



ABOUT US

MISSION

The National Federation of Families, a national family-run organization, serves as the national voice for families of children who experience emotional, behavioral, and mental health and/or substance use challenges - across the lifespan. We:

- Advocate at the national level for the inclusion of family voice in all aspects of services and supports across clinical, educational and community settings
- Promote effective partnerships among families, professionals, and policymakers at the local, state, and national level
- Advance the value of lived experience and the family peer workforce to support families
- Collaborate with family-run and mission-aligned organizations to transform family-serving systems and health care in America

VISION

Family-serving systems that recognize the importance of family voice and embrace the full inclusion of all families who reflect the diverse cultural, linguistic, and geographic diversity of our country.

VALUES

The National Federation of Families believes that families:

- Possess unique expertise regarding the challenges that their children experience
- Often need support throughout the lifespan of their children
- Should not experience bias or discrimination as a result of their child(ren)'s mental health and/or substance use challenge(s)
- Reflect diverse backgrounds and cultures and must be treated with dignity and respect

WHAT WE PROVIDE

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION of FAMILY PEER SPECIALISTS, CFPS™

ADVOCACY for families and children at the national level

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE for family run organizations nationwide

COLLABORATION to transform mental health care in America

FAMILY DRIVEN APPROACH giving families a voice in services

POLICY DEVELOPMENT that emphasizes families' strengths

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES based on your role in the community

WHY BECOME A MEMBER

In today's challenging times, it's important to stay informed and connected. The National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health offers membership into a national network of people and programs that will help you serve families and that advocate for the importance of FAMILY PEER SPECIALISTS.

MEMBER BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Resources for family run and partner organizations and for Family Peer Specialists
- Policy, legislation, funding and advocacy alerts that effect the work you do
- Consultation, technical assistance and support for your organization
- Assistance with your state and local advocacy and legislative efforts
- Networking and collaboration with family run and partner organizations across the country
- The latest resources, networking opportunities and important alerts for family run organizations

**Contact us to learn more about membership options
or how to start a state or local chapter today!**

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