bit.ly/3hXiltU</a></p>
<b>Training</b>	The Arkansas Department of Human Services has training and credentialing standards for peer support specialists, family support partners, and youth support specialists, but the state awaits funding to implement the training.
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Services are Medicaid reimbursable.

<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	No website
<b>Certification</b>	No state certification
<b>Certification Status</b>	Not applicable
<b>Program Description</b>	Not applicable
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Not applicable
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	Not applicable
<b>Training</b>	Not applicable
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Information unavailable

COLORADO	
<b>Website</b>	<p><b>Colorado Providers Association</b>  <a href="https://www.coprovidersassociation.org/home-cpfs">https://www.coprovidersassociation.org/home-cpfs</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Peer and Family Specialist Certification
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>The Colorado Department of Mental Health developed and approved combined core competencies for peer specialists, recovery coaches, family advocates, and family systems navigators. You can download these competencies online at <a href="http://www.coloradofederation.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/5-Combined_Core_Competencies_01-25-2013.pdf">http://www.coloradofederation.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/5-Combined_Core_Competencies_01-25-2013.pdf</a>.</p> <p>This description comes from the Colorado Peer and Family Specialist credentialing web page:</p> <p><i>The Colorado Peer and Family Specialist (CPFS) certification is intended as a professional credential for individuals with “lived experience” in behavioral health.</i></p> <p><i>“Lived experience” means:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>The applicant has a personal history of drug or alcohol addiction and is engaged in recovery and/or</i></li> <li>▪ <i>The applicant has a personal diagnosis (experience) of a mental health condition and is engaged in recovery, or</i></li> <li>▪ <i>The applicant has personally provided care to a child, youth or adolescent with a drug or alcohol addiction or mental health condition.</i></li> </ul> <p>For more information, visit <a href="http://copepercrt.com">http://copepercrt.com</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<p><b>Colorado Providers Association</b>  <a href="https://www.coprovidersassociation.org/home-cpfs">https://www.coprovidersassociation.org/home-cpfs</a></p> <p>There is reciprocity for those who have certification with the International Certification &amp; Reciprocity Consortium (IC&amp;RC). Visit the IC&amp;RC website at <a href="https://internationalcredentialing.org">https://internationalcredentialing.org</a>.</p>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p>The Colorado Department of Mental Health developed and approved <i>Combined Core Competencies for Colorado’s Peer Specialists / Recovery Coaches and Family Advocates / Family Systems Navigators</i>. You can download these core competencies online at <a href="http://www.coloradofederation.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/5-Combined_Core_Competencies_01-25-2013.pdf">http://www.coloradofederation.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/5-Combined_Core_Competencies_01-25-2013.pdf</a>.</p> <p><b>Application process</b>  <a href="https://www.coprovidersassociation.org/credentialing-process">https://www.coprovidersassociation.org/credentialing-process</a></p> <p><b>Certification requirements and CPFS Certification Manual</b>  <a href="https://www.coprovidersassociation.org/certification-requirements">https://www.coprovidersassociation.org/certification-requirements</a></p> <p><b>Frequently Asked Questions</b>  <a href="https://www.coprovidersassociation.org/frequently-asked-questions">https://www.coprovidersassociation.org/frequently-asked-questions</a></p>

<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p><b>Certification requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 60 hours of training (including 10 hours in advocacy, 10 hours in recovery/wellness support, 10 hours in mentoring and education, and 16 hours in ethical responsibility)</li> <li>▪ 500 hours of volunteer or paid work experience</li> <li>▪ 25 hours of supervision</li> <li>▪ a passing score on an exam</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>Services are reimbursable through grants, Wraparound, and state funding.</p>

<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	
<b>Website</b>	No website
<b>Certification</b>	No state certification
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification in development
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>Although there are not state-certified family peer support providers, Connecticut offers family peer support services. This description comes from the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' <i>Definitions of Family Involvement</i> (2010).</p> <p><b>Peer-led Family Support and Education</b></p> <p><i>Peer-led activities assist the family and/or individuals to understand mental illness and/or substance use, particularly from the perspectives of individuals and family members who have direct experiences with these concerns. Family members and/or individuals in recovery have been trained as facilitators to lead workshops, presentations, or support groups. In peer-led activities, family support, education and problem-solving are approached through the combined wisdom of individuals and the entire group. Families and other natural supports are considered to be vital resources and sources of mutual support across the lifespan of individuals and families affected by mental illness, substance use or co-occurring disorders and are engaged in the recovery processes.</i></p> <p>This description comes from the Beacon Health Options website:</p> <p><b>Adult and Family Peer Specialists</b></p> <p><i>Peer Specialists are individuals with lived experience, meaning they have experienced a mental health and/or substance use disorder or cared for a family member who has, and they have moved through the behavioral health care system. Peer Specialists use their knowledge of the system and their personal recovery to provide hope that recovery is possible. Adult Peer Specialists work with adults, sharing their story of recovery to assist individuals in connecting with services and engage in a recovery process of their choice. Family Peer Specialists focus their work on the family, providing support, locating non-traditional services, and connecting to community resources. Adult and Family Peer Specialists are here to help HUSKY Health members through hard times.</i></p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="http://www.ctbhp.com/services.html">http://www.ctbhp.com/services.html</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Not applicable
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	Not applicable
<b>Training</b>	<p>While Connecticut does not require certification, Connecticut FAVOR uses and provides training for the national Family Peer Specialist certification through the National Federation of Families.</p> <p><b>Connecticut FAVOR, Inc.</b>  <a href="http://www.favor-ct.org/programs-services/family-peer-support-program">http://www.favor-ct.org/programs-services/family-peer-support-program</a></p>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Information unavailable

<b>DELAWARE</b>	
<b>Websites</b>	<p><b>Champions for Children’s Mental Health</b>  <a href="https://championsde.org/family-support-providers">https://championsde.org/family-support-providers</a></p> <p><b>Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families</b>  <a href="https://kids.delaware.gov/pbhs/services-offered.shtml">https://kids.delaware.gov/pbhs/services-offered.shtml</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Support Provider
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active. Champions for Children’s Mental Health is the only partner with a training curriculum. Once family support partners meet all requirements, the Delaware Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health reviews applications and certifies peers.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description is from the State of Delaware website:</p> <p><i>Trained Family Support Providers (FSPs) have lived experience as parents or caregivers of a child with a mental or behavioral health challenges. FSPs can help your family to navigate the mental health system and to learn how to be a positive advocate for your child. FSPs are available to you for one to two hours per week to provide support and resources and even to advocate with you at meetings such as IEPs, therapy appointments and psychiatrist visits.</i></p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://kids.delaware.gov/pbhs/services-offered.shtml">https://kids.delaware.gov/pbhs/services-offered.shtml</a>.</p> <p>This description is from the Champions for Children’s Mental Health website:</p> <p><i>A Family Support Provider (FSP) is a parent or family member of a child or youth with behavioral and/or mental health concerns that has leadership and partnership skills that can be helpful to other families and the system that serves them.</i></p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://championsde.org/?page_id=103">https://championsde.org/?page_id=103</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Delaware Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	Information unavailable
<b>Training</b>	<p><b>Champions for Children’s Mental Health</b>  <a href="https://www.championsde.org">https://www.championsde.org</a></p>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	The State Plan Amendment funds services.

<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<b>DC Department of Behavioral Health – Peer Specialist Certification Program</b> <a href="https://dbh.dc.gov/service/peer-specialist-certification-program">https://dbh.dc.gov/service/peer-specialist-certification-program</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Peer Specialist
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the DC Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) website:</p> <p><i>A certified peer specialist is an individual living in recovery with mental illness and/or substance use disorder or a family member who has been trained and certified by the Department of Behavioral Health to assist others in recovery and wellness. A certified peer specialist is a model for personal recovery and a certified peer specialist is an individual living in recovery with mental illness and/or substance use disorder or a family member who has been trained and certified by the Department of Behavioral Health to assist others in recovery and wellness. A certified peer specialist is a model for personal recovery and performs a wide range of tasks to assist individuals to regain control over their lives and their own recovery process.</i></p> <p><i>The six-week certification program provides an opportunity for individuals with lived experience to assist others receiving behavioral health services. It ensures that these valuable peer supports services meet acceptable standards. The program also enables providers to credential their peer support staff through the certification training.</i></p> <p><i>An applicant may request the waiver of the requirements to complete any or all of the classroom work and the field practicum based upon prior coursework or certification as a peer specialist or equivalent granted by DBH or another jurisdiction, or based upon prior or current work experience.</i></p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://dbh.dc.gov/service/peer-specialist-certification-program">https://dbh.dc.gov/service/peer-specialist-certification-program</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	DC Department of Behavioral Health
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<b><i>Peer Specialist Training Program Application Packet</i></b> (PDF) <a href="#">2020 Certified Peer Specialist Training Application.pdf</a>
<b>Training</b>	<p>Certification requirements include completion of the required classroom work, completion of an 80-hour, nonpaid field practicum with a community-based mental health or substance use disorder provider, a passing score on the certification examination, and a signed DBH Certified Peer Specialist Code of Ethics. The training schedule is online at <a href="https://dbh.dc.gov/service/peer-specialist-certification-program">https://dbh.dc.gov/service/peer-specialist-certification-program</a>.</p> <p>For more information, contact <a href="mailto:raphaelle.richardson@dc.gov">raphaelle.richardson@dc.gov</a>.</p>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Services are covered under the Medicaid Rehab Option.

FLORIDA	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Florida Certification Board (FCB)</b> <a href="https://flcertificationboard.org/certifications/certified-recovery-peers-specialist">https://flcertificationboard.org/certifications/certified-recovery-peers-specialist</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Certified Recovery Peer Support Specialist – Family Mental Health Peer (CRPS–F); also known as Family Mental Health Peer
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the Florida Certification Board website:</p> <p><i>The CRPS [Certified Recovery Peer Specialist] credential is for people who use their lived experience and skills learned in training to help others achieve and maintain recovery and wellness from mental health and/or substance use conditions.</i></p> <p><i>The CRPS credential designates competency in the domains of Recovery Support, Advocacy, Mentoring and Professional Responsibilities. CRPS credentials also include endorsements to demonstrate the certified professional’s lived experience....</i></p> <p><i>Peer Specialists provide a wide range of supports based on the specific role they have within an agency; however, fundamental responsibilities remain similar. They likely serve as a role model, coach, and mentor while connecting individuals to resources and the community and advocating for the wishes and rights of the person served. They may also educate by facilitating support and skills groups and assisting individuals in articulating their personal goals and achieving them, while promoting self-direction, wellness, and recovery.</i></p> <p>Download the <i>Florida Peer Services Handbook</i> (2016) at <a href="https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/samh/publications/docs/peer-services/DCF-Peer-Guidance.pdf">https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/samh/publications/docs/peer-services/DCF-Peer-Guidance.pdf</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<b>Florida Certification Board</b> <a href="https://flcertificationboard.org/certifications/certified-recovery-peers-specialist">https://flcertificationboard.org/certifications/certified-recovery-peers-specialist</a>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p><b><i>Florida Peer Services Handbook</i></b> (2016) <a href="https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/samh/publications/docs/peer-services/DCF-Peer-Guidance.pdf">https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/samh/publications/docs/peer-services/DCF-Peer-Guidance.pdf</a></p> <p><b><i>Certification Guidelines and Requirements: A Candidate Guide</i></b> (2020) <a href="https://flcertificationboard.org/wp-content/uploads/Candidate-Guide-Application-Process-January-2020-1.pdf">https://flcertificationboard.org/wp-content/uploads/Candidate-Guide-Application-Process-January-2020-1.pdf</a></p> <p><b><i>Certification Guidelines: Credential Standards and Requirements Table</i></b> (2020) <a href="https://flcertificationboard.org/wp-content/uploads/CRPS-Standards-and-Requirements-Tables-January-2020.pdf">https://flcertificationboard.org/wp-content/uploads/CRPS-Standards-and-Requirements-Tables-January-2020.pdf</a></p>



<p><b>Manuals/Applications</b></p>	<p><i>CRPS Exam Training Self-Assessment and Test Preparation Guide</i> that includes a link to a brief YouTube video with study tips  <a href="https://flcertificationboard.org/wp-content/uploads/CRPS-Training-Self-Assessment-and-Test-Preparation-Guide-3.pdf">https://flcertificationboard.org/wp-content/uploads/CRPS-Training-Self-Assessment-and-Test-Preparation-Guide-3.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p>The certification process includes a 40-hour training by an FCB-approved entity, 500 hours of formal work or volunteer experience in a substance use disorder or mental health-related field, and a passing score on a written examination. A Certified Recovery Peer Specialist (CRPS) must earn 10 continuing education units annually to maintain certification.</p> <p>The Florida Certification Board must approve trainers and the training curriculum. A list of approved education providers is online at <a href="https://flcertificationboard.org/education-training/providers">https://flcertificationboard.org/education-training/providers</a>.</p> <p>The curriculum divides 40 hours of training among these content areas:</p> <p><b>Core Requirements: 28 hours minimum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Advocacy: 4 hours minimum</li> <li>▪ Mentoring: 6 hours minimum</li> <li>▪ Recovery Support: 6 hours minimum</li> <li>▪ Cultural and Linguistic Competence: 2 hours minimum</li> <li>▪ Motivational Interviewing: 4 hours minimum</li> <li>▪ Vicarious Trauma/Self-Care: 2 hours minimum</li> <li>▪ Professional Responsibility: 4 hours minimum</li> </ul> <p><b>Whole Health Requirements: 8 – 16 hours</b>          Applicants must complete one of these whole health training programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ WRAP (16 hours) <i>or</i></li> <li>▪ WHAM (8 hours) <i>or</i></li> <li>▪ Peer Whole Health and Resilience (8 – 16 hours, depending on provider) <i>or</i></li> <li>▪ A training program equivalent to WRAP, WHAM, or Peer Whole Health and Resilience</li> </ul> <p><b>Electives: 0 – 4 hours</b></p> <p>The number of electives required depends on the curriculum completed for the Whole Health domain. The content for elective training hours may relate to any of the listed CRPS performance domains or training topics.</p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>Parent peer support is not a stand-alone billable service. The Florida Department of Children and Families’ Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health is working with the state’s Medicaid agency to authorize Medicaid payment for CRPS services. Funding is covered by contracts and grants. Florida’s State Medicaid Plan recognizes the CRPS credential for billable services.</p>

<b>GEORGIA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities</b> <a href="https://dbhdd.georgia.gov">https://dbhdd.georgia.gov</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Certified Peer Specialist – Parent (CPS–P); also known as Parent Peer Specialist
<b>Certification Status</b>	<p>Certification is open.</p> <p>Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) offers CPS–P certification and training to potential candidates from across Georgia. Contact Dana McCrary, DBHDD, Office of Children, Young Adults and Families, Office of Recovery Transformation, at <a href="mailto:Dana.McCrary@dbhdd.ga.gov">Dana.McCrary@dbhdd.ga.gov</a>.</p>
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>Parent Peer Support (PPS) is a strength-based rehabilitative service program provided to parents/caregivers that is expected to increase the youth/family’s capacity to function within their home, school, and community while promoting recovery. A CPS–P performs these services within the scope of their knowledge, lived experience, and education.</p> <p>The program operates within a system of care framework and enables a timely response to the needs of family members across several life domains, incorporating formal and informal supports, and developing realistic intervention strategies that complement the youth’s natural environment.</p> <p>The services promote self-empowerment of the parent/caregiver, enhance community living skills, and develop natural supports through the following interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promoting family-guided, youth-driven services and interventions</li> <li>▪ Drawing upon their own experience and helping the family/youth find and maintain hope as a tool for progress toward wellness and recovery</li> <li>▪ Promoting access and quality services to the youth/family through positive relationships with health providers</li> <li>▪ Assisting the parent understand what a behavioral health diagnosis means and what a journey to wellness may look like</li> <li>▪ Supporting increased advocacy</li> <li>▪ Assisting with identifying community and individual supports that the family can use to achieve their goals and objectives; these supports can include friends, relatives, and/or religious affiliations</li> <li>▪ Assisting the youth and family with accessing strength-based behavioral health, social services, educational services, and other supports and resources required to assist the family to attain its vision, goals, and objectives; for example:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Helping the family identify existing natural supports</li> <li>○ Working with families to access supports that maintain youth in the least restrictive setting possible</li> <li>○ Working with families to ensure that they have a choice in life aspects and have sustained access and ownership of their Individual Recovery Plan and additional resources</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Working with the family to improve system navigation and partnerships with the provider community to develop responsive, flexible resources that facilitate community-based interventions and supports that correspond with the needs of the families and their youth</li> <li>▪ Assisting the family to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to sustain an awareness of their youth's needs as well as their strengths and the development and enhancement of the family’s unique problem-solving skills, coping</li> </ul>

	<p>mechanisms, and strategies for the youth’s illness, symptoms, and behavior management</p> <p>Based upon respect and honest dialogue, the program approaches interventions from a perspective of lived experience and mutuality, building family recovery, empowerment, and self-efficacy.</p> <p>CPS–P focuses on respectful collaborations with families, identifying the needs of the parent/caregiver and helping the parent recognize self-efficacy and self-care while building partnerships among families, communities, and system stakeholders to achieve the desired outcomes. This service provides the training and support necessary to promote the family’s engagement and active participation in the supports, treatment, and recovery planning process, and empowers youth and families to make choices and decisions that enhance their family recovery.</p> <p>Parent CPSs are employed and provide peer support services within various Georgia provider agencies, such as peer-run Family Support Organizations, Crisis Stabilization Units, Community Service Boards, and other child and adolescent provider agencies.</p> <p>Additional information on the interventions and supports that the state expects and allows in providing this service are in the <b><i>Provider Manual for Community Behavioral Health Providers</i></b> (2020) at <a href="http://dbhdd.org/files/Provider-Manual-BH.pdf">http://dbhdd.org/files/Provider-Manual-BH.pdf</a> (pages 86 – 93).</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<p><b>Georgia Parent Support Network (GPSN)</b>  <a href="http://gpsn.org/services/advocacy/family-support-partners">http://gpsn.org/services/advocacy/family-support-partners</a></p>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p>Contact Dana McCrary, CPS–P, at <a href="mailto:Dana.McCrary@dbhdd.ga.gov">Dana.McCrary@dbhdd.ga.gov</a> or 404–809–7180 for additional information or to request a copy of the Parent CPS training outline.</p>
<b>Training</b>	<p>DBHDD’s certification process includes a 5-day (40 hour) training, certification examination, and yearly continuing education requirement. CPS–P training is offered twice a year to parents or legal guardians from across the state of Georgia who meet the <i>lived experience</i> expectation and other required criteria.</p>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	<p><b><i>Provider Manual for Community Behavioral Health Providers</i></b> (pages 86 – 93)  <a href="http://dbhdd.org/files/Provider-Manual-BH.pdf">http://dbhdd.org/files/Provider-Manual-BH.pdf</a></p>

<b>HAWAII</b>	
<b>Website</b>	No website
<b>Certification</b>	No state certification
<b>Certification Status</b>	Not applicable
<b>Program Description</b>	Not applicable
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Not applicable
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	Not applicable
<b>Training</b>	Not applicable
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Services covered through state contracts.

IDAHO	
<b>Websites</b>	<p><b>Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Peer Specialists &amp; Family Support Partners</b>  <a href="https://bit.ly/33leLFR">https://bit.ly/33leLFR</a></p> <p><b>BPA Health – Idaho Peer Support Specialist and Family Support Partner Certification</b>  <a href="http://www.idahopecert.com">http://www.idahopecert.com</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Support Partners
<b>Certification Status</b>	<p>Certification is active. The State of Idaho requires certification of family support partners for state and federal funding to cover these specialty peer services. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare’s Division of Behavioral Health coordinates the certification process.</p> <p>Under a contract with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, BPA Health manages certification for Idaho’s Certified Peer Support Specialists and Family Support Partners. More information is online at <a href="http://www.idahopecert.com">http://www.idahopecert.com</a>.</p>
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare website:</p> <p><i>Certified Family Support Partners (CFSP) are critical in the Idaho mental health system. These individuals have experienced raising a child with mental illness, navigating multiple child-serving systems, and assisting the child in developing the resiliency needed for recovery. Family Support Partners offer hope and encouragement by sharing their experiences and knowledge.</i></p> <p><i>Certified Family Support Partners provide hope for individuals, families, and communities for families in similar situations by offering:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Stories of lived experience with other parents/caregivers</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Encouragement and understanding</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Information on accessing resources</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Direct caregiver-to-caregiver support</i></li> </ul> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://bit.ly/33leLFR">https://bit.ly/33leLFR</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<p><b>BPA Health</b>  <a href="http://www.idahopecert.com">http://www.idahopecert.com</a></p>

<p><b>Manuals/Applications</b></p>	<p><b>Idaho Peer Support Specialist and Family Support Partner Certification</b>  <a href="http://www.idahopecert.com">http://www.idahopecert.com</a></p> <p><i>Idaho Certified Family Support Partner Code of Ethics</i> (PDF)  <a href="https://bit.ly/31jGg6">https://bit.ly/31jGg6</a></p> <p><b>Peer and Family Support Certification Application</b>  <a href="https://www.bpahealth.com/peer-family-support-certification-application">https://www.bpahealth.com/peer-family-support-certification-application</a></p> <p><b>Peer and Family Support Certification Guide</b>  <a href="https://www.bpahealth.com/peer-family-support-certification-guide">https://www.bpahealth.com/peer-family-support-certification-guide</a></p> <p><b>Peer and Family Support Certification FAQs</b>  <a href="https://www.bpahealth.com/peer-and-family-support-faqs">https://www.bpahealth.com/peer-and-family-support-faqs</a></p>
<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p>Qualified candidates must complete the 40-hour family support training conducted by the <b>Life Counseling Center</b>. Visit <a href="https://www.lccidaho.com">https://www.lccidaho.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>A class action lawsuit and the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver Program fund family support services. The YES Waiver is a Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services Waiver that allows for more flexibility in the funding of intensive community-based services to assist children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances to live in the community with their families.</p> <p><b>Optum Idaho</b> oversees billing for peer/family support services.</p>

<b>ILLINOIS</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Illinois Certification Board</b> <a href="http://www.iaodapca.org/credentialing/certified-peer-recovery-specialist-cprs">http://www.iaodapca.org/credentialing/certified-peer-recovery-specialist-cprs</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Certified Family Partnership Professional (CFPP)
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the Illinois Certification Board’s <i>Illinois Model for the Certified Family Partnership Professional (CFPP)</i>:</p> <p><i>CFPPs perform a unique function in the specialty of healthcare and human services, and can work in a variety of settings, using various approaches to provide supportive services with a wide range of consumer populations.</i></p> <p><i>The CFPPs are individuals trained to incorporate their unique life experiences gained through parenting a child whose emotional and/or behavioral challenges required accessing resources, services and supports from multiple child-serving systems as they progressed toward achievement of the family’s goals.</i></p> <p><i>This combination of experience and training allows the CFPPs to empower the family and build resilience in children and families. The knowledge and skill base may be acquired through a combination of specialized training, education and supervised work built upon unique life experiences. CFPPs assist children and families to address their physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual needs to facilitate and maintain wellness through the three-tiered public health model of universal prevention, early intervention, and treatment. The CFPP will serve children and families whose emotional and/or behavioral challenges require resources, services and supports available through multiple child-serving agencies.</i></p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<b>Illinois Certification Board</b> <a href="http://www.iaodapca.org/?page_id=536">http://www.iaodapca.org/?page_id=536</a>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	The CFPP model, application, and study guide are available for download at <a href="http://www.iaodapca.org/credentialing/family-partnership-professional">http://www.iaodapca.org/credentialing/family-partnership-professional</a> .
<b>Training</b>	<b>Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association</b> <a href="http://www.iaodapca.org/credentialing/family-partnership-professional">http://www.iaodapca.org/credentialing/family-partnership-professional</a>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Information unavailable

<b>INDIANA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<b>National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Indiana</b> <a href="https://www.namiindiana.org/programs/training/psp">https://www.namiindiana.org/programs/training/psp</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Parent Support Provider (PSP)
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is in development. The Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction is working with NAMI Indiana to implement the Indiana Certified Parent Support Provider credential, which will be based on the national PSP certification.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>Although there are not state-certified family peer support providers, Indiana offers family peer support services. This description comes from the NAMI Indiana website:</p> <p><i>NAMI Indiana is offering a one-week training course for parents, guardians, or full-time caretakers, who want to work in the children’s system of care. Obtaining certification as Parent Support Providers (PSP) can be the first step towards working in the children’s mental health system. Trainees will learn the skills needed to provide support to families with a child who is living with mental health challenges or serious emotional disturbances.</i></p> <p><i>The candidate must have two years of experience parenting or caring for a child with complex mental health and/or substance use disorders. The young person affected as a child cannot be over 30 years old. This experience of navigating the necessary mental health and child-care systems will make them the ideal peer support provider. Currently many IN Certified Parent Support Providers are employed as part a Wraparound team as a family support trainer, others use their newly acquired skills for professional development, and in other agencies as employees and volunteers.</i></p> <p><i>The Indiana Certified Parent Support Provider (IN CPSP) will learn to help families navigate the many aspects of caring for a child with unique needs. These needs can include identifying community resources, crisis planning, medical record keeping, goal setting, self-advocacy skills, and much more.</i></p> <p><i>Along with the IN CPSP training, the CPSP will use his/her personal experiences to help and support other families who are caring for a child with mental health needs.</i></p> <p><i>To become a Certified Parent Support Provider, a candidate must submit an application and resume, move through the screening process, and complete the 40-hour training course, which includes a post-course exam and course evaluation. This initial training will cover topics including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Children’s Mental Health</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Family Support Services</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Indiana Systems of Care</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Trauma Informed Care</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Juvenile Justice</i></li> <li>▪ <i>School Systems</i></li> </ul> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://www.namiindiana.org/programs/training/psp">https://www.namiindiana.org/programs/training/psp</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Information unavailable
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	Information unavailable



<b>Training</b>	<b>Indiana Certified Parent Support Provider Training Application</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/3gqP3DK">https://bit.ly/3gqP3DK</a>  <b>NAMI Indiana</b> <a href="http://www.namiindiana.org">http://www.namiindiana.org</a>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	A 1915(c) Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) Waiver covers services.

IOWA	
<b>Websites</b>	<p><b>Iowa Peer Support &amp; Family Peer Support Specialist Training Program</b>  <a href="http://www.iowapeersupporttraining.org/family-peer-support-specialists">http://www.iowapeersupporttraining.org/family-peer-support-specialists</a></p> <p><b>Iowa Board of Certification – Certified Family Peer Support Specialist</b>  <a href="https://www.iowabc.org/mhpss">https://www.iowabc.org/mhpss</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Peer Support Specialist (FPSS)
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the Iowa Peer Support &amp; Family Peer Support website and the Iowa Board of Certification’s <i>Application Handbook for Certified Family Peer Support Specialist (FPSS) and Certified Mental Health Peer Support Specialist (MHPSS)</i>:</p> <p><i>Family Peer Support Specialists (FPSS) have the opportunity to positively impact families through support and education. Family Peer Support Specialists draw on their own experience as a parent or primary caregiver of a child with an emotional, behavioral, or mental health need. They work to empower families by teaching skills that assist them in finding their own voice. A FPSS has current knowledge of the mental health system and most importantly, recognizes the life experience of raising a child with a mental health diagnosis.</i></p> <p><i>Family Peer Support Specialists (FPSS) provide a variety of services to families. These include sharing expertise by providing information, teaching coping skills, providing emotional support, and helping parents become advocates. Family Peer Support Specialists often help families navigate the child servicing services and help them understand available options for their child. FPSSs may accompany parents to meetings to ensure the parents’ voices are heard. They are able to assist families by modeling good communication skills and sharing their own experiences in a positive manner.</i></p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://iowapeersupporttraining.org/family-peer-support-specialists">https://iowapeersupporttraining.org/family-peer-support-specialists</a></p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<p><b>Iowa Board of Certification – Certified Family Peer Support Specialist</b>  <a href="https://www.iowabc.org/mhpss">https://www.iowabc.org/mhpss</a></p>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p><i>Certified Family Peer Support Specialist &amp; Mental Health Peer Support Specialist Handbook</i>, application, fee schedules, practice exam, and a free study guide are available for download at <a href="https://www.iowabc.org/mhpss">https://www.iowabc.org/mhpss</a>.</p> <p><b>Iowa Family Support Standards</b> (2016)  <a href="http://lsiowa.org/ifstan/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Iowa-Family-Support-Standards.pdf">http://lsiowa.org/ifstan/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Iowa-Family-Support-Standards.pdf</a></p>

<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p>In 2015, the Iowa Department of Human Services contracted with the University of Iowa’s Division of Child and Community Health to train Iowa’s Peer Support and Family Peer Support workforce.</p> <p><b>Certification requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A high school diploma or GED</li> <li>▪ Completion of a 40-hour training (covering topics such as professionalism and ethics, engaging families, teaching and supporting families, and advocating and finding resources for families)</li> <li>▪ Completion of a Mental Health First Aid or Youth Mental Health First Aid training</li> <li>▪ 500 hours of work or practicum experience</li> <li>▪ 25 hours of direct supervision</li> <li>▪ A passing score on an online exam</li> </ul> <p><b>Iowa Peer Support &amp; Family Peer Support Specialist Training Program</b>  <a href="http://www.iowapeersupporttraining.org/family-peer-support-specialists">http://www.iowapeersupporttraining.org/family-peer-support-specialists</a></p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>Iowa Medicaid offers Peer Support and Family Peer Support as part of its 1915(b)(3) services, which are not state plan services. Managed care organizations fund this support as a B3 service, rather than being reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis.</p> <p>Iowa’s integrated health home service for children is a state plan service that requires a Family Peer Support Specialist be on the Integrated Health Home care coordination team.</p>

<b>KANSAS</b>	
<b>Website</b>	No website
<b>Certification</b>	No certification
<b>Certification Status</b>	The Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services' Behavioral Health Services Commission is evaluating and determining a course of action for creating a training and certification process for Parent Peer Support.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>Although there are not state-certified family peer support providers, the state offers family peer support services. This description comes from <i>Kansas Guidelines: Parent Support and Training (Serious Emotional Disturbance Waiver Service)</i>:</p> <p><i>Parent support and training are designed to benefit participants experiencing a serious emotional disturbance who would require state psychiatric hospitalization or psychiatric residential facility treatment without waiver services. This service provides the training and support necessary to ensure the family's engagement and active participation in the treatment planning process and with the ongoing implementation and reinforcement of skills learned throughout the treatment process.</i></p> <p><i>Training is provided to family members to increase their ability to provide a safe and supportive environment in the home and community for the participant. For the purposes of this service, family is defined as the people who live with or provide care to a person served on the waiver or grant and may include a parent, a spouse, children, relatives, grandparents, or foster parents. Services may be provided individually or in a group setting. Services must be recommended by a treatment team, are subject to prior approval, and must be intended to achieve the goals or objectives identified in the child's individualized plan of care.</i></p> <p><b><i>Kansas Guidelines: Parent Support and Training (Serious Emotional Disturbance Waiver Service)</i></b> (PDF)  <a href="https://providers.amerigroup.com/Documents/KSKS_Parent_Support_Training.pdf">https://providers.amerigroup.com/Documents/KSKS_Parent_Support_Training.pdf</a></p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Not applicable
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	Not applicable
<b>Training</b>	There are efforts to combine training programs for adults, parents, substance use, and mental illness.
<b>Reimbursement</b>	1915(c) Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED) Waiver Program

KENTUCKY	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Kentucky Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID)</b> <a href="https://dbhdid.ky.gov">https://dbhdid.ky.gov</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Peer Support Specialist
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active. Kentucky certifies these specialists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Family Peer Support Specialist (PSS)</li> <li>▪ Youth PSS</li> <li>▪ Adults with SMI PSS</li> <li>▪ Adults with SUD PSS</li> </ul> DBHDID is developing standards for family peer specialists.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p><b><i>Kentucky Family Peer Support Specialist regulation 908 KAR 2:230</i></b> (PDF)  <a href="https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/908/002/230.pdf">https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/908/002/230.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Note:</b>                      Kentucky has a different regulation for each type of Peer Support Specialist: Youth PSS, Family PSS, and Adults with SMI PSS, and each specialist has their own training curriculum. The state is working to merge the three regulations into one. Once the new regulation goes into place, anyone training to be a PSS, regardless of population of focus, will take a core training. Once the core training is complete, the candidate will take an additional training module specific to each population (for example, children/youth; parents/families; adults with serious mental illness; individuals with substance use disorder).</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	DBHDID is developing standards for Family Peer Support Specialists. For more information, write <a href="mailto:beth.jordan@ky.gov">beth.jordan@ky.gov</a> .
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p><b>Peer Support Specialist Curriculum Approval Process</b>  <a href="https://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/pss.aspx">https://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/pss.aspx</a></p> <p><b><i>Family PSS Training Curriculum Submission Summary</i></b> (PDF)  <a href="https://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/documents/pss/summary-family.pdf">https://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/documents/pss/summary-family.pdf</a></p> <p><b><i>Core Curriculum Criteria Rubric to Satisfy Training Recommendations</i></b> (PDF)  <a href="https://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/documents/pss/rubric-family.pdf?t=12354706022020">https://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/documents/pss/rubric-family.pdf?t=12354706022020</a></p>
<b>Training</b>	<p>As established in the Kentucky Administrative Regulations, DBHDID approved training curricula for four types of Peer Support Specialists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adult Peer Support Specialist</li> <li>▪ Family Peer Support Specialist</li> <li>▪ Youth Peer Support Specialist</li> <li>▪ Kentucky Family Leadership Academy</li> </ul> <p><b>Curriculum Approval Process for Peer Support Specialists</b>  <a href="http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/pss.aspx">http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/pss.aspx</a></p> <p><b><i>Family Peer Support Specialist Approved Curricula Contact Information</i></b> (PDF)  <a href="http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/documents/pss/approved-family.pdf">http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/documents/pss/approved-family.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Contact for Family PSS curriculum submission and review:</b>                      Kelly Tharpe, DBHDID, <a href="mailto:Kelly.Tharpe2@ky.gov">Kelly.Tharpe2@ky.gov</a></p> <p><b>Contact information for trainers and those who have been trained:</b>                      Laura Cunningham, DBHDID, <a href="mailto:Laura.Cunningham@ky.gov">Laura.Cunningham@ky.gov</a></p>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	The Medicaid State Plan, state general funds, and grants cover services.

<b>LOUISIANA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Louisiana Department of Health – Coordinated System of Care</b> <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/1335">http://www.ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/1335</a>
<b>Certification</b>	No certification
<b>Certification Status</b>	While there is no state certification, Louisiana contracts with Magellan Healthcare to coordinate Family Support Partner services through Louisiana’s Coordinated System of Care.
<b>Program Description</b>	This description comes from the <i>Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership (LBHP) Service Definitions Manual</i> (version 9):  <i>Parent support and training is designed to benefit the Medicaid-eligible child/ youth experiencing a serious emotional disturbance (SED) who is eligible for the Coordinated System of Care (CSoC) and is at risk of out-of-home placement. This service provides the training and support necessary to ensure engagement and active participation of the family in the treatment planning process and with the ongoing implementation and reinforcement of skills learned throughout the treatment process.</i>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Not applicable
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<b><i>Parent Support and Training Information Sheet</i></b> (PDF) <a href="https://sites.magellanhealth.com/media/1481748/information_sheet_-_parent_support_and_training.pdf">https://sites.magellanhealth.com/media/1481748/information_sheet_-_parent_support_and_training.pdf</a>  <b><i>Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership Service Definitions Manual</i></b> (PDF) <a href="https://bit.ly/31toJ5N">https://bit.ly/31toJ5N</a>
<b>Training</b>	There is one statewide Family Support Organization responsible for delivering Parent and Youth Support to children and families enrolled in the System of Care. Louisiana has identified and approved peer trainings that all direct care staff must complete. The state monitors staff annually to make certain that they meet these requirements.
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Louisiana’s Coordinated System of Care covers Wraparound services.

<b>MAINE</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<b>State of Maine Child and Family Services – Children’s Behavioral Health</b> <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/cbhs/index.shtml">https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/cbhs/index.shtml</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Peer Specialists
<b>Certification Status</b>	Maine requires certification for parent/family peers to work in behavioral health homes and for parent/family peers working under its Statewide Family Peer Support Contract, which requires National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health certification as nationally Certified Family Peer Specialists.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the <i>MaineCare Benefits Manual</i>:</p> <p><i>The Family Support Specialist is an individual who has a family member who is receiving or has received services and supports related to the diagnosis of a mental illness, and who is willing to self-identify on this basis with BHH members.</i></p> <p>Restorative Approaches Maine Project (RAMP) is GEAR Parent Network’s in-home, long-term parent peer support program. State and nationally certified family peer specialists provide one-on-one in-home support to parent/caregivers of families of children and youth with behavioral health concerns for up to 6 – 9 months. They provide emotional support, system navigation, and parenting and mental health education, and promote the importance of using advocacy skills to ensure that the Systems of Care service delivery is family-driven, youth-guided, trauma-informed, and culturally and linguistically competent.</p> <p><b>MaineCare Benefits Manual (PDF)</b> <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/audit/rate-setting/documents/Sect92BehavioralHealthHomeServices.pdf">https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/audit/rate-setting/documents/Sect92BehavioralHealthHomeServices.pdf</a></p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Not applicable
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<b>GEAR Parent Peer Leadership Institute Parent/Family Peer Support Training Application for Behavioral Health Homes Certification</b> <a href="https://crisisandcounseling.org/gearparentnetwork">https://crisisandcounseling.org/gearparentnetwork</a>
<b>Training</b>	<p>The State of Maine vetted the GEAR Parent Network’s Parent Peer Leadership Institute to certify parent peers to work in Maine Behavioral Health Homes. The Parent Peer Leadership Institute delivers Maine’s certification training, which consists of 24 hours of training for parent peers to work in behavioral health homes. The Institute provides handouts and other tools to support the work of the parent peer. Provider organizations may also train parent peers using a state-vetted curriculum.</p> <p>For more information about the <b>GEAR Parent Peer Leadership Institute</b> and to download an application, go to <a href="https://crisisandcounseling.org/gearparentnetwork">https://crisisandcounseling.org/gearparentnetwork</a></p>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	The Community Mental Health Services Block Grant program funds the GEAR Parent Network. In addition, the Maine Behavioral Health Home Organization will reimburse qualified parent/family peer specialist/s who attend training and graduate from the Parent Peer Leadership Institute.

MARYLAND	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Maryland Coalition of Families</b> <a href="http://www.mdcoalition.org/get-help-now/help-for-parents-caregivers">http://www.mdcoalition.org/get-help-now/help-for-parents-caregivers</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Certified Family Peer Specialist (Family Peer Support Specialist)
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is in development; the state recommends national certification.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description is from the Maryland Coalition of Families website:</p> <p><i>A Family Peer Support Specialist is a parent who has cared for a child with mental health challenges and has been trained to help other families. They know about the services in Maryland and in their community, and how to apply for them.</i></p> <p><i>A Family Peer Support Specialist can:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Help to navigate services and systems</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Listen to concerns</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Attend meetings with the family</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Assist with completing forms</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Explain rights</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Make connections to appropriate services</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Provide learning opportunities</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Provide opportunities to meet others</i></li> </ul>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<b>National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health</b> <a href="https://www.ffcmh.org/certification">https://www.ffcmh.org/certification</a>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<b>National Family Peer Specialist Certification</b> <a href="https://www.ffcmh.org/certification">https://www.ffcmh.org/certification</a>
<b>Training</b>	Internal—onboarding, in-service, ad hoc, regional—and external—conferences, webinars—sources provide training to meet certification requirements.
<b>Reimbursement</b>	In a few jurisdictions, Family Navigation contracts cover Family Peer Support. Additional services may be available through Targeted Case Management and 1915(i) behavioral health services.



MASSACHUSETTS	
<b>Website</b>	<p><b>Community Health Worker Certification</b>  <a href="https://www.mass.gov/community-health-worker-certification">https://www.mass.gov/community-health-worker-certification</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Partners/Community Health Worker
<b>Certification Status</b>	<p>Massachusetts does not require certification for family partners delivering Family Support and Training to parents of youth with MassHealth. (In Massachusetts, Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, are combined into one program called <i>MassHealth</i>.) The state, however, does require that family partners pursue certification as a Community Health Worker if they are delivering Family Support and Training services to parents of youth who are covered by fully funded commercial health insurance products regulated by the Massachusetts Division of Insurance.</p>
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services:</p> <p><i>Family Support and Training is a service provided to the parent/caregiver of a youth (under the age of 21), in any setting where the youth resides, such as the home (including foster homes and therapeutic foster homes), and other community settings. Family Support and Training is a service that provides a structured, one-to-one, strength-based relationship between a Family Partner and a parent/caregiver. The purpose of this service is for resolving or ameliorating the youth’s emotional and behavioral needs by improving the capacity of the parent/caregiver to parent the youth so as to improve the youth’s functioning . . . . Services may include education, assistance in navigating the child serving systems (DCF, education, mental health, juvenile justice, etc.); fostering empowerment, including linkages to peer/parent support and self-help groups; assistance in identifying formal and community resources (e.g., after-school programs, food assistance, summer camps, etc.) support, coaching, and training for the parent/caregiver.</i></p> <p>For more information, download the <i>Family Support and Training Performance Specifications</i> at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/doc/family-support-and-training/download">https://www.mass.gov/doc/family-support-and-training/download</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<p>Massachusetts Department of Public Health is the state agency with oversight of the Community Health Worker (CHW) certification. Massachusetts only requires family partners delivering Family Support and Training services to youth with certain commercial insurance types to pursue CHW certification.</p>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p><b>Community Health Worker Certification Application Information</b>  <a href="https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-community-health-worker-certification">https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-community-health-worker-certification</a></p> <p><b>Community Health Workers Certification</b>            A step-by-step webinar on completing the application (requires Adobe Connect)  <a href="http://donahue.adobeconnect.com/phlu1u0gry1a">http://donahue.adobeconnect.com/phlu1u0gry1a</a></p> <p><b>Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services Statewide Family Support Directory</b> (2020)  <a href="https://www.mass.gov/lists/dds-family-support-services-information#dds-family-support-directory">https://www.mass.gov/lists/dds-family-support-services-information#dds-family-support-directory</a></p> <p><b>10 Core Competencies for Massachusetts Community Health Workers</b>  <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/core-competencies-for-community-health-workers">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/core-competencies-for-community-health-workers</a></p> <p><b>MassHealth Family Support and Training Performance Specifications</b>  <a href="https://www.mass.gov/doc/family-support-and-training/download">https://www.mass.gov/doc/family-support-and-training/download</a></p>

	<p><b><i>MassHealth Children’s Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI) Brochures and Companion Guide</i></b>  <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/cbhi-brochures-and-companion-guide">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/cbhi-brochures-and-companion-guide</a></p>
<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p>In the MassHealth network, Family Support and Training (FS&amp;T) providers are responsible for ensuring that staff members are trained in compliance with FS&amp;T performance specifications.</p> <p><b>Training Information for Community Health Workers</b>  <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/core-competencies-for-community-health-workers">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/core-competencies-for-community-health-workers</a></p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>FS&amp;T is a MassHealth-covered service under Medicaid’s Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit for children.</p> <p>Fully funded commercial health insurance products regulated by the Massachusetts Division of Insurance also cover FS&amp;T. For information about commercial insurance coverage, go to <a href="https://www.mass.gov/news/bulletin-2018-07-access-to-services-to-treat-child-adolescent-mental-health-disorders-issued">https://www.mass.gov/news/bulletin-2018-07-access-to-services-to-treat-child-adolescent-mental-health-disorders-issued</a>.</p>

MICHIGAN	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Association for Children’s Mental Health – Parent Support Partner</b> <a href="http://www.acmh-mi.org/get-information/acmh-projects/parent-support-partner-project">http://www.acmh-mi.org/get-information/acmh-projects/parent-support-partner-project</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Parent Support Partner
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification for Parent Support Partners is only available to individuals hired by the Community Mental Health System. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) developed a curriculum and certification process in collaboration with family advocacy organizations. There are yearly recertification requirements after Parent Support Partners achieve their initial certification.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>The Association for Children’s Mental Health (ACMH) provides training, certification, and ongoing supervision and technical assistance for Michigan’s parent support partners. The curriculum consists of 5 days of classroom training with additional requirements of monthly coaching calls for 11 months and quarterly professional development activities. Parent support partners can be employed by community mental health providers or through contract organizations. This description comes from the ACMH website:</p> <p><i>Michigan’s Parent Support Partner Project is a statewide initiative in partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services that provides Medicaid reimbursable peer-to-peer parent support to eligible families as a part of Michigan’s Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment State Plan.</i></p> <p><i>ACMH is the Statewide Coordinator &amp; Training Partner for the project and provides certification, training and ongoing coaching, supervision, support, and technical assistance.</i></p> <p><i>The Parent Support Partner (PSP) service is an intervention-based approach to support families whose children receive services through a community mental health service provider.</i></p> <p><i>The purpose of the Parent Support Partner Service is to increase family involvement and engagement within the mental health treatment process and to equip parents with the skills necessary to address the challenges of raising a youth with special needs thus improving outcomes for youth with SED, serious emotional disturbance, or intellectual/developmental or I/DD, involved with the public mental health system.</i></p> <p><b>Vision</b></p> <p><i>Parents/Primary Caregivers of a child with a serious emotional disturbance (SED) and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) have hope, feel confident, and are empowered to use their voice to create positive outcomes for their child and family.</i></p> <p><b>Mission</b></p> <p><i>Through a Parent to Parent relationship, Certified Parent Support Partners (PSP) who have or have had a child with a serious emotional disturbance (SED) and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) will impart skills, ability, and knowledge while supporting the parent/ caregiver through their child’s treatment experience.</i></p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="http://www.acmh-mi.org/get-information/acmh-projects/parent-support-partner-project">http://www.acmh-mi.org/get-information/acmh-projects/parent-support-partner-project</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agencies</b>	ACMH and MDHHS

<p><b>Manuals/Applications</b></p>	<p>An individual must be employed through the public mental health system to participate in training. Applications must come through the public mental health system.</p>
<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p>Informed by family members and professionals and in partnership with ACMH, MDHHS developed a curriculum for training parents to become Parent Support Partners. ACMH provides training.</p> <p>For the PSP training calendar and more information, visit <a href="http://www.acmh-mi.org/get-information/training-opportunities-calendar/psp-training-calendar">http://www.acmh-mi.org/get-information/training-opportunities-calendar/psp-training-calendar</a>.</p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>This is a state plan-covered Medicaid service under EPSDT. In the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities chapter of the online MDHHS <i>Medicaid Provider Manual</i>, there is a description under Family Support and Training. Go to <a href="https://bit.ly/3i1teej">https://bit.ly/3i1teej</a></p> <p>SAMHSA funding and a Community Mental Health Block Grant through MDHHS support this project.</p>

MINNESOTA	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Minnesota Department of Human Services – Certified Family Peer Specialist</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/33o33Kz">https://bit.ly/33o33Kz</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Certified Family Peer Specialist (CFPS)
<b>Certification Status</b>	<p>Certification is active.</p> <p>To become certified by the Department of Human Services (DHS), family peer specialists must successfully complete the DHS-approved, Minnesota-specific training. Family peer specialists must complete 30 hours of continuing education every 2 years.</p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://bit.ly/30ILr0a">https://bit.ly/30ILr0a</a>.</p>
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>The CFPS program is a state certification process in Minnesota for parents and caregivers who have raised or are raising children with mental health diagnoses. This certification process prepares individuals to use their own experience navigating children’s mental health systems in partnering with families.</p> <p>The CFPS workforce provides nonclinical family peer support, builds on the strengths of families to help them achieve desired outcomes, and increases children’s ability to function better in the home, school, and community by educating parents about resources and assisting with problem solving.</p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/256B.0616">https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/256B.0616</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Minnesota Department of Human Services
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	For DHS application guidelines and other materials, contact Shelley White at <a href="mailto:shelley.white@state.mn.us">shelley.white@state.mn.us</a> .
<b>Training</b>	DHS offers training and plans to issue an request for proposals for training organizations in 2020.
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Services are Medicaid-reimbursable.

<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Mississippi Department of Mental Health – Peer Support Services</b> <a href="http://www.dmh.ms.gov/peer-support-services">http://www.dmh.ms.gov/peer-support-services</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPSS)
<b>Certification Status</b>	The Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH) added Certified Parent/Caregiver Peer Support Specialists to its existing CPSS credential. DMH partnered with Families as Allies for Children’s Mental Health to develop specialized training for Certified Parent/Caregiver Peer Support Specialists. Families as Allies is encouraging the state, including the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, to consider a broader model of certification that it can use across systems, preferably a model based on the National Federation of Families certification.
<b>Program Description</b>	Certified Parent/Caregiver Peer Support Specialists in the mental health system provide peer support services in DMH-certified programs consistent with DMH standards.
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	The Mississippi DMH Division of Professional Licensure and Certification (PLACE) is responsible for developing and implementing licensure and certification programs for categories of professionals who are employed at programs operated, funded, and/or certified by DMH PLACE.  <b>DMH PLACE</b> <a href="http://www.dmh.ms.gov/providers/professional-licensure-and-certification-place">http://www.dmh.ms.gov/providers/professional-licensure-and-certification-place</a>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<b>CPSS Application</b> <a href="http://www.dmh.ms.gov/cpss-documents">http://www.dmh.ms.gov/cpss-documents</a>
<b>Training</b>	As part of its technical assistance to Mississippi, Families as Allies provides voluntary training, coaching, and support to any parent providing peer support in any system. Support provided by Families as Allies is based on the certification competencies of the National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health. To learn more, visit <a href="https://www.ffcmh.org/certification">https://www.ffcmh.org/certification</a> .  Families as Allies facilitates specific modules for Parent/Caregivers. Ambassadors facilitate modules that are common with other Peer Support Specialist designations, such as trauma, cultural awareness, documentation. <i>Ambassadors</i> are CPSS who contract with DMH.  <b>Families as Allies</b> <a href="https://www.faams.org">https://www.faams.org</a>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	The Division of Medicaid reimburses CPSS-provided peer support services. Grants may pay for other types of parent peer support services.

<b>MISSOURI</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Missouri Department of Mental Health – Family Support Provider Program</b> <a href="https://dmh.mo.gov/mental-illness/family-support-provider">https://dmh.mo.gov/mental-illness/family-support-provider</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Support Providers
<b>Certification Status</b>	The State of Missouri has a dedicated Family Support Provider (FSP) curriculum, approved by its Division of Behavioral Health, to certify Family Support Providers. Once certified, FSPs can bill Medicaid.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>FSPs support families living with mental conditions with activities such as exploring options for treatment of a youth, encouraging family voice in developing and implementing a family plan, strengths-based planning, and building resiliency. Family members who have lived experience are trained to use their resiliency story to assist parents in a similar situation. Problem-solving tools and engagement techniques foster rapport, yielding more effective outcomes at the family level and building resources for families who may be struggling.</p> <p>This description comes from the Family Support Provider Program web page:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Family Support Providers provide support to assist the parents and caregivers of children up to the age of 25 with serious emotional disorders. The Family Support Provider partners with the Community Support Specialist to support the family as they work to reach their identified goals.</i></p> <p>For more information, contact Jill Richardson at <a href="mailto:jill.richardson@dmh.mo.gov">jill.richardson@dmh.mo.gov</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Missouri Division of Behavioral Health
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<b>Division of Behavioral Health’s Family Support Provider Q&amp;A</b> <a href="https://dmh.mo.gov/media/pdf/family-support-provider-qa">https://dmh.mo.gov/media/pdf/family-support-provider-qa</a>
<b>Training</b>	<b>Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare</b> <a href="https://www.mocoalition.org">https://www.mocoalition.org</a>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Rehab options reimburse services. Family Support Provider Training and Billing Options guidance is online at <a href="https://dmh.mo.gov/media/pdf/family-support-provider-training-and-billing-options">https://dmh.mo.gov/media/pdf/family-support-provider-training-and-billing-options</a> .

<b>MONTANA</b>	
<b>Websites</b>	<p><b>Department of Public Health and Human Services – Parent Partner</b>  <a href="https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cshs/montanaparentpartnerproject">https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cshs/montanaparentpartnerproject</a></p> <p><b>Montana Parent Partner Program</b>  <a href="https://www.montanaparentpartners.org">https://www.montanaparentpartners.org</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Parent Partners
<b>Certification Status</b>	The certification process is in its initial stage. Certification occurs upon successful completion of required in-person training. Parent Partners maintain certification by participating in mandatory, semi-annual training and ongoing supervision.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>From Montana.gov Children’s Special Health Services web page:</p> <p><i>The Mission of the Montana Parent Partner Program is to offer every Montana parent/caregiver of a child with special healthcare needs access to a relationship with a Parent Partner for the purpose of inspiring and encouraging hope by providing access to relationships, information, and resources.</i></p> <p><i>We are dedicated to supporting families who have children with special healthcare needs and families with children that require care beyond what a typical child would require; the emotions families wrestle with, family members who might not understand, healthcare challenges, school and special education processes, transition planning of all varieties, advocacy skills, resource needs and more . . . .</i></p> <p><i>Parent Partners journey with the family toward hope and best possible outcomes to help ensure all children have opportunities to reach their full potential.</i></p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<p><b>The HALI Project</b>  <a href="https://www.thehaliproject.org/programs/montana.html">https://www.thehaliproject.org/programs/montana.html</a></p>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p>Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  <b>Children’s Mental Health Bureau Medicaid Services Provider</b> Manual (2018)  <a href="https://bit.ly/30mVmCw">https://bit.ly/30mVmCw</a></p>
<b>Training</b>	The HALI Project Model for Caregiver Support
<b>Reimbursement</b>	This Program is supported by Montana DPHHS, the Early Childhood and Family Support Division, and Children’s Special Health Services through a grant funded by the Human Resources Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Maternal and Child Health Services.



<b>NEBRASKA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<p><b>Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services</b>  <a href="http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Peer-Support-Training-Certification.aspx">http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Peer-Support-Training-Certification.aspx</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	<p>Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPSS)</p>
<b>Certification Status</b>	<p>Certification is active. This information is from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services website:</p> <p><i>The Guidelines and the certification process were developed by the DBH Office of Consumer Affairs in collaboration with consumers, educators, providers, and peers. The Guidelines are structured to meet or exceed the standards prepared by the International Certification &amp; Reciprocity Consortium (IC&amp;RC) and are aligned with the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) core competencies for peer support.</i></p>
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>In collaboration with consumers, educators, providers, and peers, the Division of Behavioral Health Office of Consumer Affairs created the Certified Peer Support Specialist Certification process and guidelines. The guidelines meet or exceed the standards prepared by the IC&amp;RC, as appropriate, and align with SAMHSA’s core competencies for peer support.</p> <p>The purpose of peer support professional certification is to promote consumer protection and public confidence by assuring that trained and qualified individuals are providing peer support services. For the provider, peer certification gives recognition to the unique experience, education, and skills of the peer support provider, encouragement for continued professional growth and development, and a recognized and billable professional certificate.</p> <p>For more information, visit the Office of Consumer Affairs at <a href="http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Consumer-Advocacy.aspx">http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Consumer-Advocacy.aspx</a>.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Nebraska does not have separate definitions for Adult Peer Support or Family Peer Support.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<p><b>Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services</b></p> <p><b>Peer Support Specialist Core Curriculum and Certification Guidelines</b>  <a href="http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Consumer-Advocacy.aspx">http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Consumer-Advocacy.aspx</a></p> <p><b>International Certification &amp; Reciprocity Consortium</b>  <a href="https://www.internationalcredentialing.org">https://www.internationalcredentialing.org</a></p>

<p><b>Manuals/Applications</b></p>	<p><b>Online CPSS Application</b>  <a href="https://appengine.egov.com/apps/ne/Certified_Peer_Support_Specialist_Certification">https://appengine.egov.com/apps/ne/Certified_Peer_Support_Specialist_Certification</a></p> <p><b>Family Navigator/Family Peer Support Services</b> (6-minute YouTube video)  <a href="http://youtu.be/-TALO5_hbpM">http://youtu.be/-TALO5_hbpM</a></p> <p><b>Peer Support Services Expectations</b> (PDF)  <a href="http://dhhs.ne.gov/Behavioral%20Health%20Service%20Definitions/Peer%20Support.pdf#search=family%20peer%20support%20services">http://dhhs.ne.gov/Behavioral%20Health%20Service%20Definitions/Peer%20Support.pdf#search=family%20peer%20support%20services</a></p> <p><b>Peer Support Core Curriculum Minimum Standards</b>  <a href="http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Peer-Support-Trainer-Curriculum-Requirements.aspx">http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Peer-Support-Trainer-Curriculum-Requirements.aspx</a></p> <p><b>Certified Peer Support Specialist Code of Ethics</b> (PDF)  <a href="https://bit.ly/2DsvLPR">https://bit.ly/2DsvLPR</a></p> <p><b>Nebraska DHHS Peer Support Certification &amp; Training Guidance Document</b>  <a href="https://bit.ly/2D8X8i6">https://bit.ly/2D8X8i6</a></p> <p><b>CPSS FAQ</b> (PDF)  <a href="http://dhhs.ne.gov/Behavioral%20Health%20Documents/CPSS%20FAQ.pdf">http://dhhs.ne.gov/Behavioral%20Health%20Documents/CPSS%20FAQ.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p><b>State-approved peer support core curriculums and trainers:</b>  <a href="http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Peer-Support-Approved-Core-Curriculum.aspx">http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Peer-Support-Approved-Core-Curriculum.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>Services are fee-for-service and reimbursable through the Nebraska DHHS, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, Division of Behavioral Health, and Division of Children and Family Services.</p>

<b>NEVADA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Nevada PEP – Statewide Family Network</b> <a href="https://nvpep.org/family-support-services">https://nvpep.org/family-support-services</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Specialists
<b>Certification Status</b>	Nevada recommends national certification.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the Nevada PEP website:</p> <p><i>Nevada PEP developed and operates Nevada’s Statewide Family Network. Nevada PEP employs family members of children with behavioral healthcare needs as Family Specialists. Family Specialists can help you find information, support, and resources, provide compassion and understanding of the unique experiences and needs of your child and family, and assist you to advocate for your child and family to access support and services to help at home, in the community and at school.</i></p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://nvpep.org/family-support-services">https://nvpep.org/family-support-services</a></p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<b>National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health (NFFCHM)</b> <a href="https://www.ffcmh.org/certification">https://www.ffcmh.org/certification</a>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	For information about NFFCHM’s National Certification for Family Peer Specialists (CFPS), visit <a href="https://www.ffcmh.org/certification">https://www.ffcmh.org/certification</a> .
<b>Training</b>	<p>Nevada PEP provides training in alignment with the National Family Peer Specialist Certification. The training and orientation develop the necessary skills, knowledge, and abilities of Family Specialists to support families. These are the foundational core competencies covered in the training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Effecting Change</li> <li>▪ Professional Responsibilities</li> <li>▪ Systems Knowledge and Navigation</li> <li>▪ Wellness and Resiliency</li> <li>▪ Resources and Natural Supports</li> </ul>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	The Nevada Division of Child and Family Services funds Family Peer Support services.

NEW HAMPSHIRE	
<b>Website</b>	<b>New Hampshire Children’s Behavioral Health Collaborative</b> <a href="http://nh4youth.org/collaborative/grants-and-projects/fast-forward">http://nh4youth.org/collaborative/grants-and-projects/fast-forward</a>
<b>Certification</b>	No state certification
<b>Certification Status</b>	New Hampshire does not require Family Peer Support Specialist Certification to bill Medicaid for Family Peer Support under the Wraparound benefit. NAMI New Hampshire (NH), however, requires that Family Peer Support Specialists be certified in Family Peer Support within 6 months of hire for a full-time position. The state requires re-certification every 2 years after the original certification date.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) website:</p> <p><b><i>Comprehensive Family Support Services</i></b></p> <p><i>These services are voluntary and community-based programs developed to assist children and families by promoting family wellness, decreasing family stressors, and preventing child abuse and neglect. Comprehensive Family Support is designed to enable families to access the services they need and want in their home communities. These prevention services empower parents and give families an opportunity to learn and grow.</i></p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/support.htm">https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/support.htm</a>.</p> <p>NAMI NH employs Family Peer Support Specialists (FPSS). Each FPSS brings lived experience as a family member who has been, or is currently, parent to a child or youth with a serious emotional disorder. All FPSSs receive training and supervision.</p> <p><i>The Family Peer Support Specialist will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empower family, caregiver, and youth leadership to develop and lead their own natural and paid supports</li> <li>▪ Provide hope, coaching, education, mentoring, and/or support, and encouragement to the family member(s)</li> <li>▪ Work with a family in the areas the family identifies needs, (e.g. help family members learn how to navigate the service delivery system and improve their advocacy skills)</li> <li>▪ Engage with the family to help them express their views, and make informed decisions</li> <li>▪ Ensure that the family is an equal partner in their child/youth’s treatment process</li> <li>▪ Help decrease the family’s feeling of isolation by encouraging them to make connections with other NAMI NH programs like Parents Meeting the Challenge Support Group (community-based or online) and Parents Meeting the Challenge Education Program, or other activities and events with natural supports offered by NAMI NH or community partners.</li> </ul> <p>For more information, download FAST Forward for Children’s Behavioral Health (PDF) at <a href="https://bit.ly/2PuBabP">https://bit.ly/2PuBabP</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Family Peer Support Specialist Certifications require approval from the University of New Hampshire, DHHS, local continuing medical education, and NAMI NH.
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	NAMI NH holds Family Peer Support Specialist certifications.

<b>Training</b>	New Hampshire does not require certification for Family Peer Support Specialists. <b>NAMI New Hampshire</b> <a href="https://www.naminh.org/education/nh-family-network">https://www.naminh.org/education/nh-family-network</a>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	The NH Medicaid Program allows payment for family peer support under Wraparound services.

NEW JERSEY	
<b>Websites</b>	<p><b>State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families’ Children’s System of Care</b>  <a href="https://www.nj.gov/DCF/about/divisions/desc">https://www.nj.gov/DCF/about/divisions/desc</a>  <b>New Jersey Children’s System of Care</b>  <a href="http://www.performcarenj.org/index.aspx">http://www.performcarenj.org/index.aspx</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Support Partners (FSP)
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active. The State of New Jersey contracts with Rutgers University for training and technical assistance including required courses for FSP certification. Rutgers maintains a database for Family Support Partner Certification. Family Support Organization (FSO) supervisory staff tracks staff FSP certification progress within the certification database.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>New Jersey’s statewide system of FSOs is the primary provider of parent peer support.</p> <p><b>State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF)</b>  <a href="https://www.nj.gov/DCF/about">https://www.nj.gov/DCF/about</a>  <b>NJ Children’s System of Care Family Support Organizations</b>  <a href="http://www.performcarenj.org/families/fsos.aspx">http://www.performcarenj.org/families/fsos.aspx</a></p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	DCF’s Children’s System of Care uses Rutgers University to track parent peer certification using the family development credential.
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p><b><i>Children’s System of Care Training &amp; Technical Assistance Training Catalogue 2020</i></b>  <a href="https://www.nj.gov/DCF/providers/csc/training/CSOC-Training.Course.Catalog.pdf">https://www.nj.gov/DCF/providers/csc/training/CSOC-Training.Course.Catalog.pdf</a></p> <p>Link to <b><i>Family Support Partner Certification Online System Manual</i></b>  <a href="https://ubhcwebexternal.ubhc.rutgers.edu/FSO/FSOlogon.aspx">https://ubhcwebexternal.ubhc.rutgers.edu/FSO/FSOlogon.aspx</a></p>
<b>Training</b>	<p>Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care FSP Certification Training requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child Family Team Process (2-day training)</li> <li>▪ Family Support Partner Certification Orientation &amp; FANS + Action Planning Training (1-day training)</li> <li>▪ NJ Wraparound Values &amp; Principles (1-day training)</li> <li>▪ Setting Yourself Up for Safety: Practical Tools for Outreach Workers (1-day training)</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">New Jersey Alliance of Family Support Organizations</a> requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ FSO Skill Building (2-day training)</li> <li>▪ Culturally Competent Peer Services (1-day training)</li> <li>▪ FANS Implementation Using Motivational Interviewing (1-day training)</li> <li>▪ Action Planning (1-day training)</li> </ul> <p><b>Year-1 FSP Recertification</b> requires completion of one substance use disorder training and one developmental disabilities training from a list of approved training courses.</p> <p><b>Year-2 FSP Recertification</b> requires any one training approved by a Family Support Partner Supervisor.</p>

	<p><i>Children’s System of Care Training &amp; Technical Assistance Training Catalogue 2020</i> <a href="https://www.nj.gov/def/providers/csc/training/CSOC-Training.Course.Catalog.pdf">https://www.nj.gov/def/providers/csc/training/CSOC-Training.Course.Catalog.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>Contracts with the Children’s System of Care cover services.</p>

NEW MEXICO	
<b>Websites</b>	<p><b>Southwest Regional Training Center – Family Peer Support Worker Program</b>  <a href="https://bhs.nmsu.edu/programs/fpsw/">https://bhs.nmsu.edu/programs/fpsw/</a></p> <p><b>New Mexico Credentialing Board for Behavioral Health Professionals Certified Family Peer Support Worker (CFPSW)</b>  <a href="http://www.nmcbbhp.org/cfpsw.html">http://www.nmcbbhp.org/cfpsw.html</a></p> <p><b>State of New Mexico – Office of Peer Recovery and Engagement (OPRE)</b>  <a href="https://newmexico.networkofcare.org/mh/content.aspx?cid=8113">https://newmexico.networkofcare.org/mh/content.aspx?cid=8113</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Peer Support Worker
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the <i>New Mexico Family Peer Support Certified Family Peer Support Program Manual</i>:</p> <p><i>The Certified Family Peer Support Worker (CFPSW) Program provides a State-recognized certification provided by the New Mexico Credentialing Board for Behavioral Health Professionals. This certification does not in any way indicate that a Certified Family Specialist is qualified to diagnose an illness, prescribe, or provide medication or provide clinical treatment.</i></p> <p><i>The CFPSW Program is implemented through a collaboration between multiple agencies. Funding to support the implementation of Family Peer Support Services is provided through grant funding currently under NM CYFD Behavioral Health Services. The New Mexico Credentialing Board for Behavioral Health Programs (NMCBBHP), New Mexico State University (NMSU) Southwest Regional Training Center and the statewide family organization Families ASAP oversee the training and certification process to ensure the quality control of Family Peer Support Services throughout the state.</i></p> <p><i>Certified Family Peer Support Workers serve in a valuable and unique way in their support and assistance to families. Family peer relationships help families to understand that they are not the only ones struggling to meet the unique needs of their children and that they do not have to feel alone in their efforts. The shared lived experience support experience serves to inform, empower, and inspire hope and create a feeling for families that things can get better.</i></p> <p><i>In New Mexico the service definition is:</i></p> <p><i>Family Peers Support Workers (FPSWs) serve as role models demonstrating effective relationships, interactions, and behaviors, sharing their experience, as appropriate, to establish a bond based on similar experience.</i></p> <p><i>The FPSWs are primary caregivers who have “lived-experience” of being actively involved in raising a child or youth who experiences emotional, behavioral, mental health and/or substance use challenges. This includes children and youth with neurobiological differences as well as those diagnosed with a serious emotional disorder or a substance use disorder. FPSWs have experience navigating child-serving systems and have received specialized training to empower other families who are raising children or youth with similar experiences. FPSWs use a strengths-based and culturally sensitive approach that recognizes the individual child, youth and family identity, cultural history, life experiences, beliefs, and preferences.</i></p>



	For more information, download the <i>Family Peer Support Worker Job Description</i> at <a href="https://www.nmcbhhp.org/cpsw.html">CAF17583027195&amp;disposition=0&amp;alloworigin=1</a> .
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<b>New Mexico Credentialing Board for Behavioral Health Professionals</b> <a href="http://www.nmcbhhp.org/cpsw.html">http://www.nmcbhhp.org/cpsw.html</a>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p><b>Online Family Peer Support Worker Application</b> <a href="https://bhs.nmsu.edu/programs/fpsw/steps-fpsw/">https://bhs.nmsu.edu/programs/fpsw/steps-fpsw/</a></p> <p><b>Family Peer Support Worker Certification Checklist (PDF)</b> <a href="https://bhs.nmsu.edu/files/2020/03/CFPSW-checklist-1.pdf">https://bhs.nmsu.edu/files/2020/03/CFPSW-checklist-1.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Certified Family Peer Support Worker Training Course Syllabus (PDF)</b> <a href="https://nebula.wsimg.com/39250b2293f4a759180cc992757caba0?AccessKeyId=4ADA1CCAF17583027195&amp;disposition=0&amp;alloworigin=1">https://nebula.wsimg.com/39250b2293f4a759180cc992757caba0?AccessKeyId=4ADA1CCAF17583027195&amp;disposition=0&amp;alloworigin=1</a></p> <p><b>Certified Family Peer Support Worker Program Manual (PDF)</b> <a href="https://bhs.nmsu.edu/files/2020/03/CFPSW-Program-Manualwithchecklist.March2020.pdf">https://bhs.nmsu.edu/files/2020/03/CFPSW-Program-Manualwithchecklist.March2020.pdf</a></p>
<b>Training</b>	For information on certification or recertification schedules, training, exams, and a course syllabus, visit <a href="https://bhs.nmsu.edu/programs/fpsw/training">https://bhs.nmsu.edu/programs/fpsw/training</a> .
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Services can be billed to Medicaid for 13 provider types. Several providers have used System of Care Funds to hire and train FPSWs and provide FPSW services until the provider can bill Medicaid for Family Peer Support Services.

NEW YORK	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Families Together in New York State – Family Peer Advocate Credential</b> <a href="https://www.ftnys.org/family-peer-advocate-credential">https://www.ftnys.org/family-peer-advocate-credential</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Peer Advocate (FPA)
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the Families Together in New York State website:</p> <p><i>Family Peer Support Services (FPSS) are an array of formal and informal services and supports provided to families raising a child up to age 21 who is experiencing social, emotional, developmental, and/or behavioral challenges at home, school, placement, and/or in the community. FPSS provides a structured, strength-based relationship between a Family Peer Advocate and the parent/family member for the benefit of the child/youth. The purpose of this service is to support parent/family members and enhance their skills so they can promote positive youth functioning and their child’s ability to live successfully in their community. FPSS are provided by a trained and credentialed Family Peer Advocate (FPA) who is uniquely qualified to work with families based on his/her personal experience parenting a child with similar needs and by virtue of the specialized training they receive . . . FPSS can be provided through individual and group face-to-face work in various settings (e.g., family’s home, community, office, telephone, Skype contacts, etc.).</i></p> <p>You can download the <i>Family Peer Support</i> brochure that contains a detailed program description at <a href="https://www.ftnys.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FTNYS-Brochure-Print-Files_FTNYIS-Family-Peer-Support-Brochure-PRINT.pdf">https://www.ftnys.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FTNYS-Brochure-Print-Files_FTNYIS-Family-Peer-Support-Brochure-PRINT.pdf</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<b>Families Together in New York State</b> <a href="https://www.ftnys.org/family-peer-advocate-credential">https://www.ftnys.org/family-peer-advocate-credential</a>

<p><b>Manuals/Applications</b></p>	<p><b><i>FPA Provisional Credential Application Form and Instructions</i></b> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.ftnys.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FIJNAL-FPA-Provisional-Credential-Application-new-Logo-and-email-v.1-2020.pdf">https://www.ftnys.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FIJNAL-FPA-Provisional-Credential-Application-new-Logo-and-email-v.1-2020.pdf</a>  <b>Community Technical Assistance Center of New York &amp; Managed Care Technical Assistance Center of New York.</b> To access the website’s trainings and tools, you must register with your name and email address.</p> <p><b><i>Provisional Credential Application Page-by-Page Prerecorded Video</i></b>  <a href="http://ctacny.org/training/family-peer-advocate-professional-credential-application-review">http://ctacny.org/training/family-peer-advocate-professional-credential-application-review</a>  <b><i>Family Peer Advocate Code of Ethics</i></b> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.ftnys.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FINAL-FPA-Code-of-Ethics-2020-final.pdf">https://www.ftnys.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FINAL-FPA-Code-of-Ethics-2020-final.pdf</a>  <b><i>Family Peer Advocate Credential Information for Applicants FAQ</i></b> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.ftnys.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FPA-Information-for-Applicants-Professional-Provisional-2020-.pdf">https://www.ftnys.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FPA-Information-for-Applicants-Professional-Provisional-2020-.pdf</a>  <b><i>Family Peer Support Definition</i></b> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.ftnys.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Family-Support-Services-Definition-2020.pdf">https://www.ftnys.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Family-Support-Services-Definition-2020.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p>The Parent Empowerment Program, or PEP, is a training and consultation program for FPAs. PEP training introduces new FPAs to their role and to the skills they will need to effectively engage and empower parents. Successful completion of the PEP training is required for anyone seeking a Family Peer Advocate Credential in New York State. PEP Training has two levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Level 1: 14 online modules</li> <li>▪ Level 2: 6 online modules, a 2-day in-person training, and 12 1-hour-long coaching calls</li> </ul> <p>For more information about PEP Training, visit <a href="https://www.ftnys.org/workforce/parent-empowerment-program-pep">https://www.ftnys.org/workforce/parent-empowerment-program-pep</a>.</p> <p><b><i>Six Steps to a Family Peer Advocate Professional Credential</i></b> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.ftnys.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/6-Steps-to-a-FPA-Professional-Credential-2020-new-logo-v2.pdf">https://www.ftnys.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/6-Steps-to-a-FPA-Professional-Credential-2020-new-logo-v2.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>State aid and Medicaid are just two of the available sources of reimbursement.</p>

NORTH CAROLINA	
<b>Websites</b>	<p><b>North Carolina Families United</b>  <a href="https://www.ncfamiliesunited.org/everything-wanted-know-family-partners">https://www.ncfamiliesunited.org/everything-wanted-know-family-partners</a></p> <p><b>North Carolina Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families</b>  <a href="https://nccollaborative.org/what-is-a-family-partner">https://nccollaborative.org/what-is-a-family-partner</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Partners
<b>Certification Status</b>	The state uses the National Certification through the National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the North Carolina Families United website:</p> <p><i>A Certified PSP is a Family Partner who has completed all the trainings described above, worked under supervision for a year, applied to the Federation of Families, and has taken and passed the rigorous certification test.</i></p> <p><i>The Certified Parent Support Provider™ certification defines the uniform standards and title of parents helping other parents who have children (0–26) experiencing emotional, behavioral health, substance use, intellectual disabilities, or mental health concerns. Certification promotes ethical practice and creates mobility of workers across states. It brings to the workforce parents with experience in successfully helping their own children and increases the acceptance of this effective “modern and good” or best practice.</i></p> <p><i>A Family Partner is a person who can articulate lessons learned from his/her own lived experience *parenting a child/youth with social/emotional or behavioral challenges and has specialized training to assist and support families raising children/youth who experience social/emotional, developmental, behavioral, substance use, or mental illness concerns. A Family Partner collaborates with child and family serving systems and family and youth organizations to improve family outcomes and strives to eliminate stigma and discrimination.</i></p> <p><i>*Parenting a child is defined as the primary caretaker of a child for an extended period of time who has decision making authority for that child.</i></p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<p><b>National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health (FFCMH)</b>  <a href="https://www.ffcmh.org/certification">https://www.ffcmh.org/certification</a></p>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p><b>Family Partners in NC FAQs</b>  <a href="https://www.ncfamiliesunited.org/family-partner-faq">https://www.ncfamiliesunited.org/family-partner-faq</a></p> <p><b>Family Partner Structure for Empowering Families &amp; Communities (PDF)</b>  <a href="https://www.ncfamiliesunited.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Family_partner_structure_diagram_3-27-09-11.pdf">https://www.ncfamiliesunited.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Family_partner_structure_diagram_3-27-09-11.pdf</a></p>
<b>Training</b>	<p>The State of North Carolina has five mandated trainings and two relevant electives. Family Partners must take trainings within 12 months of work and receive national FFCMH certification within 18 months of employment.</p> <p><b>NC Families United Family Partner 101</b>                      Family Partner 101 is a science-based 101 training for Family Partner Peer Support providers. It covers all aspects of the role from being hired, to understanding the culture of the workplace, referral of a family, intake, person- and family-centered plans, navigation of service systems, and discharge of families. The course covers all required competencies</p>

	<p>to provide a family-driven approach to family peer support. This 5-day training will cover all areas parent support providers need to pass the national certification.</p> <p><b>North Carolina Families United</b>  <a href="https://www.ncfamiliesunited.org">https://www.ncfamiliesunited.org</a></p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>The State of North Carolina has not yet approved a stand-alone Medicaid definition. Family Partners are reimbursed at a package rate as part of a High-Fidelity Wraparound team as an In-Lieu Definition.</p>

<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<b>North Dakota Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Division</b> <a href="https://www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/addiction/peer-support">https://www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/addiction/peer-support</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Peer Support
<b>Certification Status</b>	<p>Certification is available to a family member who has personal, lived experience with an individual with a mental health disorder, substance use disorder, brain injury, or any combination of these conditions.</p> <p>North Dakota Administrative Rule 75–03–43 is scheduled to be effective July 1, 2020, which will allow for certification of peer support specialists in North Dakota.</p>
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>From the North Dakota Department of Human Services Behavioral Health website:</p> <p><i>The program is designed to ensure that peer support specialists bring hope by sharing their experiences and promoting a sense of belonging. Peer support specialists use their experience to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Establish positive rapport</li> <li>▪ Serve as a pro-social model</li> <li>▪ Offer insight to the individual’s care team</li> <li>▪ Provide support focused on advocacy, coaching, and mentoring</li> </ul> <p><i>North Dakota Department of Human Services Behavioral Health Division believes that peer support is effective, and can:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improve quality of life</li> <li>▪ Improve whole health, including conditions like diabetes</li> <li>▪ Improve engagement and satisfaction with services and supports</li> <li>▪ Decrease hospitalizations and inpatient stays</li> <li>▪ Reduce health care costs</li> </ul> <p><i>A Peer Support Specialist is an individual who uses the individual’s lived experience and skills learned through formal training to deliver services to promote mind-body recovery and resiliency.</i></p> <p><i>Recovery is a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their full potential.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Health: Choices that support one’s overall well-being</li> <li>▪ Home: A safe and stable place to live</li> <li>▪ Purpose: Meaningful daily activities, such as job, school, or volunteering</li> <li>▪ Community: Relationships and social networks that provide support, friendship, and love</li> </ul>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	North Dakota Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Division
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	The application process for certification in North Dakota is in development and will be available after July 1, 2020.

<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p>Training is offered through North Dakota’s Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Division. The state developed the 5-day, 40-hour course in conjunction with the Appalachian Consulting Group.</p> <p>For more information and available training dates, visit the <i>Peer Support</i> web page at <a href="https://www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/addiction/peer-support">https://www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/addiction/peer-support</a> and click the <i>Trainings</i> tab.</p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>The 1915(i) Medicaid Plan Option covers Family Peer Support services.</p>

OHIO	
<b>Website</b>	No website
<b>Certification</b>	No state certification
<b>Certification Status</b>	No certification
<b>Program Description</b>	Not applicable
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Not applicable
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	Not applicable
<b>Training</b>	Not applicable
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Information unavailable



OKLAHOMA	
<b>Website</b>	<p><b>Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) – Systems of Care</b>  <a href="https://www.ok.gov/odmhsas/Mental_Health/Children_Youth_and_Family_Services/Systems_of_Care">https://www.ok.gov/odmhsas/Mental_Health/Children_Youth_and_Family_Services/Systems_of_Care</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Support Provider
<b>Certification Status</b>	<p>Oklahoma provides family support through its Systems of Care network, but there is no statewide certification program. The state does have a credentialing process in place, however, for Family Support Providers.</p> <p><b><i>Family Support and Training Provider (FSP) Qualifications:</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have a high school diploma or equivalent</li> <li>b. Be 21 years of age and have successful experience as a family member of a child or youth with serious emotional disturbance, have lived experience as the primary caregiver of a child or youth who has received services for substance use disorder and/or co-occurring substance use and mental health, or have lived experience being the caregiver for a child with Child Welfare/Child Protective Services involvement</li> <li>c. Successful completion of Family Support Training according to a curriculum approved by the ODMHSAS</li> <li>d. Pass OSBI background check</li> <li>e. Treatment plans must be overseen and approved by a LBHP or Licensure Candidate</li> <li>f. Must function under the general direction of a LBHP, Licensure Candidate or systems of care team, with a LBHP or Licensure Candidate available at all times to provide back up, support, and/or consultation.</li> </ol>
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the document <i>Oklahoma Systems of Care Course Description of Wraparound 101</i>:</p> <p><i>Children and families with the most complex needs generally do not achieve universally desired outcomes such as success in school, non-involvement in the juvenile justice system, safety, a stable residence in their community, productive careers and satisfying relationships. For these children and families, often considered “resistant and untreatable,” the Wraparound process has produced hope at the child and family team level and more frequent attainment of the desired outcomes listed above. The role of the Family Support Provider (FSP) is an essential role in the effective delivery of the Wraparound process.</i></p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services – Systems of Care
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p><b>Oklahoma Systems of Care Family Support Provider Resources</b>  <a href="https://systemsofcare.ou.edu/resources">https://systemsofcare.ou.edu/resources</a></p> <p><b><i>Oklahoma Systems of Care Course Description for Family Support Provider</i></b> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.ok.gov/odmhsas/documents/SOC%20Training%20Description%20-%20Family%20Support%20Provider.pdf">https://www.ok.gov/odmhsas/documents/SOC%20Training%20Description%20-%20Family%20Support%20Provider.pdf</a></p>

<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p><b>Wraparound 101 Training Outline:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pre-requisite online training plus 2 days in class/live training</li> <li>▪ Pre-requisite Wraparound E-Learning site: <a href="https://learn.eteam.ou.edu">https://learn.eteam.ou.edu</a></li> <li>▪ Additional half-day follow-up Wraparound training within 2 to 3 weeks after initial training</li> </ul> <p><b>Family Support Provider Training Outline:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pre-requisite online module training, Telling Your Story</li> <li>▪ 1 day in class/live training after completing Wraparound 101 requirements and online Telling Your Story training</li> <li>▪ Additional half-day follow-up Family Support Provider training within 2 to 3 weeks after initial training</li> </ul> <p><b>Oklahoma Systems of Care Course Description of Wraparound 101 (PDF)</b>  <a href="https://www.ok.gov/odmhsas/documents/SOC%20Training%20Description%20-%20Wrap%20101.pdf">https://www.ok.gov/odmhsas/documents/SOC%20Training%20Description%20-%20Wrap%20101.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>Services covered through the State Plan Amendment and 1115 Waiver.</p>

OREGON	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Oregon Health Authority</b> <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oha/OEI/Pages/THW-Become-Certified.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/oha/OEI/Pages/THW-Become-Certified.aspx</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Peer Support Specialist/Family Support Specialist or Peer Wellness Specialist/Family Support Specialist
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the Oregon Family Support Network’s <i>Fact Sheet on Family Peer Support Services and Coordinated Care Organizations</i>:</p> <p><i>Because the Oregon Family Support Network is a family-run, family organization that builds its foundation on the shared, lived experience of parents, grandparents, relatives, and other persons whom the youth or parent defined as “family,” we are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Assist families to navigate complex systems, services, and supports and point them in the right direction to get their child’s and family’s needs met.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Join with the families in the treatment process—using our collective experience, and knowledge of Oregon’s child serving systems.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Facilitate the process of engagement in services through the use of one-one direct peer support services, thereby helping families to become empowered to meet their goals.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Strengthen families and youth to move forward in the pursuit of their goals, dreams, and ability to address life’s challenges.</i></li> </ul> <p><b><i>Fact Sheet on Family Peer Support Services and Coordinated Care Organizations</i></b> <a href="https://www.ofsn.org/about-us/peer-support-services-fact-sheet">https://www.ofsn.org/about-us/peer-support-services-fact-sheet</a></p> <p><b><i>Statewide Training Program brochure</i></b> <a href="http://www.ofsn.org/training-program/ofsn-training-brochure">http://www.ofsn.org/training-program/ofsn-training-brochure</a></p> <p>Family Support Specialists are found in these settings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ family-run organizations (Oregon Family Support Network, FACT, Oregon Family Network);</li> <li>▪ family-oriented organizations (NAMI, One to Another, Family-to-Family); and</li> <li>▪ service delivery organizations such as Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers, county mental health programs, substance use treatment agencies, and children’s residential treatment programs.</li> </ul> <p>The State of Oregon has a Family Support Specialist embedded in both the Oregon Health Authority’s Child and Family Behavioral Health Unit and in the Office of Consumer Activities.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	The <b>Oregon Health Authority’s Office of Equity and Inclusion</b> manages a registry of Family Support Specialists.  <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oha/OEI/Pages/THW-Become-Certified.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/oha/OEI/Pages/THW-Become-Certified.aspx</a>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<b><i>Peer-Delivered Services Fact Sheet</i></b> (2015) <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/oha/OEI/Documents/Peer%20Delivered%20Services%20FACT%20SH EET_.pdf">https://www.oregon.gov/oha/OEI/Documents/Peer%20Delivered%20Services%20FACT%20SH EET_.pdf</a>

<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p>The State of Oregon offers a comprehensive peer certification process. The Oregon Family Support Network (OFSN) and Oregon Behavioral Health Consultation and Training both provide the approved training for certification. Initial training for Peer Support Specialist – Family Support Specialist is 40 hours. Registry renewal is due every 3 years and includes approval by an updated criminal background check and showing proof of 40 hours of continuing education.</p> <p><b>Oregon Family Support Network</b>  <a href="http://www.ofsn.org">http://www.ofsn.org</a></p> <p><i>Oregon Family Support Network Training Brochure</i>  <a href="http://www.ofsn.org/training-program/ofsn-training-brochure">http://www.ofsn.org/training-program/ofsn-training-brochure</a></p> <p><b>Training requirements</b> are defined under Oregon Administrative Rules at OAR 410-180-0300 through 410-180-0380:  <a href="https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=1741">https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=1741</a></p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>Oregon Medicaid reimburses Family/Peer Support Services provided to parents of children receiving behavioral health services or children who have complex medical needs with prevention/rehabilitation behavioral health needs.</p>

<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Pennsylvania Certification Board</b> <a href="https://www.pacertboard.org">https://www.pacertboard.org</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Certified Family Recovery Specialist (CFRS)
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active.  Pennsylvania offers a credential for family members of individuals affected by substance use disorders. Certification requirements include 60 hours of training/education, three letters of reference/character, and a statement of lived experience. The state is reviewing a mental health family peer support certification. The CFRS is a credential for drug and alcohol family peers.
<b>Program Description</b>	This description comes from the Pennsylvania Certification Board’s <i>CFRS Application</i> :  <i>Family recovery is a highly-individualized journey that provides a unique perspective regarding the recovery process. A CFRS understands the stigma associated with substance use disorder and its impact on the family. This recovery journey is a voluntarily maintained lifestyle that includes the pursuit of spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical well-being that is often supported by others but is not contingent upon the recovery of a loved one(s).</i>  <i>The CFRS credential is for adults who have been directly impacted by their own family member or loved one’s substance use disorder. The CFRS shares their lived experience with other families to provide recovery support services.</i>  <i>CFRSs are trained to help families move into and through the recovery process. As a CFRS, an individual accepts and agrees that his/her experience will be known by their colleagues, persons served, and others with whom he/she may share that they have achieved this credential.</i>  <i>Additionally, a CFRS will follow the Code of Ethical Conduct.</i>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<b>Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB)</b> <a href="https://www.pacertboard.org">https://www.pacertboard.org</a>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<b><i>Certified Family Recovery Specialist Application: A Credential for Drug and Alcohol Family Peers</i></b> (PDF) <a href="https://www.pacertboard.org/sites/default/files/applications/PCB_CFRS_Application_19.pdf">https://www.pacertboard.org/sites/default/files/applications/PCB_CFRS_Application_19.pdf</a> <b><i>Certified Family Recovery Specialist Content Outline</i></b> (PDF) <a href="https://www.pacertboard.org/sites/default/files/applications/PCB_CFRS_ContentOutline.pdf">https://www.pacertboard.org/sites/default/files/applications/PCB_CFRS_ContentOutline.pdf</a>
<b>Training</b>	Pennsylvania has over 20 Certified Recovery Specialist and CFRS training provider organizations, including colleges and universities. For a list of these training organizations, contact PCB at <a href="mailto:info@pacertboard.org">info@pacertboard.org</a> .
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Reimbursement may be available through the Single County Authorities county-based drug and alcohol offices and through the state’s Behavioral Health Managed Care Organizations (BHMCOs), which are responsible for services to Medicaid recipients. The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, oversees BHMCOs.

RHODE ISLAND	
<b>Websites</b>	<p><b>State of Rhode Island Department of Health – Family/Peer Resource Specialist Program</b>  <a href="http://www.health.ri.gov/programs/detail.php?pgm_id=90">http://www.health.ri.gov/programs/detail.php?pgm_id=90</a></p> <p><b>State of Rhode Island Department of Health – Community Health Worker</b>  <a href="https://health.ri.gov/communities/about/workers">https://health.ri.gov/communities/about/workers</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	<p>Certified Community Health Worker (CCHW)                      Family Peer Resource Specialist</p>
<b>Certification Status</b>	<p>Certification is active.                      Rhode Island’s Certified Community Health Worker Certification has been in place since 2016. Rhode Island’s Department of Health collaborated with the Rhode Island Parent Information Network, Parent Support Network, the Community Health Worker Association of Rhode Island, and other key stakeholders to develop core and specialty competency trainings.</p>
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the State of Rhode Island’s Department of Health website:</p> <p><b><i>Family/Peer Resource Specialist Program Mission</i></b></p> <p><i>To strengthen the capacity to plan for, and deliver effective services to, the State’s disabled and culturally diverse populations.</i></p> <p><b><i>What we do</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Bring the perspective of parents, youth, and consumers into policy development and medical home implementation.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Connect consumers with community resources such as specialty care, independent living, education, employment, and vocational training.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Provide Peer/Family Resource Specialists to both primary and specialty healthcare practices.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Bring the perspective of parents, youth, and consumers into policy development and medical home implementation.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Connect consumers with community resources such as specialty care, independent living, education, employment, and vocational training.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Provide Peer/Family Resource Specialists to both primary and specialty healthcare practices.</i></li> </ul> <p>For more information, visit <a href="http://www.health.ri.gov/programs/detail.php?pgm_id=90">http://www.health.ri.gov/programs/detail.php?pgm_id=90</a>.                      Community Health Workers are frontline public health workers who are trusted members of the community they serve. This trusting relationship enables them to serve as a liaison/link/intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural responsiveness of service delivery.</p> <p>Community Health Workers build individual and community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities such as engagement, community education, social support, and advocacy. Community Health Workers hold a unique position within an often rigid healthcare system in that they can be flexible and creative in responding to specific individual and community needs.</p> <p>One distinctive strength of Community Health Workers is their ability to develop rapport with people and other community members due to shared culture, community residence, chronic condition, disability, language, and life experiences. They are also able to enhance the cultural and linguistic appropriateness of care and help to counteract factors such as</p>

	<p>social exclusion, poverty, and marginalization. An important role of the Community Health Worker is to advocate for the socioeconomic, environmental, and political rights of individuals and their communities.</p> <p>Community Health Workers often link people to needed health information and services. Community Health Workers address the social and environmental situations that interfere with an individual or community achieving optimal health and well-being. Community Health Workers may have various titles as this is an umbrella term.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<p><b>Rhode Island Certification Board (RICB)</b>  <a href="https://www.ricertboard.org">https://www.ricertboard.org</a></p>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p><b>Community Health Worker Association of Rhode Island</b> supports applicants through the Certified Community Health Worker process. For more information, visit <a href="http://chwari.org">http://chwari.org</a>.</p> <p><b>CCHW Job Analysis &amp; Standards 2016</b> (PDF)  <a href="https://health.ri.gov/materialbyothers/CommunityHealthWorkerJobAnalysisAndStandards.pdf">https://health.ri.gov/materialbyothers/CommunityHealthWorkerJobAnalysisAndStandards.pdf</a></p> <p><b>RICB CCHW Application for Certification</b> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.ricertboard.org/sites/default/files/applications/RICB_CCHW_Application_19_0.pdf">https://www.ricertboard.org/sites/default/files/applications/RICB_CCHW_Application_19_0.pdf</a></p>
<b>Training</b>	<p>Rhode Island’s Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals collaborated with the Parent Support Network of Rhode Island and other key stakeholders to develop certification training and criteria for Certified Peer Recovery Specialists.</p> <p>Community Health Worker Association of Rhode Island maintains a catalog of core competency and specialty trainings for Community Health Workers; go to <a href="http://chwari.org">http://chwari.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Parent Support Network of Rhode Island Trainings &amp; Events</b>  <a href="https://www.psnri.org/copy-of-virtual-trainings-and-meeti">https://www.psnri.org/copy-of-virtual-trainings-and-meeti</a></p>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	<p>Information unavailable</p>

<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<b>Federation of Families of South Carolina</b> <a href="https://fedfamsc.org/support-services">https://fedfamsc.org/support-services</a>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Support Provider
<b>Certification Status</b>	There is no certification requirement by the State of South Carolina.  The Federation of Families of South Carolina provides Family Support Provider training and encourages trained individuals to apply for national certification.
<b>Program Description</b>	This description comes from the Federation of Families of South Carolina website:  <i>The goal of Parent Peer Support Provider Institute is to equip family members and caregivers with the skills needed to effectively assist other families who can benefit from their lived experience.</i>  For more information, visit <a href="https://fedfamsc.org/training">https://fedfamsc.org/training</a> .  Caregivers who attend the Institute and pass the test are eligible to apply for a scholarship for the national certification exam. One-on-one support is also available to caregivers to help them complete the certification application process.
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	The Federation of Families of South Carolina encourages trained individuals to apply for national certification.  <b>National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health</b> <a href="https://www.ffcmh.org/certification">https://www.ffcmh.org/certification</a>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<b>National Certification for Family Peer Specialists (CFPS)</b> <a href="https://www.ffcmh.org/certification">https://www.ffcmh.org/certification</a> .
<b>Training</b>	<b>Federation of Families of South Carolina</b> <a href="https://fedfamsc.org/training">https://fedfamsc.org/training</a>  A calendar of upcoming trainings is online at <a href="https://fedfamsc.org/events">https://fedfamsc.org/events</a> .
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Information unavailable



<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	No website
<b>Certification</b>	No state certification
<b>Certification Status</b>	While entities in South Dakota provide parental support, the state does not have a formal parent support training and certification program.
<b>Program Description</b>	Not applicable
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Not applicable
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	Not applicable
<b>Training</b>	Not applicable
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Parent peer support is not reimbursable.

<b>TENNESSEE</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<p><b>Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services – Certified Family Support Specialist Program</b>  <a href="https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/for-providers/additional-resources/certified-family-support-specialist-program.html">https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/for-providers/additional-resources/certified-family-support-specialist-program.html</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Certified Family Support Specialist
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active. For more information, contact the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS) Office of Children, Young Adults, and Families at <a href="mailto:fcfss.tdmhsas@tn.gov">fcfss.tdmhsas@tn.gov</a> .
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from TDMHSAS’ <i>Family Support Certification Program: Guidelines, Standards, and Procedures</i>:</p> <p><i>The Family Support Specialist Certification Program (FSSCP) provides State of Tennessee certification for individuals who provide direct caregiver-to-caregiver support services to families of children and youth with mental, emotional, behavioral, or co-occurring disorders. Because of their life experience as a caregiver for a child or youth with these disorders and navigating child-serving systems, Certified Family Support Specialists (CFSSs) are able to use their unique experience to inspire hope and provide support to others who are facing similar challenges. This program allows Certified Family Support Specialists to provide a level of service and support beyond that of clinical staff. The Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services’ Office of Children, Young Adults and Families (OCYAF) operate Tennessee’s Certified Family Support Specialist Program with consultation from the CFSS Advisory Committee. The OCYAF shall develop and reserves the right to make any necessary changes to CFSS Guidelines, Standards, and Procedures without prior notification so that appropriate authority to grant certification and acceptable professional standards are established.</i></p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p><b><i>Family Support Specialist Certification Program Guidelines, Standards, and Procedures Handbook</i></b> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/mentalhealth/documents/CFSS%20Handbook%20Revised_6-4-18.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/mentalhealth/documents/CFSS%20Handbook%20Revised_6-4-18.pdf</a></p>
<b>Training</b>	<p>Tennessee Voices for Children—also known as TN Voices—and NAMI Tennessee offer training, but caregivers must obtain certification through TDMHSAS after completing the course.</p> <p><b>Tennessee Voices for Children</b> <a href="https://tnvoices.org/fss">https://tnvoices.org/fss</a></p> <p><b>NAMI Tennessee</b> <a href="https://namitn.org">https://namitn.org</a></p> <p><b>Family Support Specialist Competency Course and Certification Criteria</b>  <a href="https://tnvoices.org/fss">https://tnvoices.org/fss</a></p>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	A Section 1115 federal waiver allows Medicaid billing for family support specialist peer services.

TEXAS	
<b>Websites</b>	<p><b>Texas Health and Human Services – Children’s Mental Health Family Partner Support Services</b>  <a href="https://hhs.texas.gov/services/mental-health-substance-use/childrens-mental-health/childrens-mental-health-family-partner-support-services">https://hhs.texas.gov/services/mental-health-substance-use/childrens-mental-health/childrens-mental-health-family-partner-support-services</a></p> <p><b>Via Hope – Certified Family Partner Program</b>  <a href="http://www.viahope.org/programs/family-partner-training-and-certification">http://www.viahope.org/programs/family-partner-training-and-certification</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Certified Family Partner
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>These descriptions come from the Via Hope website:</p> <p><i>Via Hope trains and certifies Family Partners in the state of Texas. Via Hope’s certification is the only one accepted by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Public mental health agencies in Texas are required to have family partners on staff and for them to be certified within one year of hire.</i></p> <p><i>A Certified Family Partner (CFP) is a parent or guardian who has lived experience raising a child with mental, emotional, or behavioral health challenges and who has at least one year successfully navigating a child serving system.</i></p> <p><i>The Certified Family Partner is trained to use this experience to help other parents/guardians for the purpose of educating, role modeling and providing hope related to the recovery process.</i></p> <p><i>Currently, most Certified Family Partners work in community mental health centers, although there are a growing number in private and public hospitals, residential treatment centers, juvenile justice centers, and other settings.</i></p> <p><i>Family partners work to give voice to, and promote recovery and resiliency within, families of children with mental, emotional, and behavioral health challenges. They work to raise awareness and reduce stigma around mental health in schools, faith communities, state agencies and communities.</i></p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://www.viahope.org/programs/family-partner-training-and-certification">https://www.viahope.org/programs/family-partner-training-and-certification</a>.</p> <p><i>Family partners who have taken certification training in another state or who have passed the national certification exam administered by the National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health may apply for a certification through Via Hope. If it is determined that the other training and certification is comparable to that provided by Via Hope, the individual will be certified for the lesser of 1) their certification period from the other state, or 2) twenty-four months. The individual must meet the same requirements as other Certified Family Partners to be eligible to be recertified.</i></p> <p>For more information about CFP recertification and reciprocity, visit <a href="https://www.viahope.org/programs/family-partner-training-and-certification/re-certification-and-reciprocity">https://www.viahope.org/programs/family-partner-training-and-certification/re-certification-and-reciprocity</a>.</p>

<p><b>Credentialing Agency</b></p>	<p>Via Hope trains and certifies Family Partners in the State of Texas. Via Hope’s certification is the only one accepted by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. The state requires that public mental health agencies have Family Partners on staff and that they be certified within 1 year of hire.</p>
<p><b>Manuals/Applications</b></p>	<p><i>Texas Certified Family Partner Program Policy and Procedure Manual</i> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.viahope.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/CFP-policy-and-procedure-10-18.pdf">https://www.viahope.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/CFP-policy-and-procedure-10-18.pdf</a></p> <p><i>Guiding Principles and Code of Ethics for Certified Family Partners</i>  <a href="https://www.viahope.org/programs/family-partner-training-and-certification/cfp-code-ethics">https://www.viahope.org/programs/family-partner-training-and-certification/cfp-code-ethics</a></p>
<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p><b>Via Hope Certified Family Partner Program</b>  <a href="http://www.viahope.org/programs/family-partner-training-and-certification">http://www.viahope.org/programs/family-partner-training-and-certification</a></p> <p><b>Family Partner Certification Training Application</b>  <a href="https://www.viahope.org/resources/cfp-training-application">https://www.viahope.org/resources/cfp-training-application</a></p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>Most Local Mental Health Authority positions are funded by general revenue or through a Medicaid Youth Empowerment Services (YES) waiver targeting youths with serious emotional disturbance who are at risk for out-of-home placement. Some Family Partners provide skills training services using Nurturing Parent funded through the Mental Health Rehab State Plan Amendment.</p>

<b>UTAH</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<p><b>Utah Department of Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health – Family Resource Facilitators</b>  <a href="http://dsamh.utah.gov/provider-information/family-resource-facilitators">http://dsamh.utah.gov/provider-information/family-resource-facilitators</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Resource Facilitators
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active. The State of Utah certifies Family Resource Facilitators through the Utah Family Coalition.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the Utah Department of Human Services website:</p> <p><i>Family Resource Facilitators (FRFs) play a key role in developing a formalized, family-driven, and child-centered public mental health system in the State of Utah. They are trained family members who develop working partnerships with the Community Mental Health Center staff to represent family voice at service delivery, administration, and policy levels.</i></p> <p><i>FRFs provide referrals to local resources and programs; advocacy for culturally appropriate services; links to information and support groups; and, family wraparound facilitation. These services provide increased family involvement at all levels and improve outcomes for families and communities where they live.</i></p> <p><i>Each Family Resource Facilitator receives standardized training, coaching, and supervision by the members of the Utah Family Coalition (Allies with Families, NAMI Utah, and New Frontiers for Families) who work together to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Train, coach, and support the FRFs;</li> <li>▪ Ensure fidelity to the program and the wraparound model;</li> <li>▪ Promote family engagement; and</li> <li>▪ Promote systems of care values and principles statewide.</li> </ul> <p>For more information, visit <a href="http://dsamh.utah.gov/provider-information/family-resource-facilitators">http://dsamh.utah.gov/provider-information/family-resource-facilitators</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	The State of Utah certifies Family Resource Facilitators through the Utah Family Coalition, which comprises Allies with Families, NAMI-Utah, New Frontiers for Families, and Utah Family Voices.
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p><b><i>Utah Family Coalition Family Resource Facilitator Policy &amp; Training Manual</i></b>  <a href="https://dsamh.utah.gov/education/certification/family-resource-facilitators">https://dsamh.utah.gov/education/certification/family-resource-facilitators</a></p>
<b>Training</b>	<p>Each Family Resource Facilitator receives standardized training, coaching, and supervision by members of the Utah Family Coalition—comprising Allies with Families, NAMI Utah, New Frontiers for Families—who collaborate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Train, coach, and support FRFs</li> <li>▪ Ensure fidelity to the program and the wraparound model</li> <li>▪ Promote family engagement</li> <li>▪ Promote systems of care values and principles statewide</li> </ul>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	FRF services are recognized as a state plan service and are covered under a 1915(b) mental health managed care waiver rather than being reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis.

<b>VERMONT</b>	
<b>Website</b>	No website
<b>Certification</b>	No state certification
<b>Certification Status</b>	Not applicable
<b>Program Description</b>	Not applicable
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<p>The Vermont Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health encourages trained individuals to apply for national certification.</p> <p><b>National Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health</b>  <a href="https://www.ffcmh.org/certification">https://www.ffcmh.org/certification</a></p>
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p>For information about National Certification for Family Peer Specialists (CFPS), visit <a href="https://www.ffcmh.org/certification">https://www.ffcmh.org/certification</a>.</p>
<b>Training</b>	<p><b>Vermont Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health</b>  <a href="https://www.vffcmh.org/leadership-opportunities/certification">https://www.vffcmh.org/leadership-opportunities/certification</a></p>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Information unavailable

<b>VIRGINIA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	<p><b>Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Office of Recovery Services</b>  <a href="http://dbhds.virginia.gov/office-of-recovery-services">http://dbhds.virginia.gov/office-of-recovery-services</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	<p>Family Support Partners / Certified Peer Recovery Specialist</p>
<b>Certification Status</b>	<p>Certification is active. The Virginia Certification Board, a member board of the International Certification &amp; Reciprocity Consortium, certifies peer recovery specialists (CPRS), including family support partners. CPRS must register with the Virginia Department of Health Professions Board of Counseling to have their services Medicaid billable.</p> <p>According to the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) website:</p> <p><i>As July 1, 2017, the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) has expanded the Medicaid benefit to allow for credentialing and reimbursement of Peer Support and Family Support Partner Services.</i></p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="http://dbhds.virginia.gov/office-of-recovery-services">http://dbhds.virginia.gov/office-of-recovery-services</a>.</p>
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the Virginia Certification Board’s <i>CPRS Application</i>:</p> <p><i>The Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) is designed for individuals with personal, lived experience in their own recovery or experience as a family member or loved one. Peer support services are an important component in a recovery oriented systems of care. By offering insight into the recovery process based on their own experience, peers are able to provide a unique perspective to those with similar life issues.</i></p> <p><i>The role of the CPRS reflects a collaborative and strengths-based approach, with the primary goal being to assist individuals and family members in achieving sustained recovery from the effects of addiction and/or mental health issues. CPRSs are not clinicians; they serve in a supportive role within the community and/or treatment setting. They do not replace other professional services; they complement the existing array of support services. The peer is not a sponsor, case manager or a therapist but rather a role model, mentor, advocate, and motivator. Services provided by the CPRS are a permanent critical component of the continuum of care services that will substantially improve an individual’s ability to sustain recovery and wellness.</i></p> <p><i>The primary function of the CPRS is to provide individuals and family members in recovery with a support system to develop and learn healthy skills and gain access to needed community resources. CPRSs serve people in the recovery process by supporting them in accessing community-based resources, implementing self-directed recovery/wellness plans, and navigating state and local systems (including addiction and mental health treatment systems).</i></p> <p><i>They encourage individuals to develop a strong foundation in recovery (e.g., establishing support systems, self-care, independence/self-sufficiency, healthy coping skills) that support long-term wellness and recovery.</i></p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<p><b>Virginia Certification Board</b>  <a href="https://www.vacertboard.org/certifications">https://www.vacertboard.org/certifications</a></p>

<p><b>Manual/Applications</b></p>	<p><b>Virginia Certification Board CPRS Application (PDF)</b>  <a href="https://www.vacertboard.org/sites/default/files/applications/VCB_CPRS_Application_20.pdf">https://www.vacertboard.org/sites/default/files/applications/VCB_CPRS_Application_20.pdf</a>  <b>Scope of Practice for Certified Peer Recovery Specialists (PDF)</b>  <a href="http://dbhds.virginia.gov/library/recovery/practice%20guidelines.pdf">http://dbhds.virginia.gov/library/recovery/practice%20guidelines.pdf</a>  <b>Core Competencies for Certified Peer Recovery Specialists (PDF)</b>  <a href="http://dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/doc/recovery/core-competencies-revised-7-13-18.pdf">http://dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/doc/recovery/core-competencies-revised-7-13-18.pdf</a>  <b>Code of Ethical Conduct for CPRS (PDF)</b>  <a href="http://dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/doc/recovery/code-of-ethical-conduct-for-cprs-7-27-18.pdf">http://dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/doc/recovery/code-of-ethical-conduct-for-cprs-7-27-18.pdf</a>  <b>Virginia PRS Certification and Registration Pathways (PDF)</b>  <a href="http://dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/doc/recovery/certification-and-registration-pathways-final.pdf">http://dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/doc/recovery/certification-and-registration-pathways-final.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p>Virginia’s DBHDS-approved PRS trainers and trainings is online at:  <a href="https://trilliumcenterinc.org/prstrainers.php">https://trilliumcenterinc.org/prstrainers.php</a></p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>As July 1, 2017, DMAS expanded the Medicaid benefit to allow for credentialing and reimbursement of Peer Support and Family Support Partner Services. For more information, download the <i>Roadmap for Services and Reimbursement</i> at  <a href="http://dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/doc/recovery/mh-peer-support-services.pdf">http://dbhds.virginia.gov/assets/doc/recovery/mh-peer-support-services.pdf</a>.</p>



WASHINGTON	
<b>Website</b>	<p><b>Washington State Health Care Authority</b>  <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/peer-support">https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/peer-support</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Certified Peer Counselor
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, under the Health Care Authority (HCA), offers state certification for Certified Peer Counselors and specialized training for family and youth counselors.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the Washington State Health Care Authority website:</p> <p><i>Certified peer counselors (CPCs) work with their peers (adults and youth) and the parents of children receiving mental health services. They draw upon their experiences to help peers find hope and make progress toward recovery. Because of their own life experience, they are uniquely equipped to provide support, encouragement, and resources to those with mental health challenges.</i></p> <p><i>Peer counselors work in various settings, such as community clinics, hospitals, and crisis teams. Peer counselors, under the supervision of a mental health professional and as part of a healthcare team, may:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assist an individual or family in identifying services and activities that promote recovery and lead to increased meaning and purpose.</li> <li>▪ Assist individuals and families in developing their own goals.</li> <li>▪ Share their own recovery stories that are relevant and helpful in overcoming the obstacles faced by individuals and families.</li> <li>▪ Promote personal responsibility for recovery.</li> <li>▪ Assist in a wide range of services to regain control and success in their own lives, such as developing supportive relationships, self-advocacy, stable housing, education, and employment.</li> <li>▪ Serve as an advocate.</li> <li>▪ Model skills in recovery and self-management.</li> <li>▪ Complete documentation about their services for Medicaid and employer requirements.</li> </ul> <p>For more information, visit the state’s peer support web page at <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-part-ners/behavioral-health-recovery/peer-support#how-does-it-work">https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-part-ners/behavioral-health-recovery/peer-support#how-does-it-work</a>.</p> <p>For information specific to family and youth peers, visit the Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISe) Workforce Collaborative website at <a href="https://wisewc.com">https://wisewc.com</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	HCA’s Peer Support Program trains and qualifies individuals with mental and substance use disorders as CPCs. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/peer-support">https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/peer-support</a> .

<p><b>Manuals/Applications</b></p>	<p><i>Youth Peer Toolkit: Guidance Documents and Resources</i> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/youth-family-peer-toolkit.pdf">https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/youth-family-peer-toolkit.pdf</a></p> <p><i>Washington State Youth and Family Certified Peer Counselor Training Manual: The Journey</i> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/certified-peer-counselor-training-manual-youth-family.pdf">https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/certified-peer-counselor-training-manual-youth-family.pdf</a></p> <p><i>Statewide Youth Leadership Network Fact Sheet</i> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/statewide-youth-network-fact%20sheet-2019.pdf">https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/statewide-youth-network-fact%20sheet-2019.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p>HCA’s Peer Support Program trains and qualifies behavioral health consumers as CPCs). <i>Behavioral health</i> refers to consumers with mental and substance use disorders. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/peer-support">https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/peer-support</a>.</p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>A 1915 Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver covers the state-implemented Wraparound with Intensive Services for Medicaid-eligible children.</p> <p>Only a mental health agency licensed in Washington can provide recovery peer support services that are Medicaid reimbursed. To bill Medicaid, contracted agencies must have certified peer counselors who have met the state requirements, taken the approved class, passed the state test, and obtained their agency-affiliated counselor credential.</p>

<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>	
<b>Website</b>	No website
<b>Certification</b>	No certification
<b>Certification Status</b>	Not applicable
<b>Program Description</b>	Not applicable
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Not applicable
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	Not applicable
<b>Training</b>	Not applicable
<b>Reimbursement</b>	Information unavailable

WISCONSIN	
<b>Websites</b>	<p><b>Wisconsin Department of Health Services – Peer Specialists</b>  <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/peer-specialist/index.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/peer-specialist/index.htm</a></p> <p><b>Wisconsin Peer Specialists – Parent Peer Specialist</b>  <a href="http://www.wicps.org/parent-peer-specialists.html">http://www.wicps.org/parent-peer-specialists.html</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Certified Parent Peer Specialist
<b>Certification Status</b>	Certification is active.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>This description comes from the Wisconsin Peer Specialists website:</p> <p><i>The Role of the Certified Parent Peer Specialist is varied and can take on several forms of support and assistance to families experiencing Social/ Emotional/Behavioral and/or Substance Use concerns of youth. Although roles may vary in service agencies, it is generally recognized that Certified Parent Peer Specialists provide the following services: uses own family’s resiliency experience as a tool, presents resiliency information, provides information about social/emotional/behavioral and/or substance use disorder resources, assists in identifying and supporting families in crisis, facilitates family-directed services, goal setting and communicates effectively with treatment providers.</i></p> <p><i>The primary purpose of certification is to ensure that people employed in Wisconsin as Certified Parent Peer Specialists meet high standards of performance. In addition, certification—</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Creates uniformity of core competencies of practitioners</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Ensures professional development, continued education, and supervision</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Advances uniform standards, scope of practice and best practice</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Promotes ethical practice within the profession</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Instills confidence with the families served</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Allows employers to tap into expanded funding sources</i></li> </ul> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://www.wicps.org/parent-peer-specialist">https://www.wicps.org/parent-peer-specialist</a>.</p> <p>You can download the scope of practice for Wisconsin Certified Parent Peer Specialists at <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01081c.pdf">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01081c.pdf</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	<p>The Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Care and Treatment Services, Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery, holds the certification for Parent Peer Specialists.</p> <p>The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education acts as the credentialing agency for peer support. To learn more, visit <a href="https://uwm.edu/sce/program_area/human-services/wisconsin-mental-health-peer-specialist-certification">https://uwm.edu/sce/program_area/human-services/wisconsin-mental-health-peer-specialist-certification</a>.</p>

<p><b>Manuals/Applications</b></p>	<p><i>Wisconsin Certified Parent Peer Specialist Certification Application Instructions</i>  <a href="https://uwm.edu/sce/wi-parent-peer-specialist-certification-application-instructions">https://uwm.edu/sce/wi-parent-peer-specialist-certification-application-instructions</a></p> <p><i>Wisconsin Certified Parent Peer Specialist Scope of Practice</i> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01081c.pdf">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01081c.pdf</a></p> <p><i>Wisconsin Certified Parent Peer Specialist Code of Ethics</i> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01081.pdf">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01081.pdf</a></p> <p><i>Wisconsin Certified Parent Peer Specialists Core Competencies</i> (PDF)  <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01081a.pdf">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01081a.pdf</a></p> <p><i>Wisconsin Certified Parent Peer Specialist FAQ</i>  <a href="https://www.wicps.org/parent-peer-specialist">https://www.wicps.org/parent-peer-specialist</a></p>
<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p>Certified Parent Peer Specialist training is regulated and overseen by <b>Access to Independence</b> (<a href="https://www.accesstoind.org">https://www.accesstoind.org</a>), the contract holder for the Wisconsin Peer Specialist Employment Initiative.</p> <p>Trainings are held regularly across the state and Access to Independence accepts applications on a regional basis. Trainings take place in two formats: in person and online. In-person trainings take place across 6 days; online trainings take place across 16 days. Each training is a total of 48 hours.</p> <p>Topics covered during training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Core peer support principles and values</li> <li>▪ Effective advocacy</li> <li>▪ Navigating the youth mental health and substance use service system, the educational system, and the juvenile justice system</li> <li>▪ Culturally and trauma-informed peer support</li> <li>▪ Effective self-disclosure</li> </ul> <p>An online application for CPPS training is at <a href="https://www.wicps.org/trainings">https://www.wicps.org/trainings</a>.</p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>Certified Parent Peer Specialist services in Wisconsin are a reimbursable service under Medicaid. They can be billed through participation in Comprehensive Community Services, Wraparound Services, or the Children’s Long-Term Support Waiver.</p>

WYOMING	
<b>Website</b>	<p><b>Magellan in Wyoming – Certification/Recertification Requirements</b>  <a href="https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/become-a-provider/how-to-join-our-network/certification-requirements">https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/become-a-provider/how-to-join-our-network/certification-requirements</a></p>
<b>Certification</b>	Family Support Partner / Family Care Coordinator through High Fidelity Wraparound
<b>Certification Status</b>	There is no state certification, but Magellan coordinates Family Support Partners through High Fidelity Wraparound in partnership with the Wyoming Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing, which includes Medicaid.
<b>Program Description</b>	<p>High Fidelity Wraparound is a service in the Children’s Mental Health Waiver. This description comes from Magellan Healthcare in Wyoming:</p> <p><b>Family Support Partner (FSP)</b></p> <p><i>A person who has experienced wraparound. This person is a formal member of the team. His or her role is to serve as a partner, peer mentor, coach, educator, advocate, and resource for family members.</i></p> <p>For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/youth-families/why-wraparound/about-providers">https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/youth-families/why-wraparound/about-providers</a>.</p> <p>You can download the Magellan Healthcare 2019–2020 Handbook for Care Management Entity at <a href="https://www.magellanprovider.com/media/11835/wysupp.pdf">https://www.magellanprovider.com/media/11835/wysupp.pdf</a>.</p>
<b>Credentialing Agency</b>	Magellan in Wyoming coordinates Family Support Partners through High Fidelity Wraparound. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/become-a-provider/how-to-join-our-network/certification-requirements">https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/become-a-provider/how-to-join-our-network/certification-requirements</a> .
<b>Manuals/Applications</b>	<p><b>Doing the Work Manual (2017)</b>  <a href="https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/media/3346/doing-the-work-manu- al-2018.pdf">https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/media/3346/doing-the-work-manu- al-2018.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Certification and Recertification Requirements</b>  <a href="https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/become-a-provider/how-to-join-our-network/certification-requirements">https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/become-a-provider/how-to-join-our-network/certification-requirements</a></p>

<p><b>Training</b></p>	<p>All training for these roles regarding Medicaid reimbursement is from Magellan in Wyoming. This information comes from the Magellan Healthcare website:</p> <p><i>Through our partnership with the Wyoming Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing (Medicaid), our local Magellan Healthcare, Inc. team—the state’s Care Management Entity—coordinates care and builds teams of support through the High Fidelity Wraparound model to manage day-to-day challenges of children, youth, and their families where they live.</i></p> <p>For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.magellanofwyoming.com">https://www.magellanofwyoming.com</a>.</p> <p><i>Our local Magellan Healthcare, Inc. team serves as the Care Management Entity for youth with complex behavioral health conditions. A Care Management Entity manages the High Fidelity Wraparound program. Which means that they set the rules and provide training for all the people involved in the High Fidelity Wraparound process.</i></p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/youth-families/why-wraparound/what-is-high-fidelity-wraparound">https://www.magellanofwyoming.com/ youth-families/why-wraparound/what-is-high-fidelity-wraparound</a>.</p>
<p><b>Reimbursement</b></p>	<p>High Fidelity Wraparound is covered in the Children’s Mental Health Waiver.</p>