

# Six Steps to a Family Peer Advocate Professional Credential

## Step 1

### Complete Level One Online PEP Training

- You will need to complete the Level One self-paced, online training modules in order to apply for a FPA Provisional Credential.

## Step 2

### Apply for the FPA *Provisional* Credential

- Once you have completed the Level One online training modules, you can apply for the Provisional Credential. After approved, all requirements for the Professional Credential must be completed within 18 months.

## Step 3

### Complete Level Two Online PEP Training

- To begin pursuing the Professional Credential, complete the Level Two self-paced, online training modules.

## Step 4

### Complete Level Two *Virtual* PEP Training

- Once you have completed the Level Two online training modules AND you are currently employed providing FPS services, you will need to complete the Level Two virtual training. This includes a 4-day training session.

## Step 5

### Complete Consultation Calls

- Once you have completed the Level Two virtual training, you will be enrolled in 12 weekly consultation calls through your trainer. Consultation calls are required to receive your certificate of completion.

## Step 6

### Apply for the FPA *Professional* Credential

- Once you have completed steps 1-5 AND have a minimum of 1,000 hours of relevant work experience, you can apply for the Professional Credential.
- After approved, the Professional Credential is valid for two years.

Access all links and documentation for the Family Peer Advocate Credential at [www.ftnys.org](http://www.ftnys.org) under Workforce Development.

Questions? Please email us at [FPACredential@FTNYS.org](mailto:FPACredential@FTNYS.org) or call 1 (518) 432-0333 ext. 18.

# Parent Empowerment Program (PEP)

## Family Peer Advocate Training

### Level 1 Training

Required for Provisional FPA		
	<b>Level 1 Required On-Line Training Modules</b>	
	1.1	Family Peer Support Services and the Family Peer Advocate Role
	1.2	Family-Driven Care
	1.3	The Power of Lived Experience
	1.4	Embracing Each Family's Culture
	1.5	Effective Communication Skills for Family Peer Advocates
	1.6	Engagement Strategies for Family Peer Advocates
	1.7	Learning About Families: Exploring Strengths, Needs, and Culture
	1.8	Creating a Plan to Support Families
	1.9	Empowerment Strategies for Family Peer Advocates
	1.10	Developing Effective Partnerships
	1.11	Recognizing and Responding to Crisis and Safety Concerns
	1.12	Professionalism
	1.13	Education
	1.14	Mental Health

### Level 2 Training

Required for Professional FPA	<b>A. Required On-Line Training Modules</b>	
	2.1	The Importance of Self-Care
	2.2	Documenting Your Work
	2.3	Measuring the Impact of Your Work with Families
	2.4	Building Community Connections Through Groups
	2.5	Empowering Parents in their Parenting Role
	2.6	Trauma Informed Care
	<b>B. In-Person/Virtual Training</b>	
		Engagement, Communication and Empowerment Strategies
		Putting it All Together: Assessment, Goal Development, Progress Evaluation, Plan Revision, Structuring for Self-Sufficiency
	<b>C. Coaching Calls</b>	
		12 hour-long calls to reinforce application of skills and competency in practice

### Continuing Education Modules

	C1	Supporting Parents of Transition Age Youth
	C2	Building Community Connections and Natural Supports
	C3	Early Intervention
	C4	Juvenile Justice
	C5	Child Welfare
	C6	Substance Use
	C7	Kinship Care

### Supervisor Resources

	S-1	Orientation Training for Family Peer Advocate Supervisors
	S-2	Family Peer Advocate Hiring Toolkit