



Probation Service Definition

SERVICE NAME	Family Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
Category	Non-Treatment
Setting	Home-Based
Facility License	Licensure is not required for this service.
Service Description	<p>A service, which provides the parent/guardian with a peer mentor who has navigated the behavioral health, child welfare, and/or juvenile justice system. The primary function is to work with the parent and youth to enhance positive family functioning through education, skill building, and advocacy.</p> <p>The family partner is a supportive service that can be utilized when a family is struggling to navigate the system(s) they may be involved in. It must be clear in the team plan/goals that this will assist the youth in having better outcomes while on probation. The family partner should be an active participant in team meetings and other appointments as identified in the plan.</p>
Service Expectations	<p>The family partner is responsible for enhancing the communication and understanding of the system(s) the family and youth may be involved in by providing clarity of the court and juvenile justice systems. This is accomplished through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a relationship with the family, probation/problem solving court officer and service providers • Youth and the youth's parent(s) and/or guardian(s) shall participate in the intake process in person or via tele-services. • Develop a working knowledge of the youth's history and team/family goals • Act as a role model by having contact within the home environment and attending team meetings. • Communication with the probation/problem solving court officer to understand the youth's case planning goals related to criminogenic risk. • Spend 1-3 hours per week engaged face-to-face with the youth and/or family/caregiver. It is anticipated more contact would be needed early in the service to establish rapport with the youth and family/caregiver. • Advocate for the youth and family/guardian in any domain identified in the team plan • Develop plans/strategies with family/caregiver to ensure the concerns of their family are heard and understood.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A written service plan shall be developed with the youth and probation/problem solving court officer based upon the probation referral and family/youth intake interview. The written service plan will be shared with the probation/problem solving court officer. • Individualization of the plan will be determined based on service referral information, (criminogenic risk, need and responsivity) relevant collateral documentation/assessments and youth/family goals. • Officer will verify with staff to determine if progress is being made. If progress is not indicated, the staff shall provide a rationale as to what changes will be made to initiate a plan to increase progress. • Connect the parent/caregiver and other family members with identified community resources; assist in introducing and engaging the family with the community resource, ensuring they can access the service after transition. • All providers must be trained in trauma-informed care, recovery principles and crisis management.
Service Frequency	Up to 3 hours per week
Length of Stay	Up to 6 months
Staffing	Staff must be associated with a recognized State of Nebraska family advocacy agency and the agency shall be a registered service provider with the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation.
Staff to Client Ratio	Determined by agency
Hours of Operation	Flexible in order to meet the needs of the youth and family
Service Desired Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The youth and family have an increased understanding of the roles and purposes of the various systems that may be involved in their life • To enhance family engagement and family self-sufficiency and a reduction of formal system supports • Increase self-advocacy skills • Increase access to community resources and the use of formal and natural supports • Reduce the youth and family's isolation • The youth's successful discharge from Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation
Unit and Rate	Per hour; see rate sheet

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