

Why Should I Get Involved with Parents in Partnership?

WE'VE BEEN THERE AND DONE THAT

Parent Partners are parents whose families have been through the child welfare system. Some parents have successfully reunified with their children. All Parent Partner cases have been closed.

THE VOICES OF EXPERIENCE

Parent Partners can help parents navigate the policies, procedures and court issues involved with having a case with the Department of Children and Family Services.

ADVOCATES THAT LIGHT THE WAY

Having a parent partner can reduce stress for parents by providing information about DCFS and the parents rights within the system.

SUPPORT FOR THE WHOLE TEAM

Parent Partners will be available to parents, staff, and community for questions about the Parents in Partnership program and availability of resources.

KEEPING COMMUNICATION OPEN

Parent Partners will help you keep the lines of communication open between social workers, communities and service providers.



If you have any questions regarding the Parents in Partnership (PIP) Program please call the number in your area and leave a message with your contact information.

A parent partner will return your call within 24 hours.

Belvedere Office Information Line: 323.725.4670

Serving residents in Commerce, East LA, Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Montebello, Maywood, and Pico Rivera

South County Information Line. 562.497.3654

Serving residents in Lakewood, Carson, Signal Hill, Long Beach, Wilmington, San Pedro

Lancaster/Palmdale Information Line: 661.223.4232

Serving residents in the Antelope Valley

Metro North Office Information Line: 213.639.4072

Serving residents in Korea-town, Hollywood, Echo Park, Lincoln Heights, Boyle Heights, Westlake, Atwater, Cypress Park, and Civic Center.

Pomona Office Information Line: 909.868.4572

Serving residents in Diamond Bar, La Verne, Claremont, San Dimas, and Pomona.





The Los Angeles County Parents in Partnership Program

Losing custody of your children and coming in contact with DCFS can be devastating to families. Parents who have been through this experience, before you, know how this feels. Understanding the process of the Department of Children and Family Services and the Juvenile Dependency Court can appear overwhelming and stressful to newly involved families.

There is **HOPE!**

A committed group of parents who have been through the System are here to help you. These parents formed the **Parents in Partnership** program. They have partnered with the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to provide, information, training and mentoring to newly involved families at DCFS.

This is what Parents in Partnership is all about!

Parents helping other parents work toward their goal of reunifying or maintaining their family.

You might ask, "How will they help me?"

There are two ways that parents can get assistance from the program:

- Orientation to DCFS and Dependency Court
- One-on-One Mentoring

Orientation to DCFS and Dependency Court

The orientation will provide you with basic, easy to understand information about both systems. By learning how your case will proceed through these systems, you will be able to understand, set goals, and seek resources to assist you in your goal of stabilizing your family.



Parents in Partnership Mentors

For those parents who feel they require a little more one-on-one support. The parent mentor program may be for you. Our skilled parent mentors will come along side of you and assist you with barriers and challenges that you may encounter along your road to terminating your DCFS Case.

Can I get a mentor from the Parents in Partnership Program?

Yes, if you have an open DCFS case and you reside in the areas served by the Belvedere, South County, Antelope Valley, Pomona, and Metro North DCFS offices. Additional locations will be added, please call any of the information numbers on the back page to inquire about services in your area.

How do I get a Parent Partner Mentor to help me with my case?

You can call your area information line and leave a message. A parent partner will call you back within 24 hours. The numbers are located on the back of this brochure. Additionally, parent partners are located in the office lobby to answer your questions, and at your request support you during your Team Decision Making (TDM) meeting. Parent partner services and availability will vary between locations