Parent Support Program

The Home for Little Wanderers provides a seamless continuum of vital programs and services for every stage of child and family development. For more than 220 years, we’ve earned a reputation for doing whatever it takes to strengthen vulnerable families and keep children safe in their own communities, even when they don’t have family support.

Serving children and youth from birth to 22, The Home makes a positive impact on over 14,000 lives each year through a network of services including behavioral health, therapeutic residential and special education, adoption and foster care. In addition, a number of innovative programs provide specialized assistance to youth transitioning to adulthood from state systems of care.

We continuously measure the impact of our work to develop and enhance our programs. We never give up on children. And we don’t let children give up on themselves. By advocating on behalf of each and every one of them, we strengthen our families, our communities and our Commonwealth.

Locations:

Parent Support Program office is located at The Home’s Roslindale site.

780 American Legion Highway
Roslindale, MA 02131

Support Groups are held at different locations throughout all neighborhoods of Boston and surrounding areas.

Visit thehome.org/PSP for a list of upcoming events and locations.

To make an appointment with a Parent Support Specialist or to learn more about the program, call 617-469-8696.
What is the Parent Support Program?

The Home for Little Wanderers’ Parent Support Program offers both structured and open-ended groups and workshops for parents who are caring for children with behavioral and mental health needs. Our programming is flexible and new groups are added to respond to the needs of the community. All of our services are FREE. Example groups include:

- Parenting Journey
- Grandparents raising grandchildren
- Raising children with Behavioral and Mental Health needs
- Navigating the Special Education system

Parent Support Specialists

Parent Support Specialists lead our groups and are also available for one-on-one support. They are employees who are both professionally trained and have lived experience. They are available to help caregivers navigate the mental and behavioral health support system.

From helping caregiver access appropriate services through public schools to advocating for children to receive the appropriate referrals to specialist, Parent Support Specialists are available to caregivers whenever they need additional guidance.

Education Advocate

An Education Advocate is available to help caregivers navigate the complex special education system. They offer individual consults with families and hosts workshops and parent support groups that focus on areas such as Individual Education Plans (IEPs), 504s and special education testing.

Who Do We Serve?

The Home’s Parent Support Program is a free service that is funded by the Department of Mental Health and is open to any parent who is caring for a child with behavioral and mental health needs. We focus on supporting underserved communities. Our diverse staff are working to specifically offer programs for families that feel marginalized.

Our primary service area includes:
- all neighborhoods of Boston
- Chelsea
- Winthrop
- Revere
- Somerville
- Cambridge
- Brookline

Visit thehome.org/psp to browse and register for our upcoming events!