



Family Partner Program



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What service does the Family Partner program provide?

Faison's Family Partner program provides continual support to individuals with disabilities in a private home. In addition to daily activities, our Partners also offer support, friendship and opportunities for growth.

These could include helping the individual to complete their daily routines, assisting or providing meals, transporting them to services, community outings and providing recreational and social activities. The supports are outlined in the individual's service plan, which describes measurable outcomes across a variety of focus areas.

Where is the Family Partner service provided?

The services are provided in a home setting. The Family Partner and Individual share a home that is either owned or rented by the Family Partner, Individual or a relative. In all cases, both the Family Partner and Individual have a lease to the home whereby they share common areas but have a separate bedroom and bath.

Faison does not own or lease any of the Family Partner or Individual homes. These homes are established by the Family Partner, Individual or a relative.

What are the qualifications of a Family Partner?

Our Family Partners are often former Teachers, Teaching Assistants and professionals from other human services fields and hold a strong passion for helping individuals with special needs. Our Family Partners must meet rigorous standards in order to be accepted into our program, complete regular and annual trainings and participate in home visits.

Why is it beneficial for my child to leave his home with his biological family and move into another home with a Family Partner?

Our Family Partner program embraces a natural time in life when young adults move out of their parent's homes to pursue greater independence.

Our Family Partner program provides this to Individuals by giving them the chance to live on their own while still receiving the support they need from a trained professional. Our Individuals continue to have relationships with their biological families but these relationships mirror what is more typical for young adults and their parents. Family relationships blossom and grow in new ways as a result of this program.

What will happen to my child if the Family Partner decides to no longer provide this service?

Faison's Family Partner Program is meant to be long lasting. Our support of our Family Partners helps to ensure this is the case. However, if a Family Partner resigns, Faison will work to find a new partner and to provide interim support during a transition. Our goal is to provide services to the Individual with careful planning to find and sustain the right Family Partner match.

What will happen to my child once we are no longer here?

Faison spends time at the onset understanding your wishes, needs and goals for your child well before we begin providing services. By doing this, we are able to understand how to help support the best choices at every turn. As long as you are able, we will be working closely with you and communicating with you regularly to ensure the needs of your child are being met.

During this process, it will also be important to understand what you wish to have happen when you are gone. However, these decisions are best handled through your will or trust and we will help to connect you to resources in our area if you have not already done so. Most of our Individuals are on a medicaid waiver program that will continue to provide services as long as the individual requires them.

How can I find out more about whether this program will be right for my child?

Faison offers regular information sessions to help educate families about our services and local resources. You can find out more about how to reserve your spot at an upcoming information session by calling 804.612.1947 and asking to register for the Family Partner Information Session. You can also request information be mailed to you or visit our website at www.faisoncenter.org.



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