

Experienced Parent – Pathfinder Services of ND

Experienced Parents, under the supervision of Pathfinder Services of ND, will support families who have infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, have received diagnosis in utero, or are transitioning out of Infant Development. Experienced Parents will work alongside Developmental Disabilities Program Managers (DDPM) and Infant Development (ID) providers to provide support to families involved in the ID program.

Responsibilities:

- Provide parent emotional support to families through a variety of activities, such as meeting individually with families, Individualized Family Service Plan meetings, setting up support groups, family surveys, and facilitating parent connections.
- Provide a family centered experience/perspective and voice for Early Intervention professionals throughout Early Intervention Services.
- Provide support using personal experiences and first-hand knowledge of the system.
- Serve as a resource to relay family needs and concerns to ID and DD service providers.
- Attend regional action plan meetings, other general supervision activities, DD staff meetings, ID staff meetings, and EL trainings as appropriate.
- Complete an online certification program and other yearly continuing education trainings to maintain statewide continuity throughout the Experienced Parent program.
- Maintain accurate records of parent contact, time and effort logs, and monthly data reports to be submit to Pathfinder Services of ND by the 5th of the next month.
- Participate in monthly conference calls with other regional Experienced Parents and Pathfinder Services of ND.

Other Requirements:

- Must be a parent with a child who is currently in ID or have had a child in ID under the age of 13.
- Cannot be employed or contracted by an ID provider.
- Has access to a computer and the internet

Knowledge and Skills:

- Have a basic knowledge of Microsoft Office.
- Be able to communicate effectively with parents in person or by phone.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA – Part C) regulations, North Dakota EI system, and regional policies and procedures.
- Have a willingness to work and share ideas with staff from other regions in North Dakota.

Signature: _____

Date: _____