PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

It Takes a Village

It takes a village to raise a child. The Home for Little Wanderers offers parent support groups to help caregivers expand their village in a safe, confidential environment.

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
- Financial Literacy

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 areas include:

- Boston Neighborhoods
- Chelsea
- Winthrop
- Revere
- Somerville
- Cambridge
- Brookline

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Parent Support Specialists

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

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

Education Advocates

Education Advocates are available to help caregivers navigate the complex special education system. Our advocates offer individual consults with families and host workshops and parent support groups that focus on areas such as Individual Education Plans (IEPs), 504s and special education testing.

About The Home for Little Wanderers

For over 200 years, The Home for Little Wanderers has helped build stable lives and hopeful tomorrows for vulnerable children and their families. Our 25+ community-based and residential programs serve thousands of at-risk youth from birth to age 26. Many of these children have experienced abuse, neglect, trauma or a disrupted family life. As the oldest child welfare agency in America, we provide them with safe surroundings, permanent loving relationships and a secure path toward a better, brighter future.

Location & Contact

The 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.

To make an appointment with a Parent Support Specialist or to learn more about the program, call 617-469-8696 or visit thehome.org/psp