Parent Partner Programs

A Directory of Programs that Partner with Parents to Strengthen Families, Sustain Healthy Communities, and Build Improved Systems

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Parent Partner Organizations Focused on Systems Involvement

Parent partner programs are designed to support parents and families who have active child welfare, behavioral health, or juvenile justice system involvement. The primary goal is to provide parents with consistent, non-judgmental, and kindred support as they build protective factors by engaging with individuals who formerly had system involvement. These individuals may be referred to as Parent Partners, Parent Mentors, Parent Allies, Peer Partners, Family Partners, and other titles that convey the important role that individuals with lived experience play in the lives of families navigating various social systems. The following is an overview of agencies that focus on partnering with parents. Program descriptions are extrapolated from the respective program websites. We will include additional Parent Partner Programs to this evolving list.

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ALABAMA	Children's Aid Society of Alabama, Family Partners -- In partnership with the Alabama Department of Human Resources *https://childrensaid.org/what-we-do/programs/family-partners/*	**Program Description:** The Children's Aid Society of Alabama, Family Partners program provides intensive case management designed to establish safe homes where families stay together. Family support workers and therapists work together to provide comprehensive services designed to: • Decrease and manage family stressors, including financial problems, unemployment, and transportation needs • Increase parenting skills and knowledge	**Target Audience:** Families with children who are at risk of being removed from the home or those seeking reunification when their children have been temporarily removed **Location:** Serves: Northwest Counties--Fayette, Lamar, Winston, Walker, Marion, Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison Southwest Counties--Baldwin, Conecuh, Choctaw, Clark, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe, Washington Central Counties--Jefferson, Shelby
ALASKA	AK Child & Family C.A.R.E.S. (Coordination, Advocacy, Resources, Education, Support) *https://www.akchild.org/what-we-do/community-programs/cares.html* *https://www.akchild.org/what-we-do/community-programs/ community-programs-team.html*	**Program Description:** The AK Child & Family C.A.R.E.S. program is designed to divert entry into the child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems. Parent Partners: • Ensure that the voice of the family leads care planning • Provide coaching, mentoring, and the promotion of parent involvement activities • Make referrals and linkages to community resources • Assist to advance the family's home management skills	**Target Audience:** Families and youth with complex needs experiencing stress, isolation, or referral after an investigation of reported child abuse or neglect **Location:** Serves Anchorage, Alaska
ARIZONA	Family Involvement Center – Parents for Parents Program (P4P) *https://www.familyinvolvementcenter.org/help-me/parents-for-parents*	**Program Description:** The Family Involvement Center's Parents for Parents program engages parents who have navigated the child welfare system to help parents currently involved to: • Manage their case more effectively • Address barriers that may impede timely reunification • Offer support at court hearings and case meetings • Provide education and resources	**Target Audience:** Parents involved with the child welfare and juvenile justice systems **Location:** Serves Maricopa County, Arizona

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ARIZONA *(continued)*	**Dad Together, The Center for Child Well-Being – Arizona State University** *https://childwellbeing.asu.edu/sites/g/files/litvpz1171/files/2023-04/azdcs-555323_fatherhood_brochure_v2_hr.pdf* *https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2024/04/22/dad-together-program-gives-support-mentorship/*	**Program Description:** The Dad Together program helps fathers better connect with their children by providing a safe space for fathers to share their knowledge and experiences. Parent Allies/Father Support Specialists: • Help dads navigate services and resources as they go through dependency • Provide one-on-one sessions and support groups • Help dads improve their skills as a father, parent, partner, and person	**Target Audience:** Current fathers, guardians, co-parents, or expecting fathers **Location:** Serves Phoenix and Arizona statewide
ARKANSAS	**Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) in Partnership with ZERO TO THREE's Safe Babies Court TeamTM (SBCT)** *https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/news/arkansas-department-of-human-services-receives-program-development-grant-from-zero-to-three-to-expand-infant-toddler-court-teams/*	**Program Description:** The goal of the Safe Babies Court Team is to improve how courts and child welfare agencies work together to support the long-term well-being of children and families. Parent Partners: • Provide encouragement, mentoring, and advocacy to system-involved parents • Help parents connect with resources to achieve reunification and permanency for their children • Attend family team meetings and provide culturally competent assistance	**Target Audience:** Families of infants and toddlers (birth to age 3) under court jurisdiction who are in foster care or at risk of removal **Location:** Serves Pulaski, Benton, Jefferson, and Sebastian Counties, Arkansas
CALIFORNIA	**A Better Way, Inc. – the Parent Advocacy Program** *https://www.abetterwayinc.net/parent-advocacy*	**Program Description:** The goals of A Better Way's Parent Advocacy Programs are to increase reunification rates and reduce out-of-home placements. Parent Advocates provide: • Support in attending Child Family Team meetings • Help advocating within the education, medical, and other systems • A bridge for families to the resources, services, programs, and systems with which they interact	**Target Audience:** Families currently involved in the child welfare system **Location:** Serves Solano County, California
	A Better Way, Inc. – the Parent Engagement Program *https://www.abetterwayinc.net/parent-advocacy*	**Program Description:** The goal of A Better Way's Parent Engagement Program is to improve outcomes for parents who are involved with the child welfare system. Parent Advocates provide: • Guidance to parents who are struggling to reunify • Help navigating the child welfare system • Support to address safety concerns • Outreach and consultation to other programs	**Target Audience:** Parents currently involved with the child welfare system **Location:** Serves Alameda County, California
	Child Parent Institute – Parent Mentor Program *https://calparents.org/what-we-do/parent-support-services/parent-mentor-orientation-program.html*	**Program Description:** The goal of the Child Parent Institute's Parent Mentor Program is to increase successful family reunifications and decrease the length of time preceding reunification. Parent Mentors: • Support parents with navigating their case • Provide mother and father support groups	**Target Audience:** Parents who have had their children removed by the child welfare system **Location:** Serves Sonoma County, California

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CALIFORNIA *(continued)*	**Contra Costa Parent Partner Program – Contra Costa County Children and Family Services** *https://capc-coco.org/programs/parent-partners-%20program/*	**Program Description:** The goal of the Contra Costa Parent Partner Program is to help families build supportive relationships and facilitate timely permanency for their children. Parent Partners provide: • Mentorship, guidance, and advocacy • Flexibility in approach to a family's needs • Education and awareness of parent rights • Enhanced ability to draw on family strengths	**Target Audience:** Parent clients seeking reunification with their children **Location:** Serves Contra Costa County, California
	Dependency Advocacy Center (DAC) – Mentor Parent Program *https://www.sccdac.org/* *https://www.sccdac.org/family-defense-programs/#mentor-parents*	**Program Description:** The purpose of the Dependency Advocacy Center is to provide legal services for the reunification and preservation of families involved in the child welfare system. Mentor Parents: • Provide support, guidance, and a message of hope and recovery to parents • Encourage early engagement • Provide guidance to parents about the system **Research available:** "Measuring Client Satisfaction and Engagement: The Role of a Mentor Parent Program in Family Drug Treatment Court," San José State University at *scholarworks.sjsu.edu/social_ work_pub/34*	**Target Audience:** Parents represented by DAC attorneys whose children have been or are at risk of being removed from their care **Location:** Serves Santa Clara County, California
	Family Support Network, Wraparound Parent Institute *https://www.fsn-oc.org/programs/wrap-around-parent-institute*	**Program Description:** The goal of the Family Support Network's Wraparound Parent Institute is to help children who are at risk of placement in a group home, to live in family settings. Parent Partners provide families: • Individualized support and connection to community-based services • Emotional support and relevant information	**Target Audience:** Families participating in wraparound services through the Orange County Social Services Agency whose children have special needs or are at risk of placement in a group home **Location:** Serves Orange County, California
	Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Parents in Partnership Program *https://dcfs.lacounty.gov/parents/parent-resources/%20dcfs-parent-services/parents-in-partnership/*	**Program Description:** The goal of the Parents in Partnership program is to offer families support, information, mentorship, and hope. Parent Partners: • Help parents understand their rights and responsibilities when working with DCFS • Work to increase parental awareness about child abuse and neglect and strategies that lead to better outcomes for children and families	**Target Audience:** Parents who have lost custody of their children or whose children are in the foster care system **Location:** Serves greater Los Angeles, California

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CALIFORNIA *(continued)*	**Paternal Opportunities Programs and Services (POPS)** *https://mentalhealth.networkofcare.org/sandiego/services/agency?pid=PaternalOpportunitiesProgramsandServicesFathersAdvocacyandInclusionServices_61_2_0&nav=2*	**Program Description:** The goal of POPS is to develop empowered, engaged, and active parents by providing: • Education to help fathers navigate the child welfare and other systems • Advocacy for paternal, parental, and tribal justice in all branches of the courts • Peer support and mentorship • Information, referrals, and in-home visits • Leadership development experiences	**Target Audience:** Fathers, particularly those whose children are involved in the child welfare system **Location:** Serves San Diego, California
	Raising Shasta, Community Parent Partner Program *https://raisingshasta.org/about-us/*	**Program Description:** Raising Shasta—formerly called Pathways to Hope for Children—serves as an umbrella resource for a wide range of projects including the Community Parent Partner Program. Parent Partners: • Work with low-risk abuse case families • Connect families with community-based family-strengthening organizations • Advocate for the improvement of services for the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect	**Target Audiences:** Families with children 0-18 years old referred from Shasta County Children and Family Services **Location:** Serves Shasta County, California
	Stanford Sierra Youth & Families, Parent Partner Services *https://www.ssyaf.org/parent-partner-services* *https://www.ssyaf.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/ssyafs_parent_partner_services_overview.pdf?1661823535*	**Program Description:** The goals of Stanford Sierra Youth & Families, Parent Partner Services are to: • Engage parents more fully in the implementation of services • Increase parent voice in decision making • Help parents navigate the child welfare system and understand their rights and responsibilities • Provide linkages to assist families in meeting their safety, permanency, and well-being goals	**Target Audience:** Families involved in the child welfare system **Location:** Serves El Dorado County, California
	Peer Partner Program at the Resource Center for Family-Focused Practice @ UC Davis *https://humanservices.ucdavis.edu/resource-center-family-focused-practice* *https://humanservices.ucdavis.edu/peer-partners*	**Program Description:** Parent partners engaged with the Peer Partner Program at the Resource Center: • Help parents understand how systems operate and to navigate the services available to them • Promote collaboration between families and service providers • Help families build on their strengths to create successful outcomes for their children • Ensure that families have a voice in decision-making	**Target Audience:** Parents who are currently involved in child welfare and behavioral health systems **Location:** Serves Davis, California
	Riverside University Health System, Behavioral Health – Parent Support & Training Program *https://www.ruhealth.org/behavioral-health/parent-support-training-program*	**Program Description:** Parent Partners engaged with the Riverside University Health System: • Provide support for parents so they can develop resilience and progress towards recovery • Provide vital information and resources to enable parents to become better advocates for their children • Assist in the planning and provision of treatment for children and families	**Target Audience:** Parents and primary caregivers who are raising a child with mental health or behavioral challenges **Location:** Serves Riverside County and the surrounding Southern California areas

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CALIFORNIA *(continued)*	**Parents Anonymous® California Family Resource Centers** *https://parentsanonymous.org/support/*	**Program Description:** Parents Anonymous® operates eight Family Resource Centers across California to provide community-based support to families, including: • Peer-led groups • Support through calls, live chats, and texts • Guided activities, child development tools, and educational materials to support family well-being • Help in identifying and using community programs	**Target Audience:** Parents, children, and youth **Location:** Serves Central Valley, Imperial County, Los Angeles County, Pomona, and San Bernardino County, California
	San Diego Center for Children - WrapWorks - Parent Partners *https://www.centerforchildren.org/our-services/wraparound/wrapworks/*	**Program Description:** WrapWorks is the Center for Children's wraparound program. Parent Partners are former participants in the "systems" of child welfare, adoptions, special education, or probation who: • Act as a mentor, coach, and advocate for parents and caretakers • Help parents navigate through the various systems	**Target Audience:** Families of children and youth (ages 3-21) in the foster and probation systems **Location:** Serves across San Diego County, California and beyond
	South Coast Community Services *https://sccs4kids.org/services/family-wrap/*	**Program Description:** Parent Partners are members of the South Coast Community Services Family Wrap team which offers wraparound services by working closely with families, educators, and mental health professionals to create a cohesive support system. Parent Partners provide: • Parenting skills and coaching to help parents implement the tools provided in treatment • Support and linkage to community resources	**Target Audience:** Individuals, caregivers, and families with mental health and behavioral health concerns **Location:** Serves communities in Orange County and San Bernardino County, California
	Sycamores *https://www.sycamores.org/* *https://www.sycamores.org/behavioral-health/*	**Program Description:** Sycamores provides a wide range of behavioral health services to increase the chances youth will not need to be removed from their home and placed in an alternative setting. Parent Partners: • Serve on the Wraparound Team • Have been through the system and have raised a youth with a mental health challenge • Provide peer support to caregivers	**Target Audience:** Children, adolescents, adults, and families who experience significant impairment in daily living and may or may not be involved with the Department of Children & Family Services **Location:** Serves Los Angeles County, California and beyond
	TabiMOMS *https://www.tabimoms.org/*	**Program Description:** The TabiMOMS multidisciplinary team—which includes Peer Partners—provides: • Peer- and clinician-led group sessions addressing stress, trauma, and parenting challenges • Individualized support for families navigating IEPs, mental health, and community systems • Workforce training and supervision • Forums and collaborations that elevate parent leadership in shaping equitable policies	**Target Audience:** Black and Brown mothers, caregivers, and families impacted by trauma, stress, and systemic inequities **Location:** Serves Vallejo, California and Solano County, California

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CALIFORNIA *(continued)*	**California Department of Social Services, Parent Partner Programs** *https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/peer-partners/parent-partner-resources*	**Program Description:** Parent partner programs promote engagement and increase reunification. Parent Partners work to ensure: • Parents are equal partners in the development and implementation of their service, case, and treatment plans • The needs of parents are represented to stakeholders and decision makers • Parents have access to an array of prevention and support services • Services are family-centered, accessible, respectful, and stigma free	**Target Audience:** Families and children who are involved in the child welfare system **Location:** Serves California statewide
	Family Resource Centers Network of California - Community Navigator Program *https://frcnca.org/cnp/*	**Program Description:** The Community Navigator Program engages parents who share similar experiences and understand the community, language, and culture of the people they help. Parent Community Navigators: • Provide individual and group-based support • Help families find and understand community resources and services • Provide guidance, support, connections, advocacy, and service navigation	**Target Audience:** Families of children with disabilities or developmental delay **Location:** Serves California statewide
	Safe Care Program, by South Bay Community Services *https://www.findhelp.org/south-bay-community-services-%2528sbcs%2529--chula-vista-ca-safe-care-program/5960237137788928*	**Program Description:** The Safe Care program provides intensive parenting training, improving their home safety and child health issues. Peer Support Specialists: • Offer personalized emotional support, guidance, and mentorship • Assist with setting realistic and achievable goals • Help clients develop coping strategies and personalized wellness plans • Help families find and access community services and resources	**Target Audience:** Children under age 12 and their families who are at risk or have been referred to child welfare services **Location:** Serves San Diego County, California
	YMCA of San Diego County, Peer Partner Program *www.ymcasd.org/css*	**Program Description:** This new Peer Partner Program within the YMCA of San Diego County began implementation in November 2025. The program: • Helps families and youth build personal strengths and resilience, and set goals • Supports social workers with relational bridging and support of the families with completing case requirements, navigating resources, and identifying social supports	**Target Audience:** Families who have open child welfare cases, kinship families, and youth navigating the foster system **Location:** Serves San Diego County, California

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COLORADO	**Tessie Cleveland Community Services Corp. (TCCSC)** *https://www.tccsc.org/* *https://www.tccsc.org/wraparound*	**Program Description:** Tessie Cleveland Community Services Corp. is a mental health program that focuses on providing culturally responsive, strength-based, and family-centered services to promote emotional wellness and stability. Parent Partners: • Assist caregivers with finding a balance between reinforcing accountability and accommodation of the family member's actions • Use parent expertise in specific needs and patterns of the child	**Target Audience:** Youth ages 0-21 who have full-scope Medi-Cal coverage and serious emotional or behavioral problems **Location:** Serves Riverside County, California
	Jefferson County Department of Human Services, Collaborative Management Program – Parent to Parent of Colorado (P2P-CO) *https://www.abilityconnectioncolorado.org/p2p-co/*	**Program Description:** Parent to Parent of Colorado ignites hope and empowers caregivers to feel informed, understood, and connected. One-to-one trained peer supports are matched with individuals to provide: • Emotional and informational supports • Online forums and discussion groups • Virtual disability and parenting presentations • Public policy advocacy opportunities	**Target Audience:** Families of individuals with disabilities or special healthcare needs **Location:** Serves Colorado statewide
	Mission Possible *http://www.missionpossible.cc/about_mission_possible.html* *http://www.missionpossible.cc/family_support_partners.html*	**Program Description:** Mission Possible is a detention alternative program with the goal of helping families to identify and meet their needs. Family Support Partners: • Help families to build and use their own natural supports • Provide support through planning, implementation, and transition of the Wraparound process • Educate parents on community resources	**Target Audience:** Families of youth involved in the juvenile justice system **Location:** Serves El Paso, Teller, Fremont, Custer, Park, and Chafee Counties, Colorado
	Office of Respondent Parents' Council (ORPC) *https://coloradoorpc.org/programs/* *https://coloradoorpc.org/*	**Program Description:** The Office of Respondent Parents' Council supports parents in the fight to preserve families, their dignity, and the constitutional right to parent in dependency and neglect cases. Parent Advocates: • Work as a part of the legal defense team with the goal of keeping families safely together and avoiding unnecessary court intervention • Support parents as they navigate dependency and neglect cases	**Target Audience:** Parent or family member at risk of separation from their child **Location:** Serves Colorado statewide

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CONNECTICUT	Family Forward Advocacy CT (FFACT) *https://www.ffact.org/*	**Program Description:** Family Forward Advocacy CT advocates for parents, develops parent partnerships, and strives to strengthen family integrity practices across child-serving systems. Parents with lived experience and purpose work to: • Develop parent partnerships with providers • Connect parents through gatherings and networking • Empower the voices of parents committed to both parenting through trauma and advocating for change	**Target Audience:** Guardians parenting through trauma and adoption, navigating child-serving systems, and raising kids affected by significant Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) **Location:** Serves Connecticut statewide
	FAVOR, Inc., Family Peer Support Program *https://www.favor-ct.org/programs-services/family-peer-support-program/* *https://www.favor-ct.org/about-us/*	**Program Description:** The goal of Favor is to empower families as partners in improving the educational and health outcomes for their children. Family Peer Support Specialists provide: • Help obtaining basic needs, information, resources, and services • Support so parents are an integral part of their child's educational plan • Opportunities for parents to become effective advocates for their children	**Target Audience:** Families with children who have medical, mental, emotional, and behavioral health challenges **Location:** Serves Connecticut statewide
DELAWARE	Delaware Family Voices (DEFV) Parent Partner Program *https://delawarefamilytofamily.org/introducing-the-delaware-parent-partners-program/* *https://delawarefamilytofamily.org/*	**Program Description:** The Parent Partners Program within Delaware Family Voices is designed to access non-medical resources to help families. Parent Partners assist in: • Collecting information from families on their unmet needs • Helping to identify the availability of relevant resources for families • Developing recommendations to address families' unmet needs	**Target Audience:** Families of children with chronic medical conditions **Location:** Serves Delaware statewide
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	District of Columbia (DC) Department of Behavioral Health - Parent Support Program *https://dbh.dc.gov/service/parent-support-program*	**Program Description:** The goal of the Parent Support Program in the Department of Behavioral Health is to enhance the resilience of families by providing: • Coping tools and consultation services that help family members manage stressors • Community resources, peer supports, and networks to address family needs • An on-demand library which includes virtual parenting and child development resources	**Target Audience:** Parents experiencing high levels of stress and anxiety as they seek to manage the demands of parenting, work, and other responsibilities **Location:** Serves the District of Columbia

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FLORIDA	Citrus Family Care Network (Citrus FCN) *https://www.citrusfcn.com/about-us*	**Program Description:** The mission of Citrus Family Care Network is to oversee, modernize, integrate, and improve Florida's coordinated system of care. The goal is to be able to protect children, strengthen families, and engage community networks to ensure high-quality services and care. Parent Engagement Peers/Peer Advocates: • Provide guidance and support • Answer questions based on their own experiences	**Target Audience:** At-risk children **Location:** Serves Miami Dade and Monroe Counties, Florida
	Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties, Inc. – Parent Partners *https://healthystartfv.org/*	**Program Description:** The Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties is a home visiting program that is designed to improve pregnancy outcomes, promote healthy child development, and strengthen families. This goal is accomplished by: • Engaging community organizations, partner agencies, and peer support partners • Supporting families in reducing the factors and situations that place moms and babies in jeopardy for poor outcomes	**Target Audience:** Pregnant women, infants, and young children and their families who are experiencing challenges that might negatively impact a healthy birth or other personal health outcomes **Location:** Serves Flagler and Volusia Counties, Florida
	Parent Advocates for Transformation and Healing (PATH) *https://pathfl.org/*	**Program Description:** Parent Advocates for Transformation and Healing includes parents, lawyers, and others who work to: • Ensure that families are aware of their legal rights if they are child welfare involved • Be accountable to the people harmed by abusive practices and policies that lead to family separation • Cultivate parent leadership, build community power, and advance justice-centered solutions	**Target Audience:** Families who are exposed to the child welfare system **Location:** Serves Florida statewide
GEORGIA	Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership *https://parentmentors.org/* *https://parentmentors.org/our-work/*	**Program Description:** The Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership is parents and professionals working together to improve outcomes of students with disabilities. Parent Mentors: • Work to build a community in which students with disabilities are included and valued • Provide information and resources to parents related to home, school, and community • Help to integrate family engagement into school and district activities	**Target Audience:** Parents of students with disabilities **Location:** Serves Georgia statewide

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HAWAII	EPIC ‘Ohana Parent Partner Program *https://www.epicohana.org/parentpartners* *https://www.epicohana.org/about*	**Program Description:** EPIC ‘Ohana works in partnership with families to enhance the welfare of children. Parent Partners: • Provide hope, inspiration, and clarity to help foster understanding and transparency • Help parents be empowered to speak on their own behalf and promote respect for their perspectives • Work collaboratively with service providers to ensure that parent perspective is being understood	**Target Audience:** Native Hawaiian children, youth, and families involved with the child welfare system **Location:** Serves Hawaii statewide
	EPIC ‘Ohana Family Wrap Hawai’i Program *https://www.epicohana.org/family-wrap*	**Program Description:** The goals of the Family Wrap Hawai’i Program are to hear each family’s story, learn about their strengths, and identify what they need to get back on their feet. Parent Partners: • Give support to the family throughout the process • Help to keep the focus on moving forward to make the family’s hopes and dreams become a reality	**Target Audience:** Families struggling during their journey to stability, reunification, and/or permanency **Location:** Serves Hawaii statewide
	EPIC ‘Ohana Makua Allies Program *https://www.epicohana.org/makua-allies*	**Program Description:** The goals of the Makua Allies Program are keeping mothers and children together, increasing mothers’ engagement with community supports, and increasing their sense of hope and self-efficacy. Makua Allies have lived experience. They: • Provide the support, compassion, and understanding that mothers need • Help mothers develop a parenting plan that best works for them and their family	**Target Audience:** Pregnant women and women who have delivered in the past 90 days who are suffering with substance use **Location:** Serves Hawaii statewide
IDAHO	Idaho Parent Network for Children’s Mental Health *https://idahoparentnetwork.org/*	**Program Description:** The Idaho Parent Network for Children’s Mental Health is a volunteer organization created by parents whose children have mental health concerns. The Parent Network: • Creates and posts resources to help families navigate the system • Works with the State to ensure parent voice is included in the development and implementation of policies and practices	**Target Audience:** Parents who have children experiencing mental health issues **Location:** Serves Idaho statewide
ILLINOIS	Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Statewide Partnering with Parents Program *https://dcfs.illinois.gov/loving-homes/families/com-communications-pwp.html*	**Program Description:** The Illinois DCFS has established a Partnering with Parents Program designed to help parents move their cases forward more effectively. Parents who attend Partnering with Parents meetings will benefit from connecting with: • Other parents who have similar experiences • Family advocacy centers that provide local resources, answer parents’ questions, and explain who to call to get answers to case-specific questions	**Target Audience:** Parents who are involved with DCFS **Location:** Serves Illinois statewide

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INDIANA	Indiana Family to Family (INF2F) *https://www.inf2f.org/our-vision.html*	**Program Description:** Indiana Family to Family provides information, training, and peer-to-peer support to families of children and youth with diverse health and mental health needs, and to the professionals who serve them. Peer Services Specialists with lived experience receive extensive training to help families: • Learn how to access appropriate resources and navigate community systems • Advocate for improved systems and policies • Build partnerships between professionals and families	**Target Audience:** Families of children who have or are at increased risk for chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions **Location:** Serves Indiana statewide
IOWA	Iowa Department of Human Services, Parent Partner Program *https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/CPS/parent-partners*	**Program Description:** The goal of the Parent Partners Program is to assist families in reunification, prevent family separation, and keep children safe. The program engages and celebrates individuals who have overcome obstacles to use their skills and lived experience to: • Mentor and validate the parent experience to make positive changes • Change perceptions and facilitate learning opportunities • Collaborate with providers	**Target Audience:** Parents who are involved with child protection services **Location:** Serves Iowa statewide
	Children & Families of Iowa (CFI), Parent Partner Program *https://cfiowa.org/services/parent-partner-program/*	**Program Description:** The Parent Partner Program within the Children & Families of Iowa organization engages parents who have overcome obstacles through change, recovery, and accountability, and then use their skills to mentor other system-involved parents. Parent Partners: • Provide advocacy and effective communication • Hold families accountable in meeting their case plan	**Target Audience:** Parents who are currently navigating through the child welfare system as their children are in foster or kinship care **Location:** Serves Iowa statewide
KANSAS	Kansas Legal Services (KLS) *https://www.kansaslegalservices.org/parent-advocate-program*	**Program Description:** The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) contracts with Kansas Legal Services to provide case management and legal services to families. The mission of the KLS Parent Advocate Program is to keep families together and prevent children from going into the foster care system. Parent Advocates work intensively with families and with KLS Parent Advocate Attorneys, if legal assistance is needed for the family. Parent Advocates: • Provide high quality services to promote family well-being • Help parents work through difficulties • Help parents feel stronger and more confident • Make needed services and resources more available	**Target Audience:** Families involved in a report to DCF who are referred to the Parent Advocate Program by DCF **Location:** Serves Sedgwick County, Kansas

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KENTUCKY	Kentucky Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) *https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/oc/Pages/start.aspx*	**Program Description:** The goal of Kentucky START is to ensure child safety and permanency, as well as parental sobriety. Family mentors (peer support employees in long-term recovery) paired with Child Protective Services workers: • Collaborate with local addiction treatment services • Safely maintain child placement in the home when possible • Provide rapid access to intensive addiction or mental health assessment and treatment	**Target Audience:** Families with co-occurring substance use and child maltreatment **Location:** Serves Kentucky statewide
LOUISIANA	The Extra Mile, Family Resource Center *https://theextramilela.org/* *https://theextramilela.org/peer-support/*	**Program Description:** The Extra Mile Family Resource Center offers services to stabilize families at risk of abuse and neglect. Parent Partners: • Mentor, help guide, advocate, and offer hope and realistic advice to families • Foster cooperation between professional helpers and the family • Provide input and guidance to the child welfare and court systems	**Target Audience:** Families of children in foster care or at risk of going into care; biological, foster, and adoptive families **Location:** Serves Louisiana statewide
	The Extra Mile, Peer Support *https://theextramilela.org/* *https://theextramilela.org/peer-support/*	**Program Description:** The Extra Mile is contracted by the Louisiana Office of Behavioral Health to provide statewide training for Peer Support Specialists who: • Provide mentoring, guidance, and support services to others experiencing behavioral health challenges • Work in sync with other clinical treatment providers	**Target Audience:** Individuals in recovery from a behavioral health challenge (mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders) **Location:** Serves Louisiana statewide
MAINE	MCHB Family Support Navigator Program *https://www.mpf.org/programs/mchb-navigator/*	**Program Description:** The mission of the Family Support Navigation Program is to connect families to a network of support and information. Family Support Navigators provide: • Help to understand the resources and services available to a family • Advocacy for a child's specific needs • Assistance in navigating systems of care and increasing positive outcomes for families	**Target Audience:** Parents of children with disabilities or special healthcare needs **Location:** Serves Maine statewide
MARYLAND	Better Together Early Family Advocacy Program *https://opd.state.md.us/bettertogether*	**Program Description:** The Better Together Program works to prevent CPS from removing children from their parents and keep children in the home with their families whenever possible. The team of lawyers, a social worker, and parent advocates: • Provides legal assistance, community services, and peer support • Works with parents to solve problems that could lead to their children being removed	**Target Audience:** Families facing investigation by Child Protective Services before a case is opened in court, and pregnant women likely to face CPS investigation at birth **Location:** Serves Baltimore City, Maryland

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MASSACHUSETTS	**Children's Services of Roxbury - Family Partners Programs** *https://csrox.org/programs-services/behavioral-health/family-partners/*	**Program Description:** Children's Services of Roxbury engages individuals who raised children with social or emotional challenges to mentor similar caregivers. These Family Partners help caregivers: • Learn new strategies to advocate for their child's needs • Navigate systems, services, and supports • Maintain consistency and stability in the home • Develop a support system • Reach goals for their child and family	**Target Audience:** Families receiving behavioral health services **Location:** Serves Boston's multicultural communities, with additional services in Worcester, Western, and Northern Massachusetts
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Family Initiatives Programs *https://www.mass.gov/family-initiatives-programs*	**Program Description:** Family Initiatives Programs are designed and staffed by parents of children who have received early intervention services and/or have special health care needs, disabilities, or chronic illnesses. Staff provide a variety of support to families including: • Education, training, and leadership development • Information and referral services • Parent to parent support • Networking and partnership opportunities	**Target Audience:** Children who have received early intervention services and/or have special health care needs, disabilities, or chronic illnesses **Location:** Serves Massachusetts statewide, regionally
	Parents Supporting Parents, Inc. (PSP) *https://parentsfightingaddiction.org/*	**Program Description:** Parents Supporting Parents (PSP), Inc. educates and advocates for families about substance use disorder while providing resources and peer support for the loved ones affected by the disease. PSP's support groups are facilitated by people in recovery who encourage family members to: • Ask questions and discuss their concerns • Build community with other families in a supportive and non-judgmental environment	**Target Audience:** Families coping with a loved one's addiction **Location:** Serves Massachusetts statewide
MICHIGAN	**Association of Children's Mental Health (ACMH) – Parent Support Partner** *https://www.acmh-mi.org/get-information/acmh-projects/parent-support-partner-project/*	**Program Description:** The purpose of the Parent Support Partner Service is to equip parents with skills necessary to address the challenges of raising a youth with special needs. Parent Support Partners: • Help parents prepare for meetings about their child • Encourage parents to ask questions so they can make informed decisions and build confidence to use their voice and speak for themselves	**Target Audience:** Families of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, or mental health challenges who receive services through a community mental health service provider **Location:** Serves Michigan statewide

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MINNESOTA	Minnesota One-Stop for Communities: Parent Mentor Program *https://www.mn1stop.org/parent-mentor-program*	**Program Description:** The Parent Mentor Program provides support for parents in navigating through the child protection system. Parent Mentors: • Work with parents for the duration of their cases with child welfare and child protection • Walk parents through steps to reunification or the best outcome for their family • Assist parents in learning and applying effective parenting skills to maintain their reunification	**Target Audience:** Parents involved in the child welfare system **Location:** Serves Minnesota statewide
	Minnesota One-Stop for Communities: Parent Recovery Mentor Program *https://www.mn1stop.org/parent-mentor-recovery*	**Program Description:** The Parent Recovery Mentor Program provides the support and experience necessary to improve family reunification and substance use disorder recovery outcomes. Parent Recovery Mentors: • Help people become and stay engaged in the recovery process and reduce the likelihood of relapse • Encourage hope, resilience, and responsibility • Provide supportive services	**Target Audience:** Although all families are served, emphasis is on Black, Brown, and Indigenous families in the child welfare system due to substance use disorder **Location:** Serves Minnesota statewide
	ICWA Law Center Parent Mentor Program *https://www.icwlc.org/indian-child-welfare-act/icwa-law-center-parent-mentors-a-unique-support-for-families/*	**Program Description:** The ICWA Law Center engages Parent Mentors in child protection courtrooms; that is, parents who know what it's like to lose their children and fight to be reunified with them. Parent Mentors: • Integrate traditional practices into their work with clients, including the use of traditional medicines • Recommend culturally appropriate case plan service providers • Share personal understanding of generational and historical trauma	**Target Audience:** Families who are represented by the Law Center who are involved with the child protection system **Location:** Serves Minnesota statewide
MISSISSIPPI	Be Better Now Mentorship and Development (BBNMD) *https://www.facebook.com/BeBetterNow7*	**Program Description:** The mission of BBNMD is to prevent child welfare involvement through education, concrete support, and peer support, and to create spaces for parents/caregivers to shape the systems that impact them the most. Parent partners play essential roles in: • Instilling hope and promoting self-advocacy • Connecting families to services • Shifting agency culture to engage authentically with families	**Target Audience:** Parents in Mississippi **Location:** Serves Mississippi statewide

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MISSISSIPPI *(continued)*	**Mississippi Interdisciplinary Parent Representation Defense Team** *https://www.ospd.ms.gov/sites/ospd/files/Parent%20Defender%20Page/Parent%20Partner%20Handbook.pdf*	**Program Description:** The Interdisciplinary Parent Representation Defense Team consists of an attorney, social worker, and parent partner who represent parents in child protection courts. Parent Partners: • Model and support success in the parents' goals • Provide information on available resources • Attend court and other meetings • Emphasize that reunification is the shared goal • Bridge the gap between social workers and parents	**Target Audience:** Parents involved in the state's child welfare system **Location:** Serves Mississippi statewide
	Mississippi Department of Mental Health, Peer Support Services *https://www.dmh.ms.gov/service-options/peer-support/*	**Program Description:** The Peer Support Services program trains individuals with various lived experiences to create helpful peer relationships throughout the recovery process. Parent/Caregiver Peer Support Specialists: • Are biological/adoptive parents or relative caregivers • Have permanent legal custody of their children • Are raising or have raised a child with an emotional, social, behavioral, and/or substance use disability	**Target Audience:** Individuals with personal lived experience or have raised a child with a behavioral health diagnosis (mental illness and/or substance use disorder) **Location:** Serves Mississippi statewide
	Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services (MDCPS), Foster Parent Mentoring Program *https://www.mdcps.ms.gov/foster-and-adoptive-parents/foster-parent-resources/foster-parent-mentorship-program*	**Program Description:** The Foster Parent Mentoring Program is designed to provide foster parents with a mentor who will have a consistent presence in their life. The Foster Parent Mentor will: • Develop a strong supportive relationship with the foster parent and encourage them in their foster care journey • Offer guidance, friendship, and reinforcement and be a positive example for the mentee	**Target Audience:** Foster parents **Location:** Serves Mississippi statewide
MONTANA	**Butte 4-C's, Parents for Parents (P4P)** *https://www.butte4cs.org/abcd*	**Program Description:** The goal of Parents for Parents is to provide early outreach and education to help shift parental attitudes from anger and resentment to acknowledgment and acceptance which enhances parents' engagement in the court-ordered plans. Parent Allies: • Meet with parents at the courthouse for the initial placement hearing • Educate parents about the child welfare system • Provide on-going guidance and encouragement	**Target Audience:** Local children and families involved in the child welfare system **Location:** Serves Butte-Silver Bow, Montana

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NEBRASKA	Nebraska Family Support Network (NFSN) – Peer to Peer Mentoring *https://cpfamilynetwork.org/resources/resources-guide/nebraska-family-support-network/*	**Program Description:** The NFSN was established to provide support to families of children experiencing mental illness and behavioral disorders, by engaging: • Family partners to provide interactive and supportive peer mentoring services • Family members and other groups to educate policy makers, professional organizations, educators, and the public about the needs of NFSN target families	**Target Audience:** Families of children experiencing a mental, emotional, or behavioral health disorder **Location:** Serves Region 6 in Nebraska
	Parent to Parent Network *https://parent-parent.org/about-us/*	**Program Description:** Parent to Parent Network was created by and for families based in the belief that families/caregivers are the experts on their children's needs and should be the main decision-makers for their children. The Network: • Provides high quality services to strengthen and empower families and promote family well-being • Helps parents work through difficulties • Helps parents feel stronger and more confident • Makes needed services and resources more available	**Target Audience:** Families who are the primary caregivers for children with behavioral, emotional, mental health, social, or physical challenges **Location:** Serves Northeast Nebraska
NEVADA	East Valley Family Services – Peer Parent Advocate Program *https://eastvalleyfamilyservices.org/peer-parent-advocate-program/*	**Program Description:** The Peer Parent Advocate Program helps families navigate the reunification process, ultimately leading to stronger family units and healthier outcomes for children. Peer Parent Advocates: • Assist with case plan management, system navigation, and provide resource referrals • Accompany parents to court hearings and help to articulate their needs and concerns • Provide emotional support during stressful times	**Target Audience:** Parents who have had their children removed by Child Protective Services and who are on a path towards reunification **Location:** Serves Southern Nevada
	Tru Vista Foundation *https://www.truvistafoundation.org/programs*	**Program Description:** Tru Vista helps parents achieve family stability through mentorship and support. Parent Navigators work with pregnant persons who are struggling with substance use. Parent Partners work with parents in recovery who are involved with courts. Both: • Advise parents about court and child welfare systems • Help parents set and achieve recovery goals and successfully and safely reunite with their children	**Target Audience:** Families and children involved in Washoe County specialty courts, Family Treatment Court, Safe Babies Court, and Minor Guardianship Court **Location:** Serves Washoe County, Nevada

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NEVADA *(continued)*	**Nevada PEP, Family Peer Support Services** **PEP Means:** *"Parents Encouraging Parents", "Parents Educating Professionals", & "Professionals Empowering Parents"* ***https://nvpep.org/family-peer-support-services/***	**Program Description:** The mission of the Family Peer Support Services Program in PEP is walking alongside families who have children with behavioral or mental health needs. Family Peer Support Specialists help families: • Find the right information • Connect with resources they need • Get support that's grounded in compassion and real-life experience. • Navigate complex services in the community	**Target Audience:** Families of children or youth with behavioral or mental health needs **Location:** Serves Nevada statewide
NEW HAMPSHIRE	**Granite Pathways – Strength to Succeed (STS)** ***https://granitepathwaysnh.org/strength-to-succeed/***	**Program Description:** Strength to Succeed is a program which uses a whole health focus in supporting a family's recovery. Family Peer Support Specialists provide in-home support encompassing: • Understanding addiction and recovery • Treatment navigation and recovery support • Housing, employment, and health/wellness support • DCYF case navigation and court support • Community support for families who have been reunified with their children	**Target Audience:** Families who are involved with the Division of Children, Youth, and Families with children or parents affected by substance abuse disorder **Location:** Serves New Hampshire statewide
	The Family Resource Center, Reunification and Recovery Program ***https://frc123.org/what-we-do/strength-to-succeed/***	**Program Description:** The Reunification and Recovery Program works with families navigating the road to recovery and, for some, reunification with their families. Parent partners extend a helping hand to others facing the daunting challenges of the system. Peer Recovery Specialists: • Help remove obstacles to recovery • Connect families to referrals for housing, employment, treatment, transportation, etc.	**Target Audience:** Individuals and families struggling with substance misuse and who may be working with DCYF in an effort to unify and restore their family **Location:** Serves Coos and Northern Grafton Counties, New Hampshire
	New Hampshire Division of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) Parent Partner Program ***https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/child-protection-juvenile-justice/parent-partner-program***	**Program Description:** The Parent Partner Program works to ensure that birth parents and other adult caregivers are heard, honored, and included as partners in DCYF's efforts to improve the lives of children and strengthen families. Parent Partners: • Help to deepen and sustain the integration of lived experience in child welfare • Provide peer support to families new to DCYF	**Target Audience:** Families involved with DCYF **Location:** Serves New Hampshire statewide

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NEW JERSEY	Center for Family Services - Peer Recovery Support *https://www.centerffs.org/our-services/addiction-and-recovery/peer-recovery-support*	**Program Description:** The Peer Recovery Support program is a voluntary, peer-to-peer program for individuals struggling with drugs and alcohol. Peer Recovery Support Specialists: • Provide assistance to individuals in all areas of recovery, serving as their biggest advocate • Help individuals embrace a life in recovery	**Target Audience:** Individuals currently involved in the Center for Family Services' Child Protection Substance Abuse Initiative program or who have been referred by the Division of Child Protection & Permanency **Location:** Serves New Jersey statewide
NEW MEXICO	Office of Family Representation and Advocacy *https://www.ofra.nm.gov/*	**Program Description:** The Office of Family Representation and Advocacy provides legal representation and advocacy for families in the child abuse and neglect system. The Office uses an interdisciplinary legal team comprised of a lawyer, social worker, and a peer navigator to advocate and help families: • Access resources, services, and concrete supports • Stay together safely, whenever possible	**Target Audience:** Families in the child abuse and neglect system **Location:** Serves New Mexico statewide
NEW YORK	New York City Administration for Children's Services – Parents Empowering Parents (PEP) *https://www.ftnys.org/peer-credentials-2/parent-empowerment-program-pep/*	**Program Description:** The Parents Empowering Parents program is a groundbreaking initiative in which parent advocates draw on lived experience with the child welfare system to support, inform, and mentor parents with children currently in foster care. Parent advocates: • Work with a case planning team to help parents quickly and safely reunify with their children • Support, inform, and mentor parents	**Target Audience:** Parents with children in foster care **Location:** Serves New York statewide
	New York Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)- Family Policy Advisors *https://www.ftnys.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Family-Policy-Advisor-Flyer-11-16-2023.pdf*	**Program Description:** Family Policy Advisors assist the OCFS in developing policies and procedures that promote the voice of parents throughout the child welfare system. Family Policy Advisors: • Assist with case reviews • Support the development of a Family Peer Support Services program • Support the development of the Family Peer Advocate workforce • Review constituent complaints • Participate in learning collaboratives	**Target Audience:** Parents with personal experience in navigating the child welfare system **Location:** Serves New York statewide

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NEW YORK *(continued)*	**RISE, Parent Advocate Training and Peer Support Circle** *https://www.risemagazine.org/2022/08/parent-advocate-training-faq/*	**Program Description:** The mission of RISE is to support parents' leadership to dismantle the current family policing system (CPS). • Parent advocates are trained to provide parents with information about navigating the system, reunifying more quickly, and then staying out of the system • The Peer Support Circle is a space to connect with other parents with similar experiences and share resources and information	**Target Audience:** Parents impacted by the child welfare system **Location:** Serves New York statewide
	Center for Family Representation (CFR) Family Defense Teams *https://cfrny.org/family-defense-teams/*	**Program Description:** The Center for Family Representation was founded to protect families by providing family defense. CFR assigns every parent an interdisciplinary family defense team comprised of an attorney, a social worker, and a system-impacted parent advocate. Parent advocates: • Use their unique position as peers who overcame similar challenges to mentor clients • Provide emotional support	**Target Audience:** Families whose children are involved in child welfare and juvenile justice systems **Location:** Serves Queens, Manhattan, The Bronx, and Staten Island, New York
	The Bronx Defenders *https://www.bronxdefenders.org/who-we-are/*	**Program Description:** The Bronx Defenders is a public defender office that uses a team approach—consisting of parent advocates, social workers, and attorneys—to address child welfare, criminal, civil, and immigration cases. A parent advocate: • Helps their team to learn about the challenges that their client faces • Helps clients to navigate the criminal justice and child welfare systems	**Target Audience:** Low-income Bronx residents **Location:** Serves The Bronx, New York
	Families Together in New York State, Family Peer Support Services *https://www.ftnys.org/family-peer-support/*	**Program Description:** Family Peer Support Services are an array of supports provided by Family Peer Advocates who: • Forge a structured, strength-based relationship with parents for the benefit of the child • Support parents and enhance their skills to promote their child's ability to live successfully • Establish a unified voice for families of children and youth with cross system needs	**Target Audience:** Families of children and youth with social, emotional, and behavioral health challenges **Location:** Serves New York statewide

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NORTH CAROLINA	North Carolina Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families *(Also known as the North Carolina State Collaborative)* *https://nccollaborative.org/what-is-a-family-partner/*	**Program Description:** The Collaborative provides a forum for discussing issues regarding how agencies and families can work together as equal partners to produce better outcomes for children, youth, and families. A Family Partner works with other leaders in the: • Planning, development, and delivery of services that help families help their children succeed at home, in school, and in the community	**Target Audience:** An adult who has received services or is the caregiver/parent of someone who has received services and therefore has firsthand experience within the system **Location:** Serves North Carolina statewide
NORTH DAKOTA	Parent to Parent, A project of Family Voices of North Dakota (ND) *https://fvnd.org/nd-parent-to-parent/*	**Program Description:** Parent to Parent is a network of parents supporting families of children with special health needs. Supporting parents offer: • Emotional support and information, and act as a valuable resource to families • Assistance in learning the skills to help parents face the challenges of raising their child • Training for parents who would like to become a supporting parent	**Target Audience:** Parents who have experienced the feelings and emotions that come after learning that their children have a developmental delay, disability, or other special health needs **Location:** Serves North Dakota statewide
OHIO	Ohio Sobriety Treatment and Reducing Trauma (START) *https://ohiostart.org/our-mission/* *https://ohiostart.org/our-services/*	**Program Description:** Ohio START is designed to stabilize families harmed by parental drug use so children and parents live abuse-free and addiction-free lives. START teams include caseworkers, behavioral health providers, and Family Peer Mentors who: • Collaborate across service systems and with courts • Provide access to assessment and treatment services • Work to create pathways for healing and long-term well-being	**Target Audience:** Families affected by parental substance use disorders and are at-risk for child maltreatment **Location:** Serves Ohio statewide
	Hamilton County Office of Family Voice *https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/departments/economic_and_community_support/office_of_family_voice.php*	**Program Description:** The Office of Family Voice is a voluntary program with the mission to strengthen family engagement and provide peer support. Parent Partners help parents: • Navigate systems more effectively • Feel heard, understood, and equipped to advocate for themselves and their family • Prepare for court hearings, school meetings, and service planning • Access community resources that can strengthen their family	**Target Audience:** Parents and caregivers involved with children's services **Location:** Serves Hamilton County, Ohio

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OHIO *(continued)*	**Ohio Parent to Parent (P2P)** *https://www.ucucedd.org/ohio-parent-to-parent-p2p/*	**Program Description:** The mission of Ohio P2P is to connect families who have a family member living with a special health care need with a Support Parent who has similar experience. The Support Parent provides: • One-to-one support based on an individual's needs and issues relating to parenting and/or providing care to the loved one • Knowledge about services and resources	**Target Audience:** Family members of people with disabilities and/or special health care needs **Location:** Serves Ohio statewide
	Richland County Children's Services – HOPE (Helping Ohio Parent Effectively) – Primary Parent Partner Program *https://www.richlandcountychildrenservices.org/upload/hope_brochure.pdf*	**Program Description:** The mission of the HOPE Primary Partner Parent program is to engage and advocate for parents currently involved with the child welfare system. Parent partners: • Ensure parents have the knowledge and support to achieve the best permanency plan for their children • Represent and model effective parenting for and hope to the parents they assist • Fulfill roles such as mentor, advocate, peer support, and educator	**Target Audience:** Parents currently involved with the child welfare system **Location:** Serves Richland County, Ohio
	Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY) of Ohio, Inc. *https://www.safy.org/ohio*	**Program Description:** SAFY of Ohio provides family-centered services that help to build the foundation of well-being. Parent Partners provide: • Guidance to help parents successfully complete case plan activities and meet reunification goals • Connection to resources and essential services • Assistance during court hearings and community provider meetings • Continued support for a family's post-reunification or post-alternate permanency path	**Target Audience:** Families working toward reunification or pursuing alternate permanency plans **Location:** Serves Akron/Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Findlay, and Lima, Ohio
OKLAHOMA	**Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS), Parent Partners Program** *https://oklahoma.gov/okdhs/services/child-welfare-services/our-model.html*	**Program Description:** Parents who have children in foster care can be paired with a mentor who has successfully navigated the child welfare system. Parent Partners: • Offer hope, guidance, and advocacy • Assist with the goal of reunification in the biological home in the shortest, safest allowable time • Promote parent engagement in beneficial services, visitation with their children, and completing court requirements	**Target Audience:** Parents involved with the Department of Humans Services **Location:** Serves Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

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OKLAHOMA *(continued)*	**Circle of Care, Parent to Parent** *https://circleofcare.org/programs/parent-to-parent/*	**Program Description:** The Circle of Care Parent to Parent initiative is an innovative program that empowers parents seeking reunification, restores families, and transforms generations. Parent Mentors provide: • Social support, hope, guidance, and advocacy • Guidance navigating the child welfare system • Help accessing needed resources • Support toward reunification • Information about their experiences as a learning tool	**Target Audience:** Parents whose children have been placed in foster care **Location:** Serves Oklahoma County, Oklahoma
	Northcare, Oklahoma Parent Partners *https://www.northcare.com/index.php/child/#1605216246-1-84*	**Program Description:** Northcare works with families when they are struggling and need support to help provide their children a safe and stable home. The overall goal is to help children remain with their family. Parent partners: • Offer hope, guidance, and advocacy to parents • Provide peer support and shared experiences	**Target Audience:** Families at all levels of child welfare involvement, including voluntary services, prevention services, and court involved services **Location:** Serves Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
	Oklahoma Family Network (OFN), Parent to Parent Program *https://oklahomafamilynetwork.org/about-us/our-partner-organizations/parent-to-parent-usa/*	**Program Description:** OFN is Oklahoma's member agency in the national program Parent to Parent USA which matches experienced and trained Support Parents with families of individuals with special health care needs. Support Parents: • Share their experiences • Provide valuable support and information • Help identify providers and find appropriate care, information, services, and resources	**Target Audience:** Families of individuals with special health care needs and disabilities **Location:** Serves Oklahoma statewide
OREGON	**Morrison Child & Family Services** *https://morrisonkids.org/*	**Program Description:** Morrison Child & Family Services is a behavioral health care organization that provides trauma-informed programs and services. Morrison Child & Family Services include: • Parenting groups for birth parents • Multiple parent support groups, virtually and in-person, to support parents to gain natural supports, and positive strategies to parent in their home • Reunification of child with birth parents	**Target Audience:** Parents or caregivers in a parenting role regardless of the age or special challenges of their children or youth, including severe emotional concerns **Location:** Serves Oregon statewide

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OREGON *(continued)*	**Morrison Child & Family Services, The Parent Mentor Program** *https://morrisonkids.org/what-we-do/peer-recovery-coaching/*	**Program Description:** Morrison Child & Family Services is a behavioral health care organization that provides trauma-informed programs and services. Parent Mentors: • Empathize and support parents entering treatment, navigating systems, and reuniting with their children • Support parents through all stages of recovery • Accompany parents to court hearings and other meetings • Help parents learn to advocate for themselves and their children	**Target Audience:** Children and families involved in the child welfare system and experiencing parental substance use **Location:** Serves Oregon statewide
	Young Roots Oregon - Parent Mentoring Program *https://youngrootsoregon.org/parent-mentoring-program/*	**Program Description:** The mission of the Young Roots Parent Mentoring Program is to help young parents reduce family stress and develop the life they want. Parent Mentors: • Help in gaining access to essential needs for stability • Offer empathetic support in navigating parenting and life stresses • Work to increase parents' sense of self-worth and belonging and foster resilience	**Target Audience:** Pregnant and parenting youth and young adults (through age 24) and their children **Location:** Serves Linn and Benton counties, Oregon
	Candlelighters for Children with Cancer, Oregon - Parent Pilot Mentorship Program *https://candlelightersoregon.org/parent-mentorship-program-pilot-program-launches/*	**Program Description:** Candlelighters for Children with Cancer provides support from diagnosis through treatment and beyond for families facing pediatric cancer. The mission of the Parent Pilot Mentorship Program is for Parent Mentors to: • Provide Candlelighters parents with unique understanding and encouragement that only another parent who has walked a similar path can provide • Meet Candlelighters parents' need for social-emotional support	**Target Audience:** Families facing childhood cancer **Location:** Serves Oregon statewide and southwest Washington
PENNSYLVANIA	**Pennsylvania Families, Inc. - Berks County Parent Partner Program** *https://www.pafamiliesinc.org/resources/berks-county-parent-partner-program*	**Program Description:** The Berks County Parent Partner Program provides education, training, and information to parents with children involved in child-serving systems. Parent Partners: • Serve as mentors and advocates for parents and their children • Provide referral and resource information • Assist parents in building a support system for themselves and their children • Serve as a bridge between child-serving systems and families	**Target Audience:** Parents of children involved in any of the following child-serving systems: • Mental Health • Developmental Disabilities • Children and Youth Services • Juvenile Probation • Drug and Alcohol • Special Education **Location:** Serves Berks County, Pennsylvania

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RHODE ISLAND	Circle of Parents *https://childandfamilyri.org/circle-of-parents/*	**Program Description:** The Circle of Parents program is a parent-focused, parent-led support group. It provides an opportunity to exchange ideas, share information, and learn new parenting skills. The program seeks to: • Reduce parent isolation • Build self–esteem and reinforce positive parenting • Promote parent leadership • Link parents to valuable resources in the community	**Target Audience:** All families including biological parents, adoptive parents, foster parents, grandparents, kinship caregivers, military families, veterans, etc. **Location:** Serves Rhode Island statewide
SOUTH CAROLINA	Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY) of South Carolina *https://www.safy.org/south-carolina*	**Program Description:** SAFY of South Carolina provides family-centered services that help to build the foundation of well-being. Parent Partners provide: • Guidance to help parents successfully complete case plan activities and meet reunification goals • Connection to resources and essential services • Assistance during court hearings and community provider meetings • Continued support for a family's post-reunification or post-alternate permanency path	**Target Audience:** Families working toward reunification or pursuing alternate permanency plans **Location:** Serves Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville, South Carolina
	Family Connection of South Carolina, Parent-to-Parent Support Program *https://www.familyconnectionsc.org/parent-to-parent/*	**Program Description:** The Parent-to-Parent Support Program of Family Connection provides information, support, education, and referrals to meet families' individualized needs. Support Parents help: • Increase parents' sense of being able to cope, validate their emotions, promote acceptance of their situation, and give hope for the future • Parents navigate the stages of their child's journey and chart a true course for success	**Target Audience:** Families of children with disabilities and chronic health conditions **Location:** Serves South Carolina statewide
SOUTH DAKOTA	Alpha Center, Women's Mentor Program *https://alphacenter.org/womens-mentor-program/*	**Program Description:** Alpha Center provides a range of services that help clear the confusion surrounding an unexpected pregnancy. The Women's Mentor Program matches women with a Mentor who: • Equips and helps their mentee develop nurturing qualities and a healthy lifestyle • Teaches parenting skills • Helps their mentee navigate the unknown territories of life with practical support and a message of hope	**Target Audience:** Women and men of all ages involved in an unexpected pregnancy **Location:** Serves Sioux Falls and beyond, South Dakota

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TEXAS	Mosaic Advocacy, Parent Partner Program *https://www.mosaicadvocacy.org/donors*	**Program Description:** Mosaic Advocacy advocates for parents and equips them with tools to rebuild their futures so that their children have a chance to grow up in a safe, biological home with healthy parents. Parents are paired with a Mentor who provides support: • Working through the court mandated services plan • Navigating the system, finding resources, and learning new parenting skills	**Target Audience:** Parents involved with Child Protective Services **Location:** Serves Central Texas, Travis, and Williamson counties, Texas
VIRGINIA	Family Support Partners of Virginia, Inc. *https://www.fspofva.com/*	**Program Description:** Family Support Partners is a peer support service provider that supports parents and youth who are navigating the child behavioral health system. A Family Support Partner: • Connects with families on an emotional level • Bridges the gap between families and system partners • Connects families to information, resources, and services • Ensures the family's voice and choice is heard	**Target Audience:** Families with youth with emotional, behavioral, mental health, and/or substance use challenges **Location:** Serves Virginia statewide
WASHINGTON	Akin—Parents for Parents (P4P) Program *https://akinfamily.org/services/parents-for-parents/*	**Program Description:** The purpose of Akin's Parents for Parents program is to support parents in their reunification and family well-being goals through peer mentoring that increases parental engagement. Parent Ally peer mentors provide: • Hope, empowerment, and education • Support at court and in-between hearings • Information about community resources • Curriculum-based peer support groups • Professional development	**Target Audience:** Parents whose children are at risk of being removed from their care by Child Protective Services (CPS) or whose children are in an in-home dependency **Location:** Serves Washington statewide
	Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center, Parents for Parents Program *https://mcfhc.org/parent-4-parents/*	**Program Description:** The mission of the Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center is to educate, empower, and uplift children, youth, and the community to increase access to opportunities. The Parents for Parents program engages Parent Mentors who help parents: • Learn about and navigate the child welfare system with a goal of reunification • Receive needed resources and items	**Target Audience:** Parents newly involved with the child welfare system **Location:** Serves Tacoma, Washington
	The Arc of King County, Parent to Parent Program *https://www.arcofkingcounty.org/services/parent-to-parent*	**Program Description:** The Arc of King County promotes and protects the rights of people with disabilities so they can thrive as equal, valued, and active members of the community. Mentors in the Parent to Parent program: • Listen and share their own experiences • Demonstrate an understanding of the emotions, myths, and realities of parenting a child with a disability	**Target Audience:** Families of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities **Location:** Serves King County, Washington

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WASHINGTON *(continued)*	**Amara, Family Support Services Program** *https://amarafamily.org/support-for-families/*	**Program Description:** The mission of Amara's Family Support Services program is to promote the safety and well-being of children and families through trusting and collaborative partnerships between parents and peer navigators/parent mentors. Parent mentors: • Lead with compassion to help bring healing to families • Offer personalized, affirming support, and encouragement • Connect parents to resources to help families stabilize	**Target Audience:** Families who have any child welfare system involvement, or who may be at risk for system involvement **Location:** Serves Pierce County, Washington
	XChange, Parents 4 Parents (P4P) Program *https://xchangelives.org/programs/*	**Program Description:** Xchange provides support to those who are in recovery from addiction, as well as those who may need help starting their recovery journey. Xchange's services include addiction treatment, long-term recovery, transitional housing, and Alcoholic Anonymous resources. Xchange's Parents 4 Parents program: • Is endorsed by the University of Washington • Provides peer mentoring for families in the dependency court system	**Target Audience:** Individuals in recovery from addiction **Location:** Serves Southwest Washington
	YWCA Parents for Parents Program *https://www.ywcaworks.org/programs/parents-parents*	**Program Description:** The YWCA Parents for Parents Program promotes the safe and timely reunification of families with a dependency case through early engagement, support, and education. Parent Ally Mentors, who have successfully reunited their own families after a dependency case, provide: • Support to parents who are new to the process • Assistance at dependency hearings	**Target Audience:** Families with a dependency case **Location:** Serves Snohomish County, Washington
	Parents Supporting Parents Program *https://kingcounty.gov/en/court/superior-court/courts-jails-legal-system/court-programs-children-families/dependency-court/parents-supporting-parents-program*	**Program Description:** The Parents Supporting Parents program is King County's Superior Court Dependency Court program devoted to connecting parents who have navigated the system before—Parent Allies—with those who are new to the system. Parent Allies provide: • Support at Dependency Court hearings • Information so parents understand what they must do to successfully reunite with their children • On-going support	**Target Audience:** Parents whose children have been removed from their care by Child Protective Services or whose children are in an in-home dependency **Location:** Serves King County, Washington

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WASHINGTON *(continued)*	**Family Education and Support Services Parents for Parents (P4P) Program** *https://familyess.org/parentsforparents/*	**Program Description:** Parents for Parents provides early outreach and education that helps enhance parent's engagement in their court-ordered plans. Mentoring is provided by Parent Allies who: • Educate parents about the dependency system • Provide tools and resources that help parents understand and support the needs of their children • Lead support groups in which parents share their experiences, frustrations, and concerns	**Target Audience:** Families in the dependency court system **Location:** Serves Lewis, Mason, Pierce, and Thurston Counties, Washington
WEST VIRGINIA	**West Virginia Birth to Three (WVBTT) Program** *https://www.wvdhhr.org/birth23/families.asp*	**Program Description:** The West Virginia Birth to Three program includes Parent Partners in their eight regional offices to help families access services and understand their rights. Each office has a Parent Partner who: • Helps families make connections for resources/services in their area • Shares information on local community events, parent groups, and activities	**Target Audience:** Families with young children who have developmental delays or may be at risk for them **Location:** Serves West Virginia statewide
WISCONSIN	**Wisconsin Department of Children and Families -- Parents Supporting Parents (PSP)** *https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/parents-supporting-parents*	**Program Description:** Wisconsin's Parents Supporting Parents program integrates the voice of parents with lived experience in the child welfare system and aims to achieve higher rates of reunification and lower rates of re-entry into the system. Supporting parents: • Serve as a model of hope and source of support • Help to shape services and systems to promote child safety, permanency, and family well-being	**Target Audience:** Parents currently within the child welfare system and parents on an in-home safety plan **Location:** Serves Wisconsin statewide
	Parent to Parent of Wisconsin *https://p2pwi.org/*	**Program Description:** The mission of Parent to Parent of Wisconsin is to help parents find a one-to-one connection with a parent who knows firsthand about the realities that come with having a child with special needs. Parents with lived experience: • Provide emotional support and information • Help to increases parents' acceptance of their situation and ability to cope	**Target Audience:** Families of children with special needs **Location:** Serves Wisconsin statewide

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