



Probation Service Definition

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PROBATION

SERVICE NAME	Family Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
Category	Non-Treatment
Setting	Community-Based
Facility License	N/A
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 systems. Its primary function is to work with the parent and youth to enhance family functioning through education, skill building, and advocacy.
Service Expectations	<p>The Family partner is responsible for enhancing the communication and understanding of the systems that 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"> • visits within the home environment • Establishing a relationship with the family, probation and service providers; • Developing a working knowledge of the youth’s case history and team/family goals; • Acting as a role model by having contact within the home environment and attends team meetings; • Communication with the probation officer to understand the youth’s case management goals; • Spending 1-3 hours per week engaged with the youth and family. It is anticipated that more contact would be needed early in the service to establish rapport with the youth and family; • Advocating for the youth and family/guardian in any domain identified in the team plan.
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 that agency shall register as a probation service provider.
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 case.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance family engagement and family self-sufficiency; • The youth’s successful discharge from probation; • Increase in family engagement and a reduction of formal system supports
Unit and Rate	Hourly

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