

TO APPLY, PLEASE SEND YOUR RESUME & INCLUDE A COVER LETTER THAT:

Tells us a little about yourself and your lived experience as a parent and describes why you are interested in the position and how you would excel in it.

Applications can be sent to:

admin@guidedpathways.org

or

Guided Pathways – Support for Youth and Families
6625 S 190th St., Ste. B102
Kent, WA 98032

PARENT PARTNER PEER SUPPORT PROVIDER

Do you have or have you raised a child with behavioral, emotional, mental health or substance abuse challenges? If so, we need you.

Guided Pathways – Support for Youth and Families (GPS) is a King County-based, non-profit, family support organization founded with the support of the King County Department of Community and Human Services, Behavioral Health Division and Recovery (BHRD).

Our mission:

We are families helping families. We empower and support families and youth struggling with behavioral, emotional or substance abuse challenges in navigating resources to achieve wellness and resilience.

A Parent Partner provides support and advocacy for parents and caregivers to ensure that family voice is heard throughout the King County System of Care; and acts as a role model for parents and caregivers in interacting with community providers and agencies. They will also help parents find time and space for their own journey of personal recovery and acceptance for the grief they may experience as a result of their own and/or their child's special needs. The Parent Partner will focus on linking children and families to services and sharing tools with parents to more effectively advocate for their children.

BIPOC and LTGBQ+ parents are strongly encouraged to apply.

Specific Areas of Responsibilities

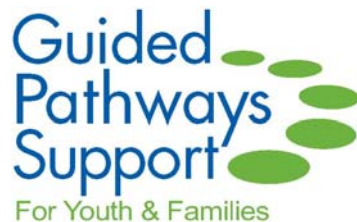
- Develop healthy, supportive relationships with assigned parent/family.
- Partner effectively with youth peer assigned to family's youth.



- Provide guidance, coaching, education, and advocacy for the Parent/Caregiver in interacting with their child/youth and networking with community resources and treatment providers to meet youth's needs.
- Provide resources and referrals for addressing family basic needs such as housing, food, and health care.
- Engage the Parent/Caregiver in activities in the home and community that are designed to address one or more goals for the child/youth's care.
- Assist Parent/Caregiver in recognizing the importance of self-care as a vital component of their parenting and helping them connect with support in the area of self-care as well as support in the form of individual, peer/parent support and self-help groups.
- Identify need for and participate in meetings with families such as for Individualized Educational Plan (IEP), hospital discharge, treatment team and At-Risk-Youth Petition.
- Conduct a minimum of weekly face-to-face home visits with Parent/ Caregiver and provide telephone support to Parent/Caregiver. (Currently these will be largely virtual meetings due to COVID-19)
- Organize and co-facilitate peer-to-peer parent support groups and provide parent educational classes.
- Attend weekly supervisory/case review meetings to review families' progress and action plan.
- Attend and participate in staff meetings.
- Complete weekly progress notes, goals and other required documentation in a timely manner, adhering to the highest professional standards.
- Regularly attend community meetings around the county to build relationships, identify resources, and discover and document unmet needs and gaps in services.
- Set and maintain professional boundaries at all times.
- Maintain strict confidentiality of client information and act in a manner that is consistent with GPS policies and procedures.
- Work occasional evenings and weekends as needed.

Required Qualifications

- Lived experience parenting a child or youth with emotional, behavioral (including substance use) or mental health challenges and/or experience with children's mental health system.
- High school diploma or GED.
- Certified Peer Counselor or ability to obtain certification upon hire.
- Valid Washington State driver's license.
- Ability to pass criminal background and driving record checks.
- Reliable transportation and proof of car insurance.



- Willingness to drive and travel extensively in King County using personal vehicle.
- Ability to communicate clearly in writing and verbally.
- Strong active-listening skills.
- Good relationship building skills and ability to maintain constructive relationship boundaries with youth, youth's family and other GPS staff.
- Tolerance and openness to different world views and sensitivity to other cultures, languages and sexual orientations.
- Responsible, committed to the position and to the organization's mission.

Preferred Qualifications –

- AA or BA degree in Human Services or similar.
- One or more years of paid or volunteer experience as a parent partner, including experience working with providers or experience building strong home and school partnerships to meet children's needs within a school system in King County.
- Experience advocating for self and other parents.
- Basic computer proficiency.
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills.
- Familiarity with schools, special education, children's administration, juvenile justice and mental health System of Care in King County.
- Understanding of state-based child and family laws and policy.
- Familiarity with 10 principles of the national Wraparound Initiative.
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a high functioning team.

Job Type: Full-time

Pay: \$16.00 - \$20.00 per hour

Position open until filled

Guided Pathways – Support for Youth and Families is an equal opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered for employment without attention to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran or disability status.