

PARENT PARTNER | MIFAMILY TOGETHER

POSITION SUMMARY

Parent Partners bring **lived experience** with Children's Protective Services or Foster Care Services and use that experience to provide peer-based coaching, support, encouragement, and guidance to parents enrolled in the MiFamily Together program. By sharing insights gained through their own successful engagement with services, Parent Partners empower parents to overcome challenges, build confidence, strengthen family relationships, and achieve individualized goals that support family well-being.

Parent Partner services are delivered through a **combination of in-person and virtual/remote sessions**, based on the individual needs of the client. Services may be provided during nontraditional hours to accommodate family schedules and needs.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND IMPACT

- Draw upon personal experience with the child welfare system to offer encouragement, understanding, and hope to families participating in MiFamily Together, helping them feel supported and less alone in their journey.
- Partner with parents to help them understand and navigate the child welfare system, including processes, expectations, meetings, services, and community resources available to support their family.
- Empower parents to recognize their strengths, build confidence and skills, strengthen family relationships, and connect with meaningful support within their communities.
- Provide support and encouragement before and during meetings, court hearings, appointments, and other activities by helping parents understand what to expect, prepare for participation, and confidently voice their needs and concerns.
- Facilitate a monthly one-hour support group for caregivers receiving Parent Partner services, creating a welcoming space for connection, shared learning, and mutual support. Meetings may be held virtually or in person.
- Collaborate closely with the MiFamily Together team and community partners, including MDHHS staff and other service providers, to support positive outcomes for families and share observations regarding strengths, progress, and emerging needs.
- Bring the voice and perspective of caregivers into discussions with professionals, helping foster understanding, strengthen partnerships, and promote family-centered decisionmaking.

YOUR QUALIFICATIONS

- A valid driver's license, without restrictions, and all appropriate vehicle insurances
- A previously open Children's Protective Services (CPS) or foster care case with successful case closure.
- A stable family situation without current children protective services (CPS) investigation with confirmed maltreatment.
- Flexibility to attend meetings and facilitate groups including non-standard work hours such as evenings and weekends to meet client need.
- Participation in mandated training(s), supervision, and team meetings.
- A willingness to share caregiving experiences as a learning tool with other parents, community partners, and referring workers.

LOCATIONS

Wayne County, Oakland County, Macomb County, Genesee County, Livingston County, Washtenaw County, Monroe County, Lenawee County, Ingham County.

ANNUAL SALARY

\$35,000

**An assessment will be completed with the applicant to discuss information obtained from background checks and determine its relevance to the position or program requirements.*

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