

*National Federation of Families
for Children's Mental Health*

CONSENSUS MEETING

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A Family Member, for the purposes of peer-to-peer is defined by the following core characteristics

These core characteristics were developed by the PPAW Workgroup

1. Is currently raising or has raised a child or youth with emotional, behavioral or mental health challenges
2. (and) has current knowledge of the system
3. (and) has experience and consciousness of the struggle, recognizes the standpoint of the parent.

Some other Titles for "Peer-to-Peer Family Members"

1. Family Peer Liaison
2. Family Peer Specialist
3. Family Peer Support Specialist
4. Family Partner
5. Family Liaison
6. Family Support Partner
7. Family Advocate
8. Family Information Specialist
9. Family Liaison Officer
10. Family Partnership Specialist
11. Family Supporter
12. Family Support Provider
13. Family Support Provider Specialist
14. Lead Parent Partner
15. Parent Partner
16. Parent Advocate
17. Parent Coach
18. Parent Advisor
19. Peer-to-Peer Support Specialist

The Parent Partner Assessment Workgroup (PPAW) is a coalition of families of children and youth with mental health needs and evaluators providing peer-to-peer support. This workgroup intends to share resources among themselves, and eventually to find and share common elements of family peer-to-peer program models and their assessments with the larger children's mental health community. This workgroup began in 2007 as four communities, but three additional communities have been added since. The communities are from all over the country and the workgroup is comprised of diverse members. The National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health initiated this workgroup and supports its ongoing work through subcontracts with Macro International, Inc. and the American Institutes for Research.

PPAW Statement:

We know that there are others doing the work that we are doing. We want to connect with them, learn from them, and build an evidence base.

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