

Know someone who would be an awesome **Family Support Specialist?**

Now is a great time to start the certification process...

...the Certified Family Support Specialist program provides State certification for caregivers who render direct support services to families of children and youth with mental, emotional, behavioral, or co-occurring disorders. Family Support Specialists use their unique experiences as caregivers to inspire hope and to provide support to others facing similar challenges. Specialists help caregivers navigate the varying child-serving systems. They teach caregivers to become advocates for their children by participating in committees and councils which determine policy and affect change. They make a huge difference in the lives of children and of caregivers.

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# Scholarships are Available

To cover the cost of the Competency Course required for certification

**A \$500 value!**

To request a scholarship application and to learn more, contact:

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**Deadline to apply: September 30, 2016**