

Certified Family Partnership Professional

Who developed the credential?

The credential is the work of the Family Driven Care Commission. In recognition of the need to assure quality care for children and families, the Illinois Certification Board, the Department of Human Services (DHS)/Division of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Children and Family Services, DHS/Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (DASA), Children's Mental Health Partnership, State Board of Education, NAMI, and Illinois Federation of Families, collaboratively developed the CFPP Model.

Who can be credentialed?

This credential is designed for individuals whose primary professional identification is peer-to-peer support to families whose children's emotional/behavioral challenges require accessing resources, services and supports through multiple child-serving agencies.

What are the benefits of certification?

For Families-

- Assured level of competency for peer-provided services
- Provision of Family Driven Care
- Promotion of ethical practice

For agencies-

- Defined role and function to guide recruitment and hiring process
- Legally defensible evaluation of competency
- Revising Medicaid Rule 132 to include CFPP to bill at MHP level

For the CFPP-

- Recognition of life experiences
- Ongoing professional development through CEUs

When will the credential be available?

Exam information on the Illinois Certification Board website at www.iaodapca.org

Is there a curriculum for the credential?

No, the credential is competency-based. The exam will measure minimum levels of competency in the domains of Advocacy, Professional Responsibility, Mentoring, Family Support, and Child and Adolescent Development. Candidates must also have worked one year under supervision.