

FPAWS Parent Mentoring Program



Partnering with the Foster Care Community and Parents to Better Support Children

The FPAWS Parent Mentoring Program provides individualized education, training, and support to foster parents and parents to ensure they have the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to facilitate successful reunification for children in a shorter amount of time and with fewer incidence of return to care.

Skill Improvement Opportunities

Parenting Skills

Non-physical means of Discipline

Development of a Budget

Hygiene Issues

Appropriate Housing

Advocacy and Referrals

And any other identified areas of skill building

Outline of the FPAWS Parent Mentoring Program

- Child welfare workers discuss PMP with parents that volunteer to participate,
 - A referral is made to FPAWS PMP
 - Action plan developed with social worker, Mentor and family
- Mentors meet with families 6-10 hours per week for 16 to 24 weeks
 - Mentors teach skills one to one
 - Mentors assist families in job search, obtaining housing, connecting with services, complying with mental health care, accessing resources, resolving legal matters, building a healthy support network
- Mentors check in with social workers monthly or as needed

Mentors complete assessment of families before and after services⁴

Expected Outcomes

- Mentors provide progress documentation to social worker weekly
- Mentors develop a supportive relationship with parents
- Families comply with established service plan
- Families are better able to care for and protect their children
- Bonds with the child's family are maintained
- Standard of reasonable effort met
- Increased teamwork among social workers, families, and foster parents
- Increased community-based formal and informal support for birth families
- Decreased time in care for children in foster care

For more information, visit www.fpaws.org or email us at info@fpaws.org

A Parent Mentoring Program Graduate says,

"Having a Parent Mentor gave me a level of support I couldn't have received from anywhere else. My mentor was with me during every step of my dependency case. She gave me guidance and encouragement when I needed it the most. "

Jessica Pyper, Clark County, WA