



Wisconsin Family Ties

Parent Peer Specialist Code of Ethics

This code of ethics will guide parent peer specialists in their roles, relationships, and professional responsibilities.

The primary responsibilities of parent peer specialists are to promote the wellbeing of the families with whom they work, to promote family-driven practices that focus on strengths as part of the solution, and to ensure families and youth participate as partners in all aspects of their care.

1. Parent peer specialists will ensure that their conduct will not constitute physical or psychological abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the families that they serve.
2. Parent peer specialists will abide by the standards of supervision established by their employers, so long as the supervision is consistent with the certified parent peer specialist core competencies and the code of ethics.
3. Parent peer specialists will, at all times, respect the rights, culture, and dignity of the families they serve.
4. Parent peer specialists will respect the privacy and confidentiality of the families they serve. Notwithstanding, when circumstances – such as an imminent risk to safety – require the disclosure of confidential information, only information that is essential will be revealed. To the extent possible, families will be informed before confidential information is disclosed.
5. Parent peer specialists will respect the dignity of their own families and remain mindful of the impact that the sharing of their lived experience may have on their family members.
6. Parent peer specialists will not engage in sexual or intimate activities with any family members they are serving.
7. Parent peer specialists will not give or accept gifts of money or items of significant value to / from the families they serve.
8. In serving families, parent peer specialists will not use undue influence, create undue dependence, or make unwarranted promises of benefits.
9. Parent peer specialists will not enter into dual relationships or commitments that may conflict with the interests of the families they serve.

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10. Parent peer specialists will be guided by the knowledge that all individuals have the right to live in the least restrictive and least intrusive environment possible.
11. Parent peer specialists will work to prevent stigma and the blaming of families and youth for the challenges they face.
12. Parent peer specialists will act with integrity in all professional relationships.
13. Parent peer specialists will seek to resolve philosophical differences with professionals and/or the families they serve in a respectful, fair, and honest manner.
14. Parent peer specialists will take adequate measures to discourage, prevent, expose, and correct the unethical conduct of colleagues.
15. Parent peer specialists will act in a manner to create and maintain safety for themselves and the families they serve.
16. Services provided by parent peer specialists will be consistent with the Wisconsin Parent Peer Specialist Core Competencies in effect at the time the service is provided.
17. Self-disclosure by the parent peer specialist shall be solely for the benefit of the family they are serving.

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