

# Stark County Job & Family Services

## Human Services Division

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Canton, OH 44702

Cash, Food & Medical Assistance  
*Customer Service/New Applications:*  
330.451.1844  
*JOBS/Child Care:* 330.452.4661

## Children Services Division

402 2nd Street S.E.  
Canton, OH 44702

*Child Abuse/Neglect Report Line:*  
330.455.KIDS  
*Foster/Adopt:*  
330.451.8789

## Child Support Division

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Canton, OH 44702

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# Parent Partner Program

*Parents Helping Parents*

## Children Services Division



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## What is a Parent Partner?

A parent partner is a parent who has experienced having a child or children removed from the home and has navigated through the Children Services process.



## What is the Parent Partner program?

The Parent Partner program is a mentoring program for parents who currently have a child removed from their home. Parents are invited to participate in an orientation session with parent partners who have gone through similar experiences and have worked to make changes.

The program is designed to help parents better understand the process they will go through with Children Services and Family Court. The program also strives to empower parents to advocate for themselves and for their children throughout the life of their case.

Helping Ohio Parent Effectively



## What does a Parent Partner do?

A parent partner can help make a difference in another parent's life and can help strengthen families by:

- offering support and understanding;
- providing hope and inspiration;
- sharing insight;
- answering questions;
- advocating and empowering, and
- helping to strengthen a parent's relationship with Children Services.

## How do I become a parent partner?

To be selected you must be a parent who has a strong desire to work with other parents. In addition you must:

- be at least 21 years of age;
- have made significant progress in personal acceptance, responsibility and healing in your recovery and your involvement with Children Services;
- have obtained sobriety, if applicable, with a minimum of one year of recovery;
- complete a background check, and be able to pass clearance to work with minors;
- complete mandatory training, and
- abide by Code of Conduct.

## How can I learn more about becoming a Parent Partner?

To learn more about becoming a parent partner, please call: **330.451.8927**.