

The NYSPEP Parenting Educator Credential

Applicant Orientation

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What is the NYSPEP Parenting Educator Credential?

- A professional recognition framework
- A system for providing evidence of one's abilities and expertise
- An objective symbol of confidence in a professional's abilities for employers, colleagues and the public to see



What the NYSPEP Parenting Educator Credential is NOT:

- A training
- A license
- A test



Who should have it?

- Anyone who touches the lives of those who touch the lives of children
- Facilitators of parent groups and parenting classes, parent coaches, family life workers, home visitors, parent advocates, support group facilitators
- Parenting educators come from many different fields, not just parenting education, family life education, parent coaching and family life coaching; many parenting educators are in the fields of social work, family science, psychology, marriage and family therapy, the medical profession and teaching (particularly in early childhood education where teachers often interact with parents).



Why should I get the NYSPEP Credential?

- To assess your competency for yourself
- To show your competency easily and clearly to others
- Self-reflection
- Parenting education is not usually a single field of study; it's embedded in many different fields. The credential provides a framework for the competencies that are needed specifically for this work.



Credentialing Levels

- Tier I

Credentialed Parenting Resource Associate (NYSPEP-CPRA)

Basic knowledge of content areas is expected. For those who would typically be referring parents to programs & resources - NOT teaching

- Tier II

Credentialed Parenting Educator (NYSPEP-CPE)

Deeper knowledge of content areas and practice. A combination of Formal Training and Experience is expected. For those who provide direct education to parents and caregivers about their caregiving role.

- Tier III

Senior Credentialed Parenting Educator (NYSPEP-CSPE)

In-depth knowledge of content areas, practice, and program oversight. Higher level of formal training and experience expected. For those in program development, leadership and/or supervisory roles.



NYSPEP Parenting Educator Credential Application Requirements

Credential title	Typical role in parenting education	Requirements			Additional information	Fee
		Education	Training	Experience		
Credentialed Parenting Resource Associate CPRA	Direct contact with parents in support of parenting education programs; examples include receptionists, child care providers for parenting classes, maintenance staff in Family Resource Centers, etc.	Minimum of High School diploma or equivalent	36 hours workshop attendance	20 hours volunteer or paid experience with supervisor's recommendation	A surplus of qualification in one category may balance out a deficiency in another, at the discretion of the review panel.	\$150
Credentialed Parenting Educator CPE	Delivering parenting education curricula to groups or individuals	Minimum of 2-year related degree	60 hours workshop attendance	3 years paid or volunteer experience	A surplus of qualification in one category may balance out a deficiency in another, at the discretion of the review panel.	\$300
Credentialed Senior Parenting Educator CSPE	Delivering parenting education curricula plus some or all of: work with indicated population, supervision, program planning and evaluation	Minimum of 4-year related degree	120 hours workshop attendance	7 years professional experience	Must have earned CPE	\$300
Credentialed Senior Parenting Educator CSPE <i>Accelerated application</i>	Delivering parenting education curricula plus some or all of: work with indicated population, supervision, program planning and evaluation	Minimum of 4-year related degree in	120 hours workshop attendance	7 years professional experience	Application combines CPE and CSPE in one process	\$600

Core Competencies:

- The Purpose of Parenting Education
- Human Growth and Development
- Social and Emotional Development
- Health and Safety
- Strengths-based Communication
- Parent Development and Family Systems
- Nurturing Discipline
- Community Systems and Resources
- Technology and Media
- Adult Learning and Learning Styles
- Working with Diversity
- Facilitation Skills
- Professional Identity and Boundaries
- Professional Ethics



Tier III - Credentialed Senior Parenting Educator (CSPE) Competencies

Tier III applicants must:

- have already earned Tier II NYSPEP-CPE

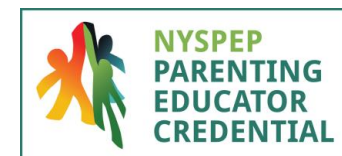
OR

- must complete all required competencies for Tier II NYSPEP-CPE when applying for Tier III NYSPEP-CSPE

PLUS:

Complete five (5) additional competencies in essay format:

1. Program Implementation
2. Staff Supervision
3. Working with Selected Populations
4. Program Evaluation
5. Group Development / Process



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What is The Aspire Registry?

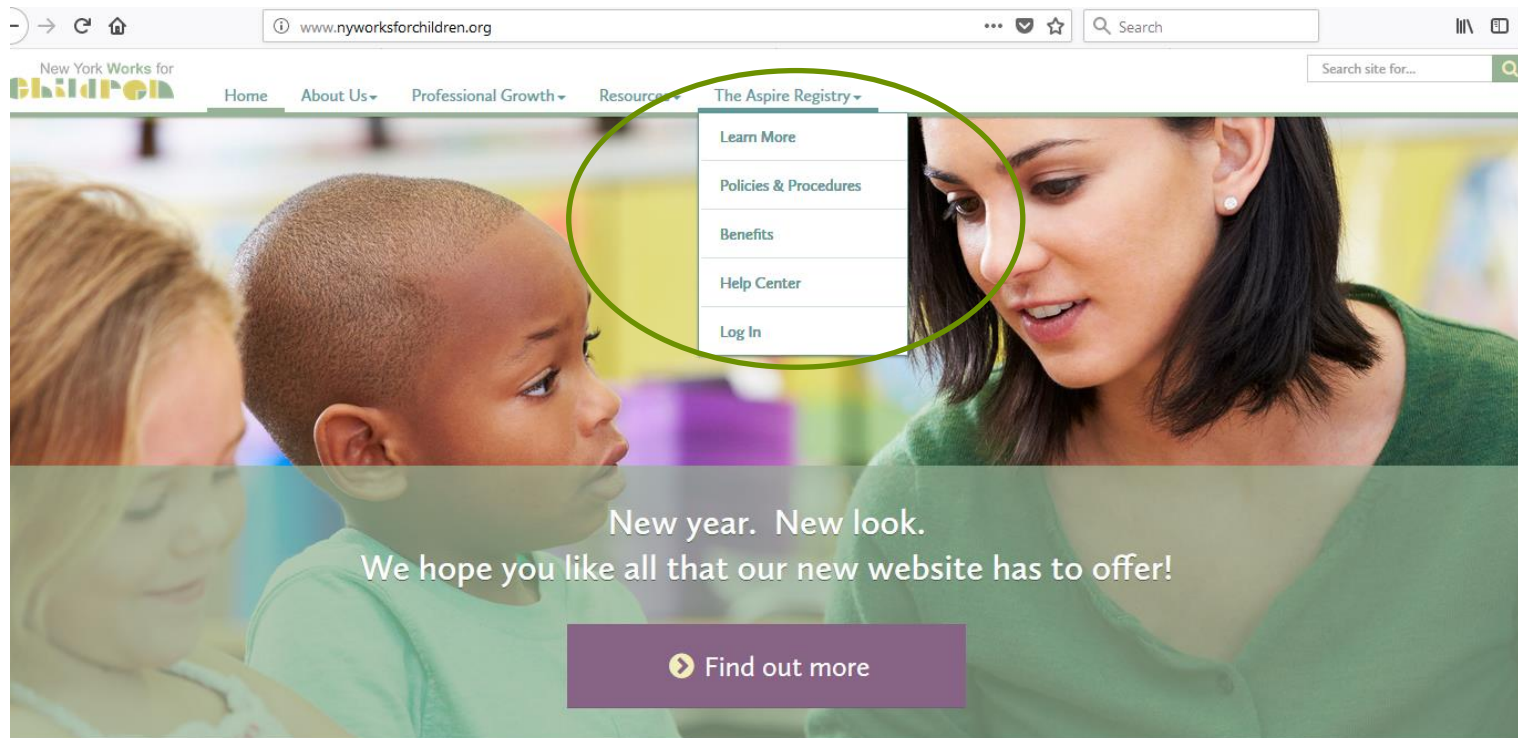
New York Works for Children (NYWFC) is the state's integrated professional development system for the early childhood and school age workforce. NYWFC is home to the Aspire Registry and keeps track of important information about your career, including training and professional development. You can also register as a Credentialed Parent Educator and people seeking the service through Aspire will be able to locate you.

How does ASPIRE help you professionally?

Keeping track of professional development events, your employment history, and other milestones in your career is an important professional responsibility. With Aspire, you can list information about why you studied in school, the positions you've held, and any special credentials or certificates that you've earned. Not to mention, you need an Aspire Profile to take advantage of the Statewide Training Calendar or become an Aspire approved trainer. This will also put you on a registry for possible future clients/employment opportunities.



www.nyworksforchildren.org



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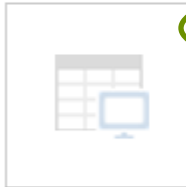
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Elements of the Application:

- 1) Competency Statements with Supporting Documentation
- 2) The Following Statements in Essay Format:
 - *Professional Ethics Competency Statement*
 - *Personal Work Statement*
 - *Professional Philosophy of Parenting Education*
- 3) Letter(s) of Recommendation



How to begin your application

Contact:

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