

Parent-to-Parent Support Provides Unique Benefits

Wisconsin Family Ties provides an economical way to support the families of children with mental health needs. We work directly with families through our statewide network of highly-trained parent peer specialists.

Parent to parent support provides help in seeing hope for the future, feeling less alone, seeing positives in the situation, acceptance of the child's diagnosis, seeing family strengths, and dealing with stress.

(Santelli et al., 1997)

We help families build skills for life, and parents engaged with Wisconsin Family Ties report feeling better understood by service agencies.

Wisconsin Family Ties saves money and helps keep youth with mental health needs in their homes:

Twenty-eight percent of parents surveyed believe their child would no longer live at home without our assistance.

Wisconsin Family Ties parent peer support costs, on average, just \$4,000 annually per child.¹

"It is clear that Wisconsin Family Ties provides an absolutely critical service to Wisconsin families who have kids with emotional/behavioral disabilities!

I am very impressed by how clearly WFT has defined its primary services and how the impact of those services on families is articulated.

Thank you for making such a difference in the lives of thousands of Wisconsin families!"

–Former Division Administrator,
Wisconsin Department
of Health Services



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Changing lives by improving
children's mental health

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Peer Support Services

for families of children
experiencing social, emotional,
or behavioral challenges
and the human services
agencies serving them

¹WFT Parent Peer Specialist Program outcomes evaluation, 2017.

Wisconsin Family Ties Can Help the Families You Work With

Our statewide network of highly-trained parent peer specialists provides assistance across domains:

In the Community

Parent peer specialists help parents better understand and navigate local services and supports.

They teach parents collaboration strategies to build stronger working relationships with providers.

At School

Parent peer specialists act as an objective liaison between families, schools, case managers, and service providers, working to ensure that school plans are effective and appropriate.

At Home

Parent peer specialists help families identify strategies they can use to reduce conflict and encourage prosocial behavior.

We offer hope and encouragement in challenging times, help to prevent crises, and provide telephone support at times other services are unavailable.

Wisconsin Family Ties Can Help You Work with Families

We provide consulting services to other family-serving professionals in a variety of areas, including:

- Identifying unique strategies for working with children and youth with challenging behavior
- Identifying strategies for successfully engaging hard-to-reach families
- Implementing effective approaches for working with children and families with trauma histories
- Consulting with social workers and helping resolve school issues that are hindering progress
- Assisting agencies to better understand families and the parent perspective

Saving Your Agency Time and Resources

Wisconsin Family Ties lightens the workload for service coordinators and agency administration. We often assist parents on nights, weekends, and holidays, when agencies are normally closed. We help prevent crises so your Monday morning in the office is a bit more relaxed.

We help reduce agency costs resulting from out-of-home placements, or from stalled progress. Ultimately, we help parents gain the skills and confidence to manage on their own without agency services.



Funding for Wisconsin Family Ties' Parent Peer Specialist Services

Our work with families can be funded through sources available to human services agencies, including:

- Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)
- Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) Waiver
- Coordinated Services Team (CST) grant
- County levy
- State & County Contract for Social Services and Community Programs
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF)

For information about working with Wisconsin Families Ties, please call 608-267-6800 or email info@wifamilyties.org.