



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS & PROBATION

Service Interpretive Guidelines
Family Partner

SERVICE DESCRIPTION:

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.

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.

TARGET POPULATION:

This service would typically assist in addressing youth with high risk and/or need in the Family Circumstances/Parenting and Education/Employment. Target population is parent/guardian of high risk and/or need youth. This may include a high needs status youth. This service may be used when family engagement needs to be enhanced and the Court has ordered the service.

PROBATION/PROBLEM SOLVING COURT OFFICER (OFFICER) RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The family partner will have a collaborative partnership (communicating on the family and youth's progress) with the local probation/problem solving court officer and other agencies, which are supporting the youth
- Officer shall communicate weekly, at a minimum, for updates on the plan and goals of the family partner.
- Officer shall assist in maintaining family engagement and facilitate family team meetings to encourage communication and progress.
- Officer shall communicate monthly at a minimum for updates on the progress of the family and youth, family partner goals and the youth and family's engagement in services.
- Officer shall verify with the family partner if progress is being made. If progress is not indicated, the family partner shall provide a rationale as to what changes will be made to initiate a plan to increase progress.
- Officer must ensure the family partner is supporting the team plan in a positive manner.
- Officer will upload documentation to the information management system.

