

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 under Workforce Development.

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

PEP (Parent Empowerment Program) Credential Training

Level 1 Required for FPA Provisional Credential	Level 1 online self-paced modules	
	Module 1	Family Peer Support Services and the Family Peer Advocate Role
	Module 2	Family-Driven Care
	Module 3	The Power of Lived Experience
	Module 4	Embracing Each Family's Culture
	Module 5	Effective Communication Skills for Family Peer Advocates
	Module 6	Engagement Strategies for Family Peer Advocates
	Module 7	Learning About Families: Exploring Strengths, Needs and Culture
	Module 8	Creating a Plan to Support Families
	Module 9	Empowerment Strategies for Family Peer Advocates
	Module 10	Developing Effective Partnerships
	Module 11	Recognizing and Responding to Crisis and Safety Concerns
	Module 12	Professionalism
	Module 13	Education
	Module 14	Mental Health
Level 2 Required for FPA Professional Credential	Level 2 online self-paced modules	
	Module 1	The Importance of Self-Care
	Module 2	Documenting Your Work
	Module 3	Measuring the Impact of Your Work with Families
	Module 4	Building Community Connections Through Groups
	Module 5	Empowering Parents in their Parenting Role
	Module 6	Trauma Informed Care
	Level 2 Virtual In-Person Training	
	Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Family Peer Advocate Role Principles in Action
	Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Expectations Communication and Engagement Skills
	Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective Partnering Skills Documentation
	Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents as Agents of Change (PAC) Coaching Call Information & What's Next
	Level 2 Coaching Calls	
	coaching calls reinforce application of skills and competencies in the work of an FPA	
	Eligible for Renewal of FPA Professional Credential	Continuing Education
Early Intervention		
Services for Youth with Substance Use Concerns		
Child Welfare		
Juvenile Justice		
Building Community Connections and Natural Supports		
Supporting Parents of Transition Age Youth		
Kinship Care		
Race and Racism		
Work Wellness and Resilience		
Supporting Caregivers of LGBTQ+ Youth for FPAs		
Additional CE Modules are in development. We welcome your ideas! Reach our Family Workforce Development Team at FPACredential@ftnys.org		