
ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING PARENTS
THE PARENTS FOR PARENTS PROGRAM



PEOPLE CHANGE, FAMILIES REUNITE

Empowering & Engaging Parents - Agenda

WELCOME

WHAT COURT PARTNERS SAY ABOUT P4P

P4P PROGRAM COMPONENTS

PARENT PERSPECTIVES - FISHBOWL

EVIDENCE P4P WORKS

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT P4P IN YOUR COMMUNITIES

WHAT COURT PARTNERS SAY ABOUT P4P

■ Representative Timm Ormsby

House Appropriations Committee

■ Commissioner Hillman

House Early Learning & Human Services Committee

"This program should be in every community, in every dependency court. If we want our parents to feel heard, and feel like someone is in their corner, P4P should be involved." - DCYF Supervisor

"Parents for Parents provides my clients the tools, information, and insight to successfully and quickly engage in their case." - Parent Attorney

"Parents for Parents is an absolutely necessary program that is truly invaluable in the efforts to keep families together." - CFWS Worker

"Parents for Parents is an essential component of early engagement of parents resolving the issues that resulted in dependency filling." - DCYF Manager



WHAT IS A PARENT ALLY?

A parent who has successfully resolved the issues that led their child into the dependency court system, resulting in family reunification or another permanency outcome, and who has an interest in working collaboratively to improve the lives of children and families.

- Dependency case has been dismissed
- Accepts responsibility for issues that brought their child(ren) into care
- Positive attitude, positive lifestyle
- Respectful and considerate
- Solution oriented
- Willingness to share personal testimony when appropriate
- Participation in ongoing training



PROGRAM STRUCTURE

SHELTER CARE HEARING SUPPORT

- Meet with all parents
- Instill hope
- Listen and encourage
- Answer questions
- Introduction to professionals
- Invite to Dependency 101

DEPENDENCY 101

- Purpose is to educate and empower
- Facilitated by Parent Allies
- Offer resources
- Watch a short video
- Hear from professionals
- Offered regularly 1-2 times per month

ONGOING AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

- Telephone mentoring or one-on-one
- Additional dependency classes
- Support at each court hearing
- Office Hours
- **Outside meetings such as FTDMs or SPMs
- **Jail visits to incarcerated parents

After completing 101, parents can choose to join one or all of the additional courses with certificates offered for each course completed.

***DEPENDENCY 201**

- NAVIGATING DEPENDENCY
- COMMUNICATION
- VISITATION/FAMILY TIME
- GOAL SETTING
- RESOURCING
- ONGOING SUPPORT/ACCESS TO RESOURCES

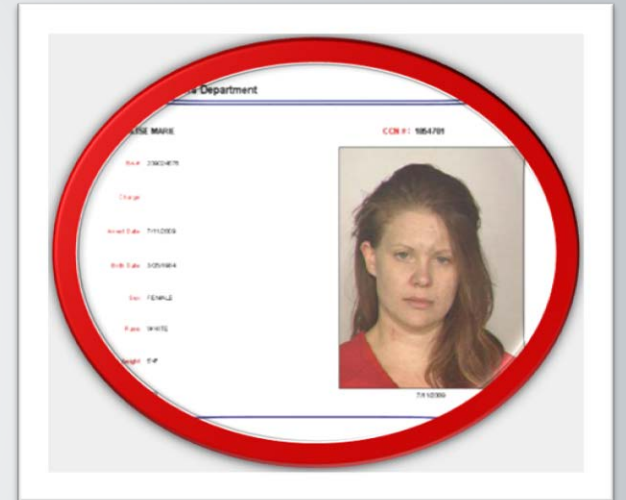
***DEPENDENCY 301**

- EDUCATION
- EMPLOYMENT
- BUDGETING
- CHILDCARE RESOURCES
- FAMILY LAW
- CONTINUED SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

WHY IS THIS WORK SO IMPORTANT? DOES IT WORK?



SEEING WORTH EVEN WHEN THINGS SEEM BLEAK



BUILDING ON STRENGTH AND MODELING HOPE



PARENT PERSPECTIVE - FISHBOWL



2011/2013 NCJFCJ STUDIES: PROMISING PRACTICE

Children and Youth Services Review (2012), Chapin Hall found similar outcomes in 2016

- Positive change in attitudes
- Increased trust in Child Protective Services (CPS)
- Better understanding of the role of stakeholders
- Increased awareness of case issues
- Increased belief that parents have control over their case outcomes

NCJFCJ Case Outcomes

- Increased engagement in the juvenile dependency court process
- Increased compliance with court orders and case plans
- Increased participation in visitation
- Increased reunifications/ decreased terminations- statistically significant for some, need larger sample size

CAPACITY BUILDING CENTER FOR COURTS AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA DID JUST THAT IN 2020!

- A positive relationship was demonstrated between parent participation in Dependency 101 and increased reunification rates- a difference of 17%
 - *70% of parents who participated in Dependency 101 reunified with their children
 - *53% of parents who did not participate in Dependency 101 reunified with their children
- A positive relationship between parent participation in Dependency 101 decreased TPR- a difference of 13%
 - *26% of parents who participated in Dependency 101 had their parental rights terminated
 - *39% of parents who did not participate in Dependency 101 had their parental rights terminated
- For cases that received 101 plus additional peer mentoring, increased reunification rates (79% of the cases reunified compared to the comparison group of 53%)- a difference of 26%
- For cases that received 101 plus additional peer mentoring, decrease in TPR rates (19% in P4P group compared to 39% in the comparison group)- a difference of 20%
- There was no statistical relationship between parent participation in the one-time 2 hour Dependency 101 class and length of time until permanency. This may suggest that future studies should explore the additional parent support components the program offers and their time to permanency.



**LET'S ENSURE NO MATTER
WHERE A PARENT LIVES,
THEY WILL KNOW THEY
ARE WORTHY AND
THE CYCLE CAN BE BROKEN!**

- Per SSB 5486, WA State Legislature directed P4P to be statewide by 19/21
- OPD contracts with CHSW to provide technical assistance, training and quality monitoring to begin and oversee P4P in WA State
- We have a thoughtful process that includes a manual, model fidelity, and training
- P4P submitted to Prevention Clearinghouse
- P4P is a promising practice

HOST ORGANIZATION FUNCTIONS

- Is the court or a community based organization that works in strong collaboration with the court;
- Financial management & accountability;
- Hire/contracts with the Parent Ally P4P Coordinator;
- Provides for the clinical and administrative supervision of the Parent Ally P4P Coordinator (directly or through contract with another individual or organization);
- Provides working space, meeting space for 101; and
- Location to the court/in the community is key.

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To find the program near you, please visit:

<https://www.childrenshomesociety.org/parentsforparents/>

- **To access additional information, please visit:**

<https://www.wacita.org/parents-for-parents-education-and-engagement-for-parents-in-dependency/>





THANK YOU!