



# Parent Support Providers Core Principle and Definition

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- The Parent Support Provider is a peer of the parent that is being supported. Their relationship is based on the sharing of their own parenting or “lived experience”.
- For purposes of certification in the field of parent support in children’s mental health, “parent” in “parent support” means:

A person who is parenting or has parented a child experiencing emotional, behavioral or mental health disorders and can articulate the understanding of their experience with another parent or family member. This person may be a birth parent, adoptive parent, family member standing in for an absent parent or a person chosen by the family or youth to have the role of parent.