

HOPE Primary Parent Partner

Mission Statement

To utilize parent partners experience to engage and advocate for parents currently involved with the child welfare system ensuring they have the knowledge and support to achieve the best permanency plan for their children.



"I hated it here, hated these people, all of them for no reason...but they saved my life, and I'm thankful for that day when they came knocking on my door." - Current HOPE Parent



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"I wish I would've had someone like myself whenever I was going through this, to kind of be there not on their side, and not on Children Services side, but to be in the middle and share my experience with these people." - Current HOPE Parent



HOPE Parent Partner Qualifications:

- 21 years old or older;
- Significant progress in personal acceptance, responsibility and healing pertaining to one's recovery and involvement with child welfare;
- Sobriety with a minimum of one year of recovery;
- Willing to complete a background check and able to pass clearance to work with minors;
- Reliable transportation (can be public transit);
- Completion of the application to be a HOPE Parent Partner;
- Have access to a working computer with internet access or access to a working telephone.

Expectations & Responsibilities:

- Follow the Code of Conduct;
- Commitment to serve as a HOPE Partner for at least one year;
- Flexible Days and Times;
- Initial Orientation and ongoing training is mandatory;
- Ability to form relationships and work as a part of a team, including maintaining lines of open communication;
- Participate in Mentoring and Supervision;
- Attend and participate in Parent Partner Program meetings, required training and assigned duties (ie: Orientation session, family team meetings, team decision making, court hearings, etc);
- Fulfill roles such as: mentor, advocate, peer support, and educator;
- Other duties deemed necessary.



“Richland County Children Services HOPE Primary Parent Partners should represent and model effective parenting for others. These parents, who have overcome great obstacles themselves, will provide support and advocate for parents now going through their own difficult circumstances. We believe these HOPE Primary Parent Partners represent a great hope to the parents they assist and will be a tremendous asset to our team.”

-Brianne Kindinger, Kinship Navigator
Richland County Children Services