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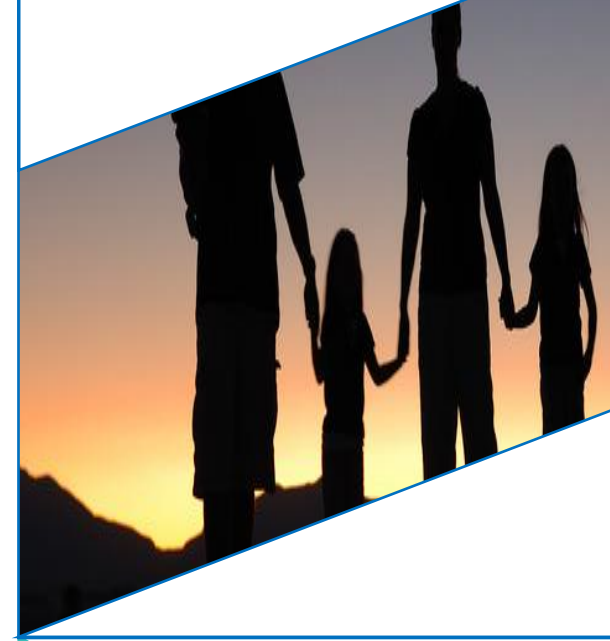
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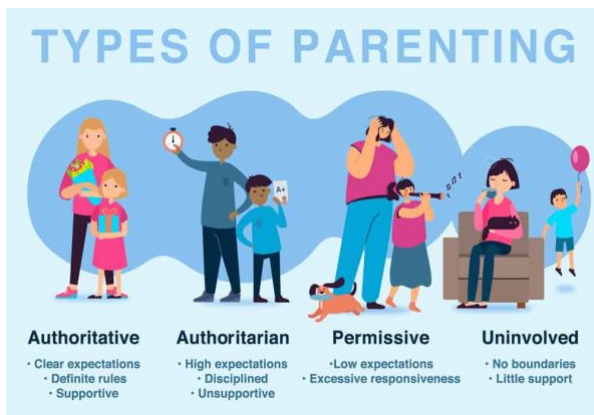
CATHOLIC CHARITIES



**Therapeutic Parent
Aide Program**

WHAT WE DO

The parent aide program is a short-term service (usually 3-4 months) that provides essential support and guidance to parents and their children living in Worcester County who have become DCF involved. We encourage these families to meet their service plan goals in order to prevent removal of their children or expedite the reunification process.



How We Do it

- Through modeling and the use of training materials we improve parents' understanding of their child's developmental needs and teach them effective techniques to positively parent their children.
- We connect parents and families to various community resources and supports. This includes but is not limited to local food pantries and consignment shops for clothes and furniture as well as parenting and domestic violence classes.
- We assist parents in applying for many types of aid such as SSI, DMH, RCAP, SNAP, WIC, eviction and utility shut off prevention services.
- We provide aid to parents with job and educational resource searches.
- We also help connect families with daycare, after school programs, and early Intervention.
- We set families up with medical care including finding new PCPs, dentists, and counseling for their children and themselves if they do not already have that in place.

The Benefits

- Stabilizes and strengthens the family unit.
- Increases self-confidence in their own abilities to parent and provide for their children.
- Parents develop a bigger and more rounded support system.



- They grow their knowledge about what is available to them in their community when in need, while at the same time decreasing shame or resistance to receiving support.
- Allows them to become self-sufficient and independent.
- Children can feel safe and secure in their homes knowing they can rely on their parents.