

What do Parent Resource Coordinators do?

Parent Resource Coordinators (PRCs) connect families that have children with disabilities or special healthcare needs to needed community resources. PRCs are parents that have experience navigating multiple systems to insure their own child's success. All PRCs have received extensive training to help insure that families have social support and get connected to the resources they need as quickly as possible.



Meet MMII Parent Resource Coordinator Rachel Ray, MA

"My passion for advocacy is a result of years of personal experience as an advocate for my son. Dakota, was diagnosed with a genetic disorder, autism with severe behaviors, epilepsy, an intellectual disability, and a host of medical conditions. Serving as Dakota's advocate while navigating countless systems has led to my pursuit of a career that focuses on helping individuals and families who face the obstacles, challenges, and rewards that having a disability may pose. I love my role as a Parent Resource Coordinator, and I look forward to contributing to the Family Care Enhancement Project."

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The Family Care Enhancement Project

The Family Care Enhancement Project (FCEP) places Parent Resource Coordinators (PRCs) in medical clinics to provide information and support to families that have children with disabilities and special health care needs. Grant funding is from the Nebraska Departments of Education's and Health & Human Services' Early Intervention (IDEA Part C) Program and supports families having children with disabilities or special health care needs ages birth to five years. Other funding to support families having children with disabilities and special healthcare needs beyond age 5 has been available through the support of collaborating clinics or other grants and contracts. PRCs are parents or family members who have experienced navigating the resources their family member with a disability needs in order to achieve optimal health outcomes. In addition, each PRC receives extensive and on-going training.

The overall goal of the FCEP is to:

- Help families receive early intervention services
- Assist families who have children with disabilities or special health care needs to access needed community resources to keep medical appointments and improve health outcomes
- Identify other sources of funding to enhance and further support families that have children with disabilities or special health care needs to adulthood.
- Expand this project to other sites across the state

For more information about the FCEP go to:
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FCEP is a project of the UNMC
Munroe-Meyer Institute with
support from the Nebraska Early
Development Network.



Parent Resource Coordinators can help with:

Early Intervention Services: Referrals to and coordination with the Early Development Network and other early childhood services

Insurance Access: Nebraska Medicaid, Kids Connection, Medicaid Waiver programs, other programs

Parent Education: Hosting support groups/workshops

Program Eligibility: WIC (nutritional program for Women, Infants and Children), Childcare, respite and other social services

Community Resources: Housing, utilities, summer camps, recreational activities

Current Sites Include:

- UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute
- Boys Town Pediatrics
- One World Community Health Center
- Complete Children's Health, Lincoln

For more information about the Family Care Enhancement Project or how your child/children can be served by a Parent Resource Consultant, please contact:

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