



Certified Family Peer Supporters work under the supervision of a mental health agency, licensed clinician or social worker, or other entities identified under the Ohio Administrative Code 5122-29-15.

CFPS services may be Medicaid billable

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*"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"*



**Family Peer Support**

Ohio Certified Family Peer Supporter Training Program



Do you have lived experience?

Do you like to help others?

Would you like to get paid for helping others?

**FPS MAY BE A GOOD FIT FOR YOU**



[namiohio.org/family-peer-support](http://namiohio.org/family-peer-support)

## Requirements of State Certification

To obtain peer supporter certification, individuals will submit a complete and compliant application including the following documentation:

- (a) Proof of a minimum of forty hours of department approved competency-based peer services TRAINING (FPS Training)
- (b) Hold a high school diploma, a general educational development certification, or similar secondary education from outside of the United States;
- (c) Documentation of passing the department peer supporter exam, or an exam administered or designated by the department;
- (d) Certified peer supporters will attest to having read and understood the code of ethics at initial certification
- (e) The results of a bureau of criminal investigation and federal bureau of investigation criminal records check conducted within one year of submission.



## What is Family Peer Support

Family Peer Support offers **hope, guidance, advocacy, and camaraderie** for parents and caregivers or children and youth receiving services from mental health, substance use, and related service systems.

They bring expertise based on their own experience, as well as specialized training to support other parents and caregivers.

Working within a peer support framework that recognizes the power of mutuality and experiential understanding, FPS's deliver education, information, and peer support in the community.



## NAMI Ohio Certificate Trained Family Peer Support Specialist

NAMI Ohio Family Peer Support Specialist Training ensures that those employed as Family Peer Support Specialists meet the **high standards of performance demanded by the state of Ohio.**

This training promotes uniformity of **core competencies** of Family Peer Supporters as practitioners by:

1. Ensuring professional development, continued education and supervision.
2. Advancing uniform standards, scope of practice and best practice.
3. Promoting ethical practice within the profession.
4. Encouraging cultural sensitivity and cultural competency within Family and professional partnerships.
5. Providing tools to instill confidence with the families served.