

## **FAMILY SUPPORTS WAIVER**

Service Type: Other

Service (Name): **FAMILY AND PEER MENTORING SUPPORTS**

### **Service Definition:**

- A. Family and Peer Mentoring is support and guidance provided to a waiver participant and family members of a waiver participant by a person with shared experience. Family and Peer mentors may explain community services and programs and suggest strategies to the waiver participant and family to achieve the waiver participant's goals. It fosters connections and relationships which builds individual and family resilience.
- B. Family and Peer Mentoring support individuals and families with all of their complexity, strengths and unique abilities to achieve self –determination, interdependence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all facets of community life across the lifespan. Mentoring supports individuals and families as they focus on life experiences that point the trajectory toward a good quality of life across the lifespan. It can support integrated life domains that are important to a good quality of life, including daily life, safety and security, community living, healthy lifestyle, social and spirituality, and citizenship and advocacy. It can help to build on current support structures that focus on self-determination, community living, social capital and economic sufficiency to achieve individually defined life outcomes.
- C. These services provide information, resources, guidance, and support from an experienced and trained peer mentor, parent or other family member to a peer, another parent or family caregiver who is the primary unpaid support to a child/young adult with intellectual or developmental disabilities.
- D. Family and Peer mentoring actively engages participants and family members of participants to share their successful strategies and experiences in navigating a broad range of community resources beyond those offered through the waiver with other waiver participants and their families.

### **Service Requirements:**

- A. Peer mentoring does provide support to the participant and their family in locating and accessing other community services and programs that may assist the participant to engage in community life or provide supports to the participant.
- B. Family and Peer Mentoring includes supports to siblings from others with shared experiences.
- C. Family and Peer Mentoring includes facilitation of parent or family member "matches" and follow-up support to assure the matched relationship meets peer expectations.

- D. Family and Peer mentoring does not provide case management services to a waiver participant; peer mentoring does not include determination of level of care, functional or financial eligibility for services or person-centered service planning.
- E. Support needs for peer mentoring are identified in the waiver participant's person-centered plan.
- F. The peer mentor can be an individual with developmental disabilities or the member of a family that includes an individual with developmental disabilities.
- G. Peer mentors cannot mentor their own family members.

**Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**

**Service Delivery Method (check each that applies)**

- Participant Directed as specified in Appendix E
- Provider Managed

**Specify whether the service may be provided by (check all that applies):**

- Legally Responsible Person
- Relative
- Legal Guardian

**Provider Specifications:** (Instructions list the following for each type of provider that can deliver the services):

Provider Category	Provider Type Title
Individual	Individual for People/Family Self-Directing Services
Agency	DDA Approved Family and Peer Mentoring

**Provider Specifications for Services**

**Provider Category:** Individual

**Provider Type:** Individual for people self-directing services

**Provider Qualifications License (specify):**

**Certificate (specify):**

**Other Standard (specify):**

The following minimum staff standards are required one-to-one interactions with children:

1. Be at least 18 years old
2. Pass a criminal background investigation and Child Protective Services Background Clearance
3. Valid driver's license if the operation of a vehicle is necessary to provide services
4. Have automobile insurance for all automobiles that are owned, leased, and/or hired and used in the provision of care

## Verification of Provider Qualifications

### Entity Responsible for Verification:

- Fiscal Management Service

### Frequency of Verification:

- Fiscal Management Services - prior to service delivery

<b>Provider Category:</b> Agency
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### Provider Type:

### Provider Qualifications License (specify):

### License (specify):

### Certificate (specify):

### Other Standard (specify):

DDA Approved Family and Peer Mentoring agency with demonstrated experience with self-advocacy and parent organizations delivering similar services.

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## Verification of Provider Qualifications Entity

### Entity Responsible for Verification:

- DDA for approval of Family and Peer Mentoring
- Provider for staff standards

### Frequency of Verification:

- DDA: Annually
- Provider: Prior to service delivery