



BUILDING COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Parent Partner Program Overview

THE BCP PROGRAM MODEL

The program provides supportive services to:

- Families with a child(ren) placed in out-of-home care, due to abuse or neglect. Out-of-home placement includes, but is not limited to: foster care, residential treatment, relative placement, shelters, psychiatric hospitalization and detention (if dual ward).
- Indirectly, we work with current or prospective

PARENT PARTNERS:

- Are Judson Center staff members, who have had a child placed in out of home care and who have successfully had their child return home for at least one year (may start training at 6 mos).
- Full time, paid positions with full benefits and mileage reimbursement.

****We currently have 2 open positions available****

- Have completed the Building a Better Future (BABF) training and completes monthly intensive service related training.

WHAT DO PARENT PARTNERS DO?

- Parent Partners assist parents who are working to reunify with their children:
 - Encourage parents to engage in their case plan
 - Attend and participate in FTMs, court hearings, visits, treatment and recovery meetings, and other meetings as determined by the needs of the parent & support Team
 - Provide information about community resources and the child welfare system
 - Meet weekly with parents/families (min. 2 hrs/wk) to work toward goals and reduce barriers to reunification
 - Provide mentorship, encouragement and support
 - Host and facilitate monthly support groups for parents
 - Help families access an average of \$300 specific assistance funds to remove obstacles to reunification (when other resources are

WHAT DON'T PARENT PARTNERS DO?

- Work alone, babysit, or have unsupervised contact with children (even briefly)
- Transport children at any time
- Supervise visits between parents and their children
- Accept referrals with in-home court wards
- Continue services after a birth or reunification of a child
- Under normal circumstances, a Parent Partner cannot be assigned to multiple parents/family members at a time
- Parent Partners should not be the sole means of transportation for any need.
- Parent Partners cannot utilize Specific Assistance funds for court fees, tickets, fines, or expenses unrelated to

HOW ARE REFERRALS MADE ?

Foster Care and CPS Workers may call, email or fax their referral (form DHHS-5593)

- Crystal Roland, BCP Supervisor: (734) 528-2013 (phone)
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- Tracy Kapusansky, BCP Program Manager: (734) 5245-3831 (phone)
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- BCP Referral Line (24/7 access): 734-528-2009

HOW CAN COMMUNITY PARTNERS HELP?

- Contact BCP Supervisor or Program Manager with FCW contact info for service eligible cases
- Invite parents to attend our support groups and trainings
- Share information about the program to FCW's, eligible parents, & the community
- Attend Community Collaborative meetings to network & share resources
- When there are Parent Partner vacancies, we look to the community for eligible candidates

EVERY QUARTER THE BCP PROGRAM:

➤ facilitates a Community Collaborative Meeting.

Meetings are held with community stakeholders invested in the well-being of children and families touched by the child welfare system.

These meetings include:

- Access to community resources
- Round table discussions
- Sharing of upcoming events and trainings
- Community speakers



➤ hosts a child abuse prevention training. BCP trainings are free of charge and open to the community, including birth parents, foster parents, and child welfare staff. Certificates are provided.

EACH MONTH THE BCP PROGRAM:

facilitates a Birth Parent Support Group.

- H.O.P.E Talks meets every 3rd Monday of the month @ 5p
Judson Center, 3840 Packard Road, Suite 170 Ann Arbor MI
- TABLE TALKS will meet every 2nd Tuesday @ 11a
Ypsilanti Public Library, 229 W. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti MI

➤ facilitates a Foster & Adoptive Parent Support Group.

- Meets every 1st Monday of the month from 6p – 8p
Knox Presbyterian Church, 2065 S. Wagner Rd, Ann Arbor MI
 - Family Style Dinner (bring a dish to pass if able)
 - Child Care Provided for ages 5 and up (RSVP Required)
 - Youth Groups for kids & teens ages 10 and up

BCP CONTACT INFORMATION

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“OUR VISION—We DREAM of a day when all children and adults are SAFE and have loving, strong FAMILIES with the community support they need to make a UNIQUE contribution to the world.”