FAMILY MENTOR PROGRAM

Mission: Each Mentor will work to build a committed and trusted relationship with parents to help him or her define and meet goals to achieve and maintain greater self-reliance to prevent future involvement with the Child Welfare System.

Our Goal

- Help Parents achieve and maintain greater self-reliance
- Introduce and re-establish strength based support networks
- Help families get back to when times were good

An ideal Family Mentor will be one who can be non-judgmental, offer an hour a week to work together with the Parent(s), guiding and supporting them in the following areas:

- Social Connection—Helping parents develop social supports
- Hands on Assistance—Accessing available benefits and resources (food pantries, free tax filing, etc.) and assisting parents in obtaining appropriate assistance to access other community resources as needed
- Friendly Visitation—Offer a caring and supportive relationship to reduce the feelings of isolation in the spirit of “families helping families”
- Basic Parenting Assistance—Assisting parents in basic parenting skills through coaching and modeling.

Family Mentors will receive 3 hours of training

- An overview of the Child Welfare System
- Professional Boundaries, ethics and personal safety
- Confidentiality
- Family engagement & a plan for success

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