

This is



Wisconsin Family Ties

Today's Objectives

What we do

How we do it

The difference we can make

How to connect with us



Wisconsin Family Ties

OUR MISSION

Changing Lives

by

Improving Children's Mental Health

Support, understanding, and acceptance for families raising children with social, emotional, behavioral, or mental health challenges

Wisconsin Family Ties Programs

Parent Peer Specialist Program

Training Program

- Children Come First Conference
- Parent / Family Training
- Child-Serving Professional Training

Public Policy

Warm Heart Fund

The Families We Serve





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What we can help with

School Issues

Information

Connection to
Services

Emotional
support

Navigating
systems

Reduce stress
and conflict

Develop
Advocacy Skills

FAMILY DRIVEN

Parent peer specialists

A Wisconsin Family Ties parent peer specialist is an individual who has:

- *at least one year of experience as a parent or primary caregiver involved in the day-to-day care of a child or adolescent with social, emotional, behavioral, or mental health challenges;
- *successfully navigated the process of obtaining mental health services for his/her child, the need for which has persisted for a period of at least one year;
- *received specific training to provide support to families and to help equip parents with the confidence and tools to better meet their families' needs.

Welcoming

Inviting

Perspective shifting

Listening

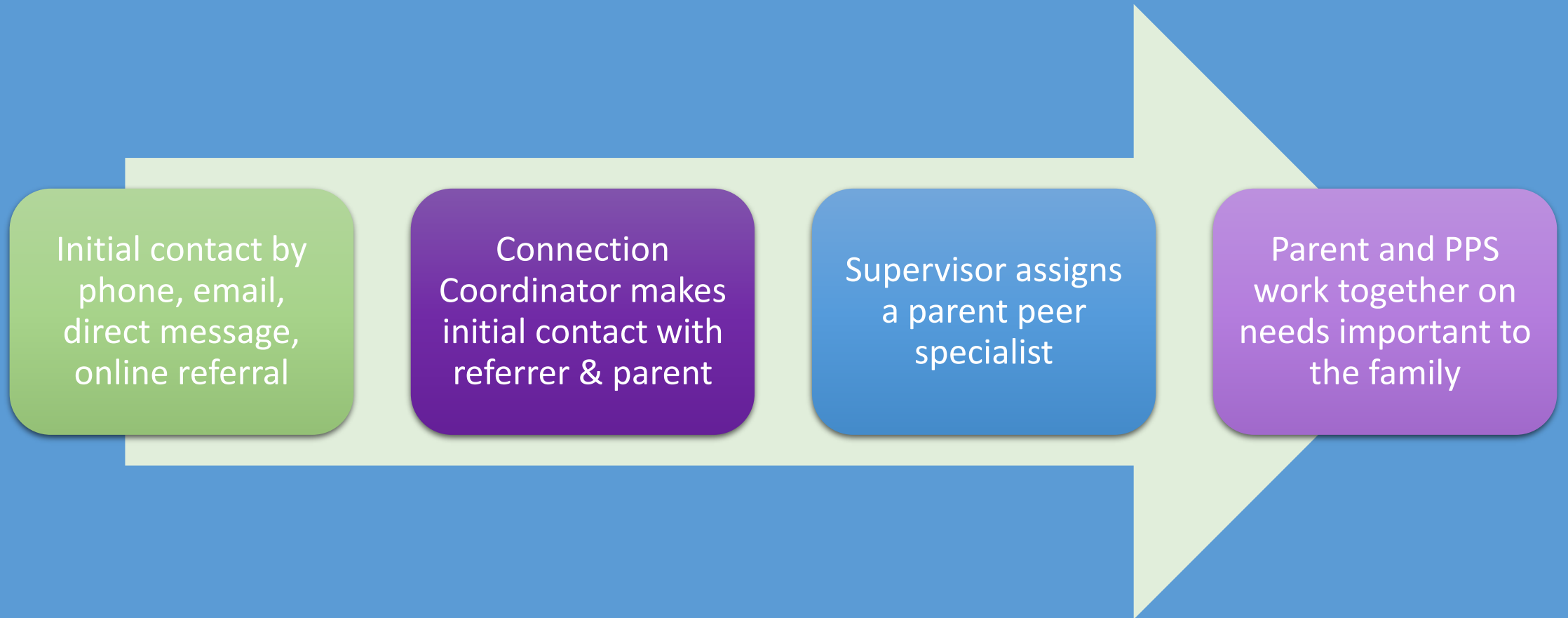
Accepting

Never giving up

HOW WE DO IT

Family-driven Care
Through the WI PLAN™

Connecting with Wisconsin Family Ties



Wisconsin Family Ties Helps Increase Parenting Skills and Confidence



96%

of parents indicate that they are better advocates for their child since connecting with the parent peer specialist.



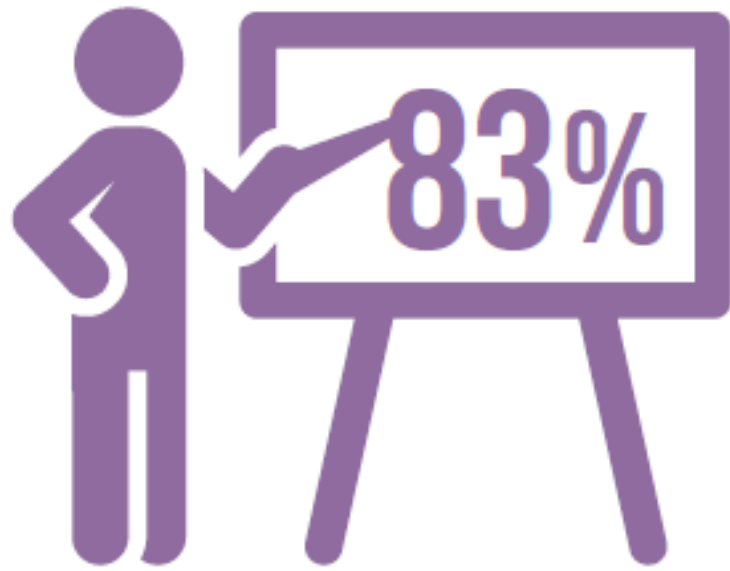
of parents indicate that the peer specialist effectively advocates for the child [models behavior].



83%

of parents note that they are more capable of dealing with service systems since connecting with the parent peer specialist.





of parents surveyed indicate that Wisconsin Family Ties worked with them on school-related issues.



100%

of the parents above state that the parent peer specialist models behavior for respectfully interacting with the school.



85%

of the parents above report at least one improvement in the school situation/relationship since connecting with the parent peer specialist.

Wisconsin Family Ties Improves Family-School Relationships



At Home

96%

of parents note that they feel better able to cope with their family situation since connecting with Wisconsin Family Ties.

87%

of parents indicate that Wisconsin Family Ties services helped to improve the family's situation.



In the School

65%

of parents indicate that the school understands their child better since connecting with a parent peer specialist.

71%

of parents note that they are more satisfied with the school plan since working with WFT.



Within the Community

83%

of parents indicate that WFT helped them to obtain information about their child's diagnosis, treatment options, or available community programs.

89%

of parents are more hopeful about the future since connecting with WFT.

How WFT
is making a
difference



Positive, yet sobering...

There's more to the story of data.

2 in 10 parents are certain their child would have faced court action or juvenile detention without our support. 1 in 10 parents say they were so stressed that they themselves would be in jail or facing legal charges without our help. ¹

¹Results from a 2021 analysis utilizing the standardized Family Empowerment Scale (Koren, et. al., 1992) and research best practices (Fink, 2013).



Helping families thrive saves lives...

- 10 in 100 parents are sure their child would have considered suicide without our help. *
- 9 in 100 parents think that their child would be deceased. *

* Results from a 2021 analysis utilizing the standardized Family Empowerment Scale (Koren, et. al., 1992) and research best practices (Fink, 2013).

A small green fern sprout with two unfurling fronds grows from a crack in a dark, textured rock surface. The background is a blurred, light-colored ground.

Peer support gives parents hope...

- 1 in 10 parents say that without our help they would have lost hope and considered suicide. *
- 1 in 20 parents say that they would have ended their lives.*

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No fee to family for services

Wisconsin Family Ties is a 501©(3) charitable organization

- Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)

- Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver

- Coordinated Services Team (CST)

- IDEA Part B flow through

County levy



You are not alone.

At Wisconsin Family Ties we have an understanding that only those who have walked in your shoes can provide.

Connecting with WFT

- (608) 267-6800
- Online referral form at wifamilyties.org
- Email connect@wifamilyties.org

To connect with us or
to start services:

connect@wifamilyties.org

How you can get involved:

Follow us on Facebook

Attend the Children Come First
Conference: ccfconference.org

Donate online at wifamilyties.org

Share your story with us through a
confidential link on our website

Questions...



Resources/Notes

Research Technique

- The statistical outcomes presented here were gathered using an assessment tool based on a validated, internationally well-known rating scale called the Family Empowerment Scale (FES).¹¹ The assessment is proctored annually by a Ph.D.-qualified researcher to a stratified, randomly-selected sample totaling approximately 10 percent of the population served.