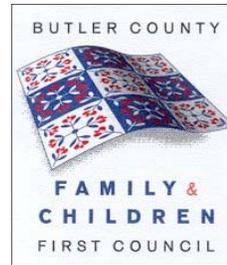


What Families Say Helps..

Families whose children have behavioral health or other special needs are all unique.

However, when asked, families agree that they find the following to be helpful —

- ⇒ **Connections to other families**
- ⇒ **Access to information**
- ⇒ **Talking about the role of spirituality in healing**



Meeting Needs Using the Power of Families & Communities

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All people need relationships and connections with others. All parents need access to support and information. However, a child with emotional, developmental, behavioral or addiction issues presents unique challenges to parents and caregivers.

The Butler County Family & Children First Council would like to help families of children with special needs **make connections:**

- ◇ *To each other*
- ◇ *To information*
- ◇ *To sources of support and encouragement*

Do you need Support?

- ⇒ Is your child and/or family struggling due to emotional, developmental, behavioral or addiction issues?
- ⇒ Do you ever feel like you're the only one dealing with the kind of problems your family and child are facing?
- ⇒ Are you having difficulty accessing services, information or other forms of support?
- ⇒ Have you approached public agencies (Juvenile Court, Children Services, Mental Health, MRDD, etc.) to seek help for your child?
- ⇒ Would you like to have other parents to talk to, ask questions of, or attend a meeting with you?



Can you offer Support to others?

- ⇒ Have you parented a child with emotional, developmental, behavioral or addiction issues?
- ⇒ Do you find yourself reaching out to others to offer your support, knowledge, and/or encouragement?
- ⇒ Have you worked with schools, physicians, treatment centers or other public agencies to obtain needed services for your child and/or family?
- ⇒ Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community?

Contact Lynda Coombs
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