

STATE OF KANSAS CERTIFIED PARENT PEER SUPPORT CODE OF ETHICS

Approved by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Certified Parent Peer Support (CPPS) will maintain high standards of professional conduct and ethics as embodied in the statements below:

1. Certified Parent Peer Support will be guided by the principles of self-determination for all. The primary responsibility of peer support is to help individuals achieve their family's needs, wants and goals.
2. Certified Parent Peer Support will maintain high standards of personal conduct. They will also conduct themselves in a manner that fosters their own personal and family healing and recovery.
3. Certified Parent Peer Support will share their own lived experience supporting a child with a SED, SUD or co-occurring mental health diagnosis. The PPS will likewise be able to identify and describe the supports that promote healing and wellbeing for children and families.
4. Certified Parent Peer Support will respect the privacy and confidentiality of those they serve.
5. Certified Parent Peer Support will respect the rights and dignity of those they serve.
6. Certified Parent Peer Support will keep current with emerging knowledge relevant to supporting a child with behavioral and mental health concerns and share this knowledge with their colleagues and those they serve.
7. Certified Parent Peer Support will never intimidate, threaten, harass, use undue influence, physical force or verbal abuse, or make unwarranted promises of benefits to the individuals they serve.
8. Certified Parent Peer Support will never engage in exploitive and/or sexual/ intimate activities with the persons they serve.
9. Certified Parent Peer Support will not practice, condone, facilitate or collaborate in any form of discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, race, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, marital status, political belief, mental or physical disability, or any other preference or personal characteristic, condition or state.
10. Certified Parent Peer Support will advocate for those they serve that they may make their own decisions in all matters, including when dealing with other professionals.
11. Certified Parent Peer Support will support parents/caregivers by working to provide the tools and techniques needed for a parent/caregiver to become self-confident in their parenting skills, the tools needed to provide their child the support needed and the ability to make informed decisions regarding the care and treatment of their child. CPPS will be directed by the knowledge that all individuals have the right to live in the least restrictive and least intrusive environment appropriate to their needs.
12. Certified Parent Peer Support will not enter into commitments that conflict with the interests of those they serve.
13. Certified Parent Peer Support will not exchange gifts of significant monetary value with those they serve.

I have read, understand, and commit to the preceding Ethical Standards.

Signature _____ Date _____