

KENNETH YOUNG CENTER CHILD & ADOLESCENT SERVICES

- Individual/Family Therapy
- Early Childhood Services
- Transitioning Youth Services
- Psychiatric Services
- SASS Crisis Services
- Individual Care Grant Support
- Case Management
- Mentoring
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Group Therapy
- Parenting Services
- Prevention Services

For more information
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PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES



**Parent Mentoring &
Family Resource
Development**

WHY PARENT SUPPORT?

Parenting is one of the most rewarding and one of the most difficult jobs there is. For a task as challenging as parenting, one would hope children came with instruction books. Clearly they do not.

Parenting a child who is functioning well is difficult enough but to parent a child who is struggling with problems is truly an uphill battle. Many parents of children with behavioral or emotional difficulties feel ashamed or guilty for their child's difficulties. Most feel alone and are not sure who to turn to.

The parent support services at Kenneth Young Center are designed to provide guidance and support to parents of children having problems. Some of the parents receiving these supports have struggles of their own. Most are just overwhelmed by the challenge of dealing with the extreme behaviors or intense emotions of their child. While no one person has all the answers to parenting questions, our parent support specialists can help make sense out of the child's behaviors and give practical guidelines and supports to struggling parents.

FAMILY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Family Resources Developers (FRDs) are parents who have gone through mental health crises with their own child and successfully navigated the mental health system. The role of a FRD is to empower parents and families to utilize natural supports and resources in the community.

Because a FRD has "been there" with their own child, they provide excellent guidance and support to parents. Through home visits, hospital visits and school meetings, the FRD can help families gain access to needed resources for finances, health care benefits, housing, education, employment etc.

The FRD also provides support and guidance for the family in regards to how to deal with the child's emotional or behavioral problems. The goal is to increase the esteem and efficacy of the family and to allow them to continue to support the child in question.

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Intake at
847-524-8800, ext. 155**

PARENT MENTORING

The skills necessary to be a successful parent are not always easy to come by. Parents are often expected to be experts in behavior management, time management, money management, stress management and mood management. However, most parents don't have a management degree. Parent mentors assist parents in learning and fine tuning skills needed to be successful parents for their child struggling with mental health issues.

A parent mentor will spend time in the family's home observing the parent with this child and provide feedback regarding parenting techniques. The parent mentor will also be available to meet with the parent either at home or out in the community to provide ongoing support and information about parenting and about other resources available to the parent. Often, parent mentoring will occur in conjunction with other outpatient services at Kenneth Young. It can then serve as an opportunity for the parents to practice skills with their mentor that they learned in family therapy of a parenting group.