

# FAMILIES ARE WAITING—WE NEED YOUR HELP

## We need you to:

- Build a committed and trusted relationship with parent(s) and children
- Help parent(s) define and meet goals to achieve and maintain greater self-reliance
- Prevent a family's future involvement with the Child Welfare system



## Flexible Hours!

One hour a week can keep a family together forever.



## The Family Mentor Program provides:

- In-Depth Training
- Ongoing Support
- Criminal Background Screening
- Community Resources

# Mentor a Family Today!

Visit <https://www.unitedwaylee.org/family-mentor-program/> to apply or for more information.





## FAMILY MENTOR PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

**Mission:** Each Mentor will work to build a committed and trusted relationship with parent(s) to help them define and meet goals to achieve and maintain greater self-reliance to prevent future involvement with the Child Welfare system.

An ideal Family Mentor will be non-judgmental, available a minimum of 1 hour a week to work with the family, and able to provide guidance and support in the following areas:

- **Social Connection:** Helping parents develop social supports.
- **Hands on Assistance:** Accessing available benefits and resources (food pantries, free tax filing, etc.) and assisting parents in obtaining appropriate assistance to access other community resources as needed.
- **Friendly Visitation:** Offering a caring and supportive relationship to reduce the feelings of isolation in the spirit of “families helping families”.
- **Parenting Assistance:** Assisting parents in basic parenting skills through coaching and modeling.

### Family Mentors will receive an Orientation and Training on:

- The Child Welfare System
- Professional Boundaries, Ethics, and Personal Safety
- Confidentiality
- Family engagement
- Planning for Success



### To Begin Your Online Mentor Training, Complete Your Application:

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Mentors will work in partnership with the Family to develop a Support Plan to assist families as they reunify with their children. The Mentor will be assigned based on the family’s needs and match preferences identified by the Mentor.

### For more information contact:

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