

A large field of sunflowers stretches across the foreground and middle ground. In the background, a single tree stands on the horizon under a dramatic sunset sky with orange, yellow, and blue tones. A dark, semi-transparent triangular shape is positioned in the upper right corner, partially overlapping the sky and the sunflowers.

Becoming a Parent Peer Support Specialist

What is Parent Peer Support?

- Individually tailored service that connects a parent seeking help for a child with a severe emotional disturbance (SED), substance use disorder (SUD), or co-occurring mental health diagnosis with a trained and experienced parent peer.
- A licensed clinical practitioner will determine that parent peer support is necessary to be included in the patient's treatment plan.
- Provided in the community

Who Are Parent Peer Support Specialists (PPSS)

PPSSs are individuals who meet both of the following requirements:

- Have *lived experience* raising a child with a severe emotional disturbance (SED), substance use disorder (SUD), or co-occurring mental health diagnosis
- Complete the KDADS-approved training and certification process

Certification Process

1. Complete Online Level 1 Training: <https://kansascpstraining.getlearnworlds.com/pages/parent-peer-support-training> You will be given a KCPPSS Level 1 Certificate after this training
2. Complete IEP 504-B training-link will be sent to you from Families Together about a week after L1 completion
3. Submit KCPPSS IN TRAINING application
4. Receive KCPPSS IN TRAINING certificate and approval letter via email
 - i. Individuals can bill up to 20 hours per week as a KCPPSS IN TRAINING while working for an agency that provides peer support services
5. Obtain employment for an agency or center providing peer support services and work for 90 days, under supervision, as a KCPPSS IN TRAINING
6. Upon completion of the 90-day supervision, register for a Parent Peer Support Level 2 training
 - i. Individuals must attend all days of the training, meet training expectations, and pass the exam with an 80% to pass the Level 2 training
7. Upon passing the Level 2 training, submit final KCPPSS application.
 - i. Once approved, KDADS will send the final certificate and approval letter via email
 - ii. Individuals can bill up to 30 hours per week as a KCPPSS while working for an agency that provides peer support services

Online Trainings

- Take Level One training on LearnWorlds platform, self-paced, free. Pass final exam with 80% or higher (<https://kansascpstraining.getlearnworlds.com/pages/parent-peer-support-training>)
- Take Families Together online IEP/504 Training. This link will be sent to you from Families Together around a week after completion of L1 training.

Apply to be PPSST (upon completion of L1 and IEP training)

- Fill out and submit application packet (soon to be found on KDADS website)
- Can bill up to 20 hr/week with supervision once you are approved and certificate is received.
- PPSST can last up to one year, but you must work 90 days under supervision during this time

Register for Level 2 Training

- Submit L2 registration packet on KDADS website-supervisor must recommend to be accepted for training
- Free--travel and staff time are responsibility of employing agency or individual participant.

Attend Live Level 2 Training

- 2 day in-person training held throughout the year
- Pass final exam with score of 80% or higher

Apply for Full Certification

- Application packet found on KDADS website-will receive certificate and email when approved
- Once approved as a Certified PPSS, you may bill up to 30 hours/week

Training for Supervisors

- Supervisor Training: All Disciplines (Part 1 of 2)
- Supervisor Training: Parent Peer Support (Part 2 of 2)

Both are found on the LearnWorlds platform and are free to take.

Found at:

<https://kansascpstraining.getlearnworlds.com/pages/supervisor>.



Additional Information

Resources

- National Federation of Families
 - <https://www.ffcmh.org/>
 - Conference is November 3-5, 2022 in Oklahoma City, OK –Great conference for Family Support, Peer Support and case managers.
- Family Run Executive Director Leadership Association (FREDLA)
 - <https://www.fredla.org/resources/>
 - National Certifying organization

Resources

- Families Together, Inc.
 - <https://famiestogetherinc.org/>
 - Federally funded Parent Training and Information Center for the state of Kansas through the Office of Special Education Programs
 - Federally funded Family to Family Health Information Center for the state of Kansas through the Department of Health and Human Services-Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Questions?



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