

**FREE VIRTUAL CLE/CEU**

# SUPPORTING PARENTS THROUGH THE CHILD WELFARE PROCESS:

*The Louisiana Parent Partner Program*

**DECEMBER 15, 2022  
12 - 1 PM**

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A Parent Partner is someone who has previously been involved with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) due to child abuse and/or neglect and has since successfully resolved the issues that brought them into contact with the child welfare system. This model of peer support for parents was first piloted in 2010 in the Lafayette Region by DCFS and The Extra Mile. The program has been a success, helping parents with children in foster care or at risk of entering foster care know that they are not alone with the steep hurdles they face. Since 2020, DCFS has partnered with Family Resource Centers and The Extra Mile to implement Parent Partner programs across the state.



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The experiences that the Parent Partners have had enable them to mentor and help guide families who are currently involved because they offer hope, realistic advice, and advocacy for families. In addition, they foster cooperation among the family, DCFS caseworker, and other professionals. Yet not all stakeholders are aware of this supportive resource. Evangeline Boudreaux from The Extra Mile and Jaqueta Taylor from DCFS will provide information about the model as well as what parent partners do to support parents going through the DCFS process. They will also discuss how the courts can assist in the success of the program. The presentation will feature a Parent Partner who experienced this program during her Child in Need of Care (CINC) case.

## AGENDA

12:00 - 12:15pm	The Parent Partner Model
12:15 - 12:35pm	Parent Partner Roles & Responsibilities
12:35 - 12:50pm	One Parent Partner's Experience
12:50 - 1:00pm	Questions and Answers; Resources

### Objectives

- Learn about the Parent Partner model used by Louisiana's Family Resource Centers
- Identify the benefits of peer support in a child welfare case
- Understand how and where to refer to a Parent Partner, and what a provider can expect from the service.

# SPEAKERS



## **Evangeline Boudreaux** | Program Director, The Extra Mile Family Resource Center

Evangeline Boudreaux is the Program Director for The Extra Mile Family Resource Center, where she has worked as part of Louisiana's Child Welfare system for 18 years. She has been involved with various systems changes over the years, including Parent Partner and other Child Welfare peer programs and the implementation of QPI in the Lafayette region. Evangeline believes that family forms the foundation, that there is power in partnerships in our system, and that people can and do change. These beliefs drive her work. Outside of her work life, Evangeline is married with three children, enjoys cooking, eating and trying new foods, painting and being outdoors.



## **Jaqueta Taylor** | Family Services Consultant, Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services

Jaqueta Taylor is a Family Services Consultant with the Department of Children and Family Services, with over 19 years of experience in child welfare. She has worked with various programs throughout the agency including foster care, Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS), Family Services and Child Protection Services. Prior to transitioning to her current role, she served as a prevention supervisor in the QID-WIC pilot program. As a Family Services Consultant, she focuses on program improvement by assisting field staff with policy clarification and training. Jaqueta is also the DCFS contract monitor for the Family Resource Centers in Lake Charles, Lafayette and Thibodaux Regions, which includes the implementation of My Community Cares (MCC) in those regions.



## **Latrice Marquez** | Birth Parent/Parent Partner, The Extra Mile Family Resource Center

Latricia Marquez is a Birth Parent/Parent Partner at the The Extra Mile. She has successfully resolved her own case plan and is reunited with her children. She is currently training to provide birth parents with support from someone who knows what it's like. She is excited to use her experience to help others succeed. Mrs. Marquez enjoys building a better future for her children, doing service, work and watching sunsets. She's loving her new life and striving to make each day count.