

Parents Supporting Parents

Wisconsin's Parent Partner Model in Child Welfare Impact Statements



Parent Perspectives

I met [parent partner] about two years ago, and I was in full blown active addiction, at first I wanted nothing to do with neither parent partners or the family recovery court program. As time went by, she stayed close to me to let me know she is here to help me with any type of resources i need assistance with, and after a while she became more than that, she became one of my most trustworthy friends and positive supports. Without having my parent partner impact my life, I don't believe I would be where I am today.

- Parent

My PSP worker has been by my side since day 1 and has helped me look for places and she explains everything to me after my court date. She is the best and I'm glad I got her as my PSP worker she has helped me come along away and I really appreciate it.

- Parent

Before family team meetings and Parent Partners came along, my family was rapidly devolving and losing family members. Not only were we suffering from bias behaviors in the cps system, but there was also no one to help organize any type of parental support between the parents, the children, and the cps workers to really make sure the needs of the parents and children were being met. Although these programs came too late, I can honestly say that they are the best programs yet to be offered by the county and child welfare and they really saved my youngest daughter from being completely alone in the child welfare system. Thanks to my team leader and my amazing parent partner, my youngest daughter was reunified with me in June of 2023 and I have regained a small percentage of my trust within the child welfare system.

- Parent

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PSP Impact Statements

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

Parent Partner Perspective



I am currently a parent-partner in training and with that I have gotten the privilege to work very closely with the other parent-partners. Which means I have gotten to see the good, the bad, and even the ugly cries. I have seen these women provide guidance, accompany parents to court and meetings, and educate parents about the child welfare system. But I have also seen them do so much more. To me; there are people who do their jobs solely for money or you see people like my co-workers who do their job to help other people. They help aid parents in positive parenting so they are able to maintain positive relationships with their children and work up to re-unifying them with their children again. This helps with cognitive development, emotional balance, and the maturation of thought. And it helps effect the relationships they will form as members of the community as a whole. They advocate for parents being able to have a healthy relationship with their children which down the line helps both the children and the parents become more likely to develop positive relationships with other people around them. I see them helping parents establish secure bonds and friendships with peers. And helping them get better with regulating their emotions when faced with stress, fear, and difficult situations.

- PP In Training

