

**MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ORANGE COUNTY
JOB DESCRIPTION**

TITLE: PARENT MENTOR

SUMMARY:

Under the direct supervision and guidance of the Project Together Mentor Program Director, the Parent Mentor is responsible to provide peer support to the parent/care providers of children and youth receiving clinical services through the County of Orange Health Care Agency Children and Youth Services and its contract programs. Parent Mentors will become part of the youth's treatment team and will work closely with the child's therapist. They also go into the community to work one-on-one with the parent/care provider to assist them to identify their needs.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS:

This position reports to the Project Together Mentor Program Director.

STATUS: Part-time, Non-exempt (must be able to work some evenings and weekends)

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Essential:

1. Role model new strategies and do "whatever it takes" to promote the parents success and the successes of the child or youth.
2. Assisting parent/care provider to learn independently navigates the mental health system, offer information about the community resources and parent related support groups.
3. Work in conjunction with the MHA-Project Together team to further develop the child, youth and parent mentor programs.
4. Must possess the ability to develop written advertisements and promotional material to communicate orally to groups and individuals as a way to recruit mentors.
5. Knowledge of local community resources.
6. Perform other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be bi-lingual in English and Spanish.
2. Must be a parent of children ages 10 and above.
3. Be willing and able to provide consistent and non-judgmental support to the parent/care provider.
4. Work closely with the identified client's clinician.
5. Possess strong organizational skills and demonstrate the ability to work independently.
6. Experience with the mental health system is preferred.
7. Possession of a valid California Driver's License Class C or higher, by date of hire and the ability to provide own reliable transportation.

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