

Scholarship Opportunities Available For Three Day

Family Support Specialist Competency Course (FSSCC)

This curriculum is recognized by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services as a best practice Family Support Specialist Training Program in accordance with certification procedures. FSSCP is based on the peer-to-peer support model in recognition that Certified Family Support Specialists (CFSSs) are able to use their unique experiences to inspire hope and provide support to others who are facing similar challenges.

The purpose of this training program is to ensure that eligible primary care providers will be able to utilize the skills and information they have learned in their personal lives to engage in work practices on the level of other professionals. The role of the CFSS is different from other professional positions because they are likely to be the only professionals whom have often times been in the same situation as the families they serve. It requires a delicate balance of peer support and professional conduct. While the CFSS's primary responsibility is to the child, he/she must safeguard the interests of the entire family... approaching each person of the family as a valued member of the care team for a child.

Classes will be offered in the 3 Grand Regions of Tennessee (East, Middle & West) as a collaborative effort on the part of Tennessee Voices for Children and NAMI Tennessee.

Scholarship funding is provided through the TN Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. To receive an application or receive additional information please contact Brenda Donaldson Brenda.Donaldson@tn.gov or (615) 770-1788

