



Parents in Residence are available to provide peer support to all families living in BC and to CASA families in Edmonton, Alberta. We work in community and on-site at BC Children's Hospital's Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre, and at Surrey Memorial Hospital's Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Stabilization Unit (CAPSU) and at CASA in Edmonton.

To connect with a FamilySmart® Parent in Residence or for more information about our Programs and Services please visit:

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FamilySmart® is a non-profit that works to enhance the experience and quality of services, support and information for children and youth with mental health challenges, and their families or caring adults.



## PARENT IN RESIDENCE (PiR)



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- We are families, whose kids struggle with mental health challenges. We know what it is like because we've been there too.
- We understand how isolating it can feel when your child or youth is struggling.
- We know how hard it can be to find and wait for services and supports when you need help.
- We know that your whole family is being impacted.
- We also know how important you are, how hard you are working and that you may need some support right now, too.

## In the Know – information and support for families

Community PiRs host a free monthly information and support evening for families and/or those working to support the mental health of children and youth to come together and listen to an expert speaker (video presentation or live speaker) called In the Know (ItK). ItK videos are also available online and can be viewed from home.



## How can a Parent In Residence (PiR) Help You and Your Family?

We offer **peer support** to families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health challenge.

We use our **lived experience** to help other families.

We will **listen** to you and understand what you are going through because we've been there.

We can connect your family to **resources and information** about services and supports that are available to you.

We can help you to **prepare for meetings** with the professionals who are providing services to your child or youth. We know how important these relationships are and that it really makes a difference when we can work well together.

We can talk with you about how you are taking care of yourself, **because you matter** and we know it's hard to think of yourself when your child or youth is having a hard time.

PiRs can meet with families by phone, email and in-person (in some communities).

**There is no wait-list and no charge for our services.**