

Parents Supporting Parents

Wisconsin's Parent Partner Model in Child Welfare Impact Statements



CPS Professionals

"I appreciate that PSP gives parents an advocate who not only knows the system, but who relates to their story – the emotions, challenges, and changes."

"...The partner helped give the parent a voice and the parent ended up getting connected to crucial resources after finding the courage to advocate for themselves."

"...The mother expressed to me that she felt heard, understood and seen by her parent partner and felt inspired to do better for her children through believing in herself and her capacity as a parent to her children."

System Partners

"...Parent partners have a unique 'in' with the parents we serve that allows for more honest communication and contact with the families. This then leads to more genuine relationships with the workers due to parent partners helping parents to understand their worker's role. More sustainable change and progress made towards reunification can be attributed to this new type of relationship parents are having with the CPS system through having a parent partner. Quite honestly, I beg for every parent I encounter to have a parent partner!!"

- Family Team Meeting Coordinator

"... This program has offered a support system to help parents understand what is going on with their situation and give them a non-threatening perspective of how to handle all of this. The Parent Support worker is someone who can give them firsthand experiences of their own that can help build the bridges with all other interested parties in the families' lives. There is now someone to give a helping hand and advise when needed most in this scary process."

- Probation and Parole Agent

PSP Impact Statements

The Parents Supporting Parents Impact Statements are collected from those who have experienced Parents Supporting Parents in Wisconsin.



"This has helped me to feel like I'm not alone in all of this. It has given me support and help that I'm not sure where I would've found it. This means so much to me because I'm able to get my life together and get it going again. It's a positive thing."

- Parent



"My PSP Mentor has been part of a system keeping me alive...She's my cheerleader, she's my support system at court hearings; just the presence in the room of somebody who I know is "on my side" is very reassuring. She has helped me with so many different aspects of life, from AODA treatment, to healing from trauma, to helping me organize my time and keep me motivated."

- Parent

