



Family Partner Program - Providers



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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. These supports include helping the individual with all of their daily activities, administering medications, meals, transporting them to services, daily living skills and providing recreational and social activities. The Family Partner would ensure a safe and comfortable home environment. The supports would be 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 private home setting. The Family Partner and Individual would 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.

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 working with individuals with special needs.

Our Family Partners must meet a set of training standards, and complete a background check, medical training, an interview process and a home inspection. Family Partners are also required to have a computer to access on-line notes and medication administration programs. There are also regular home visits.

What are the benefits of being a Family Partner?

Family Partners live extremely fulfilling lives! Most of our Family Partners enjoy the opportunity to work in the home rather than in a traditional work setting. While the Individual is at a support program during the week days, we find that our Family Partners use that time to enjoy and support their own family, their hobbies and to relax. These unique families eat together, shop together and spend time together as an extended family.

Family Partners enjoy caregiver days at Faison in which the Individual has an extended day with Faison staff providing support in the evenings or weekends as the need arises. Family Partners are compensated for their services similarly to a Teacher's salary and are not taxed for their living expenses due to the fact that their home and living arrangement is required for their work. This provides even more financial savings!



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How long of a commitment does The Faison Center require?

A minimum of a one year commitment is expected but most arrangements are long lasting. The longer the Family Partner and the Individual are together, the stronger the bond will be.

What if a Family Partner needs time off?

Relief support is a key element in keeping the Family Partner and their family relationships robust and happy. The Family Partner arranges this through the support of Faison while also utilizing regularly scheduled Faison relief evenings. Often times, the natural families are available to help as well as other Family Partners.

How can I find out more about whether this is the right career choice for me?

Faison offers regular information sessions to help educate potential providers about this opportunity. You may 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 may also request information to be mailed to you or visit our website at www.faisoncenter.org.



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