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## What is a Family Partner?

A Family Partner is someone who

builds partnerships with parents,

families and professionals. A Family

Partner is someone who has a child or

family member with mental/emotional

challenges and can offer a shared

connection to families by establishing

a collaborative partnership.

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*Strengthen • Collaborate • Support*

3 Rivers Wraparound

Family  
Support  
Organization

*Who we are and What we do*

Partnering with families and  
community to enhance the health  
and well-being of children

## What do family partners do?

Family partners can become a part of your Child and Family team. Family partners provide temporary, focused support to your family in meeting the objectives set by your family and Child and Family Team. The Family Partner's exact role is tailored to your family's unique needs by way of specific strategies and action steps established during team meetings. Some examples of a family partner's role are:

- One-on-one parent support in a focused and purposeful way.
- Assisting family in identifying and accessing natural supports.
- A point of contact and support in between team meetings.
- Ensuring that the family's voice is amplified at team meetings.
- Offering tips, options, and ideas for organization, family activities, and coping skills.

These are only a few general examples of the kind of support a family partner could offer. Because Wraparound operates based on a family's unique strengths and needs, a family partner's role can be as diverse as the families.

## Group Support Programs

The 3 Rivers Wraparound Program's Family Organization also offers our families a variety of group support and other family programs.

**Coffee Group/Dad's Group:** Both are small group meetings of parents/caregivers designed to offer general support, encouragement, and social interaction held on a monthly, bi-monthly, or as-needed basis.

**Family Night:** A larger group gathering, occurring monthly, with snacks, crafts, games, and other activities that engages the whole family.

**Parent Group:** A larger group gathering, occurring monthly, that is focused on parent support, information, and education. Guest speakers are brought in from other community agencies. Past topics included Autism, IEP/504 planning and family rights, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and Bipolar Disorder. A light dinner and childcare are provided at this event for families currently enrolled in the program.

For further information on our Family Organization, please contact  
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## What is a Youth Partner?

A Youth Partner is someone who focuses their partnership on the younger members of the family. The Youth Partner builds relationships with the youth to offer support and encouragement to those involved with mental health or physical challenges. The Youth Partner is someone who is actively involved in developing activities and resources for the youth and may be on the Child and Family Team for added support to the youth.

**3 Rivers Wraparound Program offers support groups for kids, too.**

**Youth Group:** This is our older group for youth ages 13-17. This group focuses on the youth learning how to advocate for themselves and learning how to use their strengths in a positive way. They also focus on reducing stigma and ways to reach out to the community.

**Kids Group:** This is our younger group of kids ages 5-12. This group participates in many activities that work on peer-to-peer relationships, how to use strengths in a positive way, and how to advocate for themselves. They also do a lot of fun art and craft activities.