

# Become Family Peer Advocate

Have you advocated for your child/young person to receive services?

Has your family been impacted by isolation and stigma?

Do you believe sharing your story can help **empower, educate, and support** other families?

## Become a Family Peer Advocate!



Family Peer Advocates have 'lived-experience' as the parent (biological, foster, adoptive) or primary caregiver of a child/young person with significant social, emotional, developmental, medical, substance use and/or behavioral challenges and have navigated many of the child or family service systems.

FPA's provide family peer support services in a variety of settings, foster effective parent-professional partnerships, and promote the practice of family-driven and youth-guided approaches.



### The FPA-C

- ✓ Recognizes the expertise and role of Family Peer Advocates
- ✓ Builds a shared understanding of the role and impact of Family Peer Advocates
- ✓ Fulfills the credentialing requirement for Family Peer Support and Training Service providers seeking Medicaid reimbursement
- ✓ Opens doors for ongoing professional development
- ✓ Assures families and employers that an advocate has met established standards and has agreed to follow the Family Peer Advocate Code of Ethics
- ✓ Promotes the creation of a Family Peer Advocate community of practice to support you in your work
- ✓ Expands reimbursement possibilities to improve the availability and sustainability of family-to-family support

**A Workforce That Makes a Difference...Over 700 strong!**

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