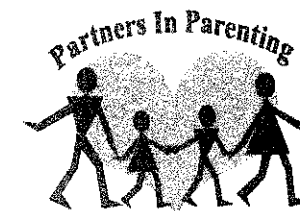


**Goals of the Program**

--To teach parents through a process of personal intervention, positive role modeling, and support.

--To encourage and assist parents in achieving the ability to function effectively as individuals and parents without further intervention.

--To prevent placement and to facilitate reunification.



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**PARTNERS IN PARENTING  
PROGRAM  
of  
BERKS COUNTY  
CHILDREN & YOUTH  
SERVICES**

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## WHO WE ARE:

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Berks County approved Foster Parents, with at least one year experience of active fostering, who believe in the preservation and/or reunification of families. We draw on life experience, supplemental trainings and our knowledge of the child welfare/foster care system to provide para-professional services to families in need. We also attend monthly supervision meetings to assist us in identifying client needs, to network and to help us work effectively with the families referred to the program. As Partners in Parenting Instructors we document and report to the Program Supervisors as well as the caseworker assigned to the family. Documentation consists of keeping detailed notes of all client contacts and a quarterly written report summarizing services provided. Instructors are reimbursed for mileage and paid monthly for services provided.

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## WHAT WE DO:

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We teach parents through direct and personalized intervention. Services to each family varies according to their needs and the goals identified by the caseworker. Each family is seen 1 to 3 times per week, on average. The Partners in Parenting Program currently offers services in the following areas:

- Parenting Instruction
- Health Issues
- Nutrition Issues
- Safety/Supervision Issues
- Budget Issues
- Housekeeping Issues
- Child Development Education

Partners in Parenting strives to assist parents to achieve independence and it is our goal to teach parents to work within the system, to comply with services and to ultimately function effectively as parents without further intervention.

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## WHO WE SERVE:

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- \* Parents who have voluntarily agreed to, requested or been Court Ordered to participate in services.
  - \* Parents with children in foster care with a goal of reunification or who are in the process of reunification.
  - \* Parents with children in the home who are at risk of placement.
  - \* Parents who have previously completed traditional parent training and are in need of hands-on, practical, individualized parenting instruction.
  - \* Parents who are in need of assistance with budgeting, housekeeping, child-proofing, meal planning and follow through with medical/dental/therapeutic services.
  - \* Parents preparing for the birth of a new baby, adjusting to the birth and care of a new born or adjusting to the birth and care of a special needs baby.

Families/Individuals will be accepted for services based on their current family situation and their willingness and ability to actively participate in Partners in Parenting Services.

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