

VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION

Volunteer Title: **Parent Representative-Family Assessment and Planning Team**

Goal: Provide a parent perspective when addressing and assessing the strengths and needs of troubled and at-risk youth and families who are approved for referral to that team and for the purpose of identifying and determine the compliment of services required to meet those specific needs.

Duties:

- Attend scheduled FAPT meetings and provide advocacy on behalf of parents
- Take an active role in the development of individualized service plans for families
- Assist in ensuring parents are notified of meeting dates and times
- Act as a peer mentor and resource provider for parents before the team
- Obtain resource information for parents and liaison with the community to keep team abreast of concerns that impact parents in the locality
- Attend trainings and/or community meetings that are beneficial to role as a parent representative

Qualifications:

- Preference given to a parent of a consumer or former consumer of services from a public child serving agency
- Must be a resident of the York County or City of Poquoson
- Strong communications skills, well-versed and experienced in various issues as it relates to mental or physical special needs of a child or willing to learn
- Be confident and willing to speak out in large groups consisting of experts reviewing the cases to represent for the families of the locality
- Demonstrate the ability to be compassionate, dependable and empathetic and possess the ability to be a team member
- Ability to remain objective in an emotionally charged situation
- Respect the beliefs and traditions of individual coming from a wide variety of cultural, religious and ethnic backgrounds

Time Commitment: One day a month

Training: Orientation-Local CPMT
Communication and confidentiality
Team Roles and responsibilities
Comprehensive Services Act (CSA)
CPMT and FAPT observation
Terms and Terminology
Ongoing training as needed

Interested parties should contact:

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