

**Parent Partner Coordinator**

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## Parents Helping Parents

The Parent Partner Program is designed for parents to help parents who have had their children removed from their homes because of safety concerns. Parent Partners are birth parents who have been through the 'system' and have been successfully reunified with their own children. They provide support and offer motivation for parents as they work through case plans. **The goal is to help parents get their children returned to them.**

## How Parent Partners Help

Parent Partners work together with families to help them become self-sufficient by:

- Mentoring and supporting families who have had their children removed and are seeking to be reunified.
- Encouraging parents to participate and complete case plan requirements.
- Working alongside community partners to assist parents in accessing resources.
- Offering outreach and support to empower a parent to become independent and to self advocate.

## How To Become A Parent Partner

Individuals can qualify to be a Parent Partner by:

- Having had previous involvement with the child welfare system and being successfully reunified with their children for at least a year.
- Being clean and sober for at least a year.
- Having a stable family situation with no current Department of Human Services (DHS) issues.
- Having the flexibility to attend meetings.
- Being willing to share their experiences with other parents and community partners as a learning tool.
- Being willing to participate in all mandated training as well as individual and group supervision.

## Join Our Team!

If you are a previous client of the Child Welfare System and looking to give back to your community, you can help us. Choosing to be a Parent Partner is a very rewarding way for you to help others in your community. We are looking for individuals who are interested in becoming a Parent Partner to mentor parents involved in the DHS system. We are also seeking parent leaders to serve on the parent advisory team.

**Call us today!**

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