



Wisconsin
Peer Specialists

Make a Difference



Community Information and Listening Session

Who? Any person or group interested in Peer to Peer support of families that experience Social, Emotional, Behavioral and/or Substance Use concerns of a child. Youth, Families, Community members, Service Partners, Educators, and any others.

4/20/16 Green Bay, Options for Independence 6-8pm

4/25/16 Waukesha, Regional State Office Building, 6-8pm

4/27/16 La Crosse, Independent Living Resources 6-8pm

5/4/16 Milwaukee, Independence First 6-8pm

5/9/16 Dodgeville, Iowa County Health and Human Services 6-8

5/12/16 Wausau, Rasmussen College 5:30-7:30pm

5/18/16 Madison, ACCESS to Independence 6-8pm

5/23/16 Madison, Waisman Center, 6-8pm

5/25/16 Appleton, Iris Place 6-8pm

5/26/16 State Wide call in 2-4pm

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WISCONSIN CERTIFIED PARENT PEER SPECIALISTS

The Role of the Certified Peer Specialist is varied and can take on several forms of support and assistance to families experiencing behavioral/emotional and/or substance use concerns of youth. Although roles may vary in service agencies, it is generally recognized that Parent Peer Specialists provide the following services: uses own family's resiliency experience as a tool, presents resiliency information, provides information about behavioral/emotional and/or substance use disorder resources, assists in identifying and supporting families in crisis, facilitates family-directed services, goal setting and communicates effectively with treatment providers.

The primary purpose of certification is to ensure that people employed in Wisconsin as Parent Peer Specialists, meet high standards of performance as well as:

- ⇒ Creates uniformity of core competencies of practitioners
- ⇒ Ensures professional development, continued education and supervision
- ⇒ Advances uniform standards, scope of practice and best practice
- ⇒ Promotes ethical practice within the profession
- ⇒ Instills confidence with the families served
- ⇒ Allows employers to tap into expanded funding sources

Peer support research has shown 6 main areas of improvement when families were connected to peer-to-peer parent support. Including improvements in:

- Access to more services
- Initial Engagement
- Ongoing Participation
- Increased Empowerment
- Increased Self-Efficacy
- Perceived Social Support

This is a multi-organizational collaboration of stake holders from across Wisconsin and new developments will be posted at www.wicps.org as the program develops.

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