



Probation Service Definition

SERVICE NAME	Family Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
Category	Non-Treatment
Setting	Home-Based
Facility License	Facility licensure is not required.
Service Description	<p>Services provide the parent/guardian/caregiver 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/guardian/caregiver 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 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a relationship and rapport with the family and support systems. • Conducting an intake process with the youth and their parent/guardian/caregiver. The intake process may be in-person or via tele-services. • Developing a working knowledge of the youth’s history and family goals • Communication with the probation/problem solving court officer to understand the youth’s case planning goals related to criminogenic risk. • Participating in team meetings and advocating for the youth and parent/guardian/caregiver. • Developing plans/strategies with parent/guardian/caregiver to ensure the concerns of their family are heard and understood. • Connect the parent/guardian/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.

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	<p>An individualized service plan shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed based on goals of the youth and family within 10 days of intake • Informed by the referral for services from the probation/problem-solving court officer, and relevant collateral documentation • Shared in writing with the probation/problem solving court officer within 30 days of intake. • Revised as needed throughout the service, with written updates provided no less than every 90 days if no revisions have been made • The agency will document the progress toward the individualized daily program schedule in their reports. Probation/Problem Solving Court 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 indicate progress • A crisis (safety risk reduction) plan shall be developed and updated as needed throughout the service. The youth and the parent/guardian/caregiver must be able to demonstrate they have the knowledge and skills to implement the crisis plan. The crisis plan will be shared with the probation/problem solving court officer • Services must be trauma-informed, culturally and linguistically appropriate, age and developmentally appropriate and incorporate evidence-based practices when appropriate
Service Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly in-person contact will of 1 to 3 hours. • Frequency of services will vary based on the needs of the youth/family. Contact hours will generally be more intensive at the beginning of service delivery and taper as the youth’s functions improves.
Length of Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected duration of services is up to 6 months. • Duration of services is individualized based on progress of the youth and family.
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff must be affiliated with an agency that is a Registered Service Provider. • Staff must be associated with a recognized State of Nebraska family advocacy agency. • All providers must be trained in trauma-informed care, recovery principles, evidence-based practices, adolescent development and crisis management.
Staff to Client Ratio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staffing shall be adequate to meet the individualized service needs of the youth and meet the responsibilities of each staff position. • Caseloads are as determined by the agency.
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services are scheduled during day, evening, or weekend hours, based on family availability.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services should not interfere with the youth’s academic and extracurricular schedule.
Service Desired Outcomes	<p>Youth and family will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased understanding of the roles and purposes of the various systems that may be involved in their life • Enhanced family engagement and self-advocacy skills • Improved family self-sufficiency by reducing need for formal system supports • Increased access to community resources and the use of informal and natural supports • Reduced social isolation • Reduced criminogenic risk of the youth
Unit and Rate	See rate sheet