

# NC Families United



## Family Partner Coordinators

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## Who Is A Family Partner?

A **Family Partner** is a trained parent or caregiver with experience navigating multiple child serving systems.

A Family Partner will work with you and the agencies providing services) to you and your child, so you can develop a plan that fits your family's needs, dreams and desires.

**Family Partners** can help by:

- ◆ Linking families to resources such as mental health agencies, Dept. of Social Services and community organizations.
  - ◆ Attending meetings with families as requested, such as but not limited to CFTs-Child & Family Team Meetings, IEPs- Individual Education Program Meetings, Care Reviews, etc.
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- ◆ Creating an understanding of how child serving agencies work.
  - ◆ Assisting families in advocating for themselves.

### Did You Know:

- *There is someone with first-hand experience that has walked and fought very similar situations.*
- *There is someone you can call when you need a non-judgmental ear.*
- *There is someone who can help you navigate systems*

## Primary Function of a Family Partner

- ◆ Support
  - ◆ Advocacy
  - ◆ Navigation
  - ◆ Train
  - ◆ Family Voice
- Navigation:**  
Family Partners assist families during some of the most stressful times of their lives and the lives of their children/young adults.  
The toolkit of a Family partner consist of their knowledge of the various systems, their background of family experience, their resource network and compassion from enduring similar experiences they have navigated for themselves or their family members.

### Resources:

*NC Families United*  
[ncfamiliesunited.org](http://ncfamiliesunited.org)  
336/385-8828

**North Carolina Families United, NFFCMH, INC (Face Book)**

*NC State Collaborative*  
[nccollaborative.org](http://nccollaborative.org)

## What Is System of Care?

**System of Care** is not a service or a program—it is a way of working together with youth and families to achieve the desired outcomes identified by the youth and family.

and supports organized to meet needs of families who are involved with multiple child service agencies, such as child welfare, mental health schools, juvenile justice and health care.

private organizations, ensuring supports are effective and built on the individual strengths and needs of each individual family.

System of Care is a comprehensive network of community-based services

The goal is for families and youth to work in partnership with public and

## System of Care Core Values

- ◆ Interagency Collaboration
- ◆ Accountability to Results
- ◆ Individualized Strength-based Approach



- ◆ Child and Family Partnership
- ◆ Cultural Competence
- ◆ Community-based Services and Supports

## Child and Family Teams

At the heart of System of Care is the Wrap-around planning process known as the Child and Family Team Meeting.

Child and Family Teams are family members and their community supports that come together to create, implement and update

a plan with the child/young adult and family. The plan builds on the strengths of child/young adult and family and addresses their needs, desires and dream.