



## What Does National Certification Do?

- Builds credibility for parent-to-parent support services
- Promotes ethical practice
- Defines a uniform standard and title
- Establishes competency measures
- Promotes Parent Support as a profession
- Creates a portable credential

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### How do I apply for National Certification?

For additional information about National Certification, please visit [www.certification.ffcmh.org](http://www.certification.ffcmh.org) or call 240-406-1472



For more information about the availability of Parent Support provider resources in your community, please visit [www.certification.ffcmh.org/list](http://www.certification.ffcmh.org/list)



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## Parent Support Providers and National Certification

PROMOTE A FAMILY-DRIVEN AND YOUTH-GUIDED APPROACH TO SERVICE DELIVERY

# Parent-to-Parent Support leads to improved outcomes for children, youth, and their families

PROMOTE A FAMILY-DRIVEN AND YOUTH-GUIDED, PERSON CENTERED APPROACH TO SERVICE DELIVERY

## What is a Parent Support

A Parent Support Provider (CPSP) is a person who has experience parenting a child with emotional, behavioral, developmental, substance use, or mental health challenges AND who has specialized training to assist other parents to understand children's emotional health development and continuing wellness.

A Parent Support Provider is dedicated to teaching and mentoring family members to be effective advocates for their own child/youth and family, to be equal partners with service providers to reach the goals set by families, and strive to eliminate stigma and discrimination.

## Eligibility Criteria for National Certification Includes:

- Experience parenting a child with emotional, behavioral, developmental, substance use, or mental health challenges
- 8 contact hours of training in each of the 11 competency domains
- 1000 hours of experience performing parent support tasks
- Agreement to abide by the Code of Ethics and on-going supervision
- A passing score on the national exam

**Recertification is required every two years.**

## Is This a Career?

Parent Support Providers are currently employed in health, education, social services, private providers, and all levels of government.

Parent Support Providers are change agents by:

- Increasing the voice of all family members (children, youth, youth transitioning to adults, and adults)
- Building partnerships between professionals and family members
- Promoting family-driven, youth-guided, and person-centered services

Medicaid and some insurance plans pay for this service.

Parent Support Providers is the umbrella term for a variety of titles such as: Parent Partner, Family Support Partner, Peer Navigator, Parent Connectors Family Navigator, Parent Advocate, Family Advocate, and Peer Counselor. National certification unifies these titles.

SETTING THE STANDARD FOR GUIDING FAMILIES TO HELP THEMSELVES

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