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**NAMI Ohio Virtual Family Peer Support Training**

August 26-28, 2024, **and** September 4-5, 2024

9am-5pm daily

**(Registration closes on August 14, 2024)**

This is a free 40-hour training, approved by OHMAS, to pursue Family Peer Support Certification.

**Who Can Be A Family Peer Support Specialist?**

An individual with a lived experience as the parent or primary caregiver of a child or children for whom they have navigated multiple child serving systems (mental health, juvenile Justice, child protective services, education), on behalf of their child/children with social, emotional, developmental, health, substance use or behavioral health needs.

**How Is Family Defined?**

The term parent refers to the primary caregiver for a child with mental, emotional or behavioral health need. This Includes:

* Biological Parents
* Adoptive Parents
* Foster Parents
* Kinship Caregivers

**What Do Family Peer Support Specialists Offer?**

Family Peer Support Specialist services may include:

* Providing empathetic listening and emotional support
* Assisting families in navigating systems
* Supplying information about child‐serving systems, children’s behavioral health and development, and community resources
* Rendering advocacy support
* Encouraging self‐care activities
* Facilitating familial engagement with service providers
* Modeling collaboration between families and professionals
* Engaging in safety and care planning; exploring and eliminating barriers to care plan follow‐through
* Offering skill‐building for parents that enhances resiliency, communication, advocacy and other areas affecting the ability to maintain a child with complex needs in the home, school and community
* Sharing personal stories
* Providing HOPE

Please Register at: [Family Peer Support Specialist | NAMI Ohio](https://namiohio.org/family-peer-support/)

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