

Who is a certified parent peer support specialist?

A legal caregiver(parent, guardian or relative with permanent custody) of a child living with behavioral health challenges.

A certified parent peer support specialist has:

- ✓ Lived experience navigating systems of care in Ohio for at least one year.
- ✓ Met the educational criteria for certification.
- ✓ Passed the certification test.
- ✓ Is listed on the Ohio PPS data base.

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Ohio Parent Peer Support Certification
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Ohio-certified Parent Peer Support Specialist





Ohio Parent Peer Support Certification

The primary purpose of certification is to ensure that people employed in Ohio as Certified Parent Peer Support Specialists, meet high standards of performance it also:

Creates uniformity of core competencies of practitioners.

Ensures professional development, continued education and supervision.

Advances uniform standards, scope of practice and best practice.

**Promotes ethical practice within the profession
Instills confidence with the families served.**

"My family was involved in a variety of services with our Family and Children First council, and wrap around community. Once I began to work with a parent peer supporter, I felt that I had a person in my corner who understood and worked just for me and my family. It made a huge difference. I learned how to be a voice for my family, she helped me educate myself so I had a knowledgeable voice at the systems of care table. She was compassionate and understanding because she had gone through exactly what I was going through."

Pamela (parent)

Parent Peer Support Specialists offer help and hope:

- **Emotional connection** from people who have "been there"
- **Informational and educational support** on systems and strategies
- Navigational Support
- **Support for** positive approaches and methods for addressing their family's day-to-day needs, i\
- Support to address parental need for self-care
- **Concrete support**, such as help finding child care, transportation, housing, etc.

Parent Peer Supporters Specialists in Ohio are also known as:

- parent support professionals
- navigators
- mentors
- family partners
- parent partners

Certified Parent Peer Support Specialists Process

Individuals must meet the educational hours and experience criteria, get a BCI, take the examination, pass it and then be certified to be called a **Certified Parent Peer Support Specialist**. Once this process is complete the person will be added to the Ohio Certified Parent Peer Support Specialist database to begin assisting parents and caregivers in need.

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