

# Beech Acres Parenting Center Parent Support Provider

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Crystal Drake is a Parent Support Provider (PSP) at Kings Local Schools. She is an employee of Beech Acres Parenting Center and has been serving Kings Schools as a Parent Support Provider since 2019. Parent Support is a free service available to all parents and caregivers of Kings Students grades Pre-K-12th.

## How Crystal can help as a Parent Support Provider:

- Supports parents through individual meetings, phone calls, virtual as well as group meeting settings, listens to parents successes, struggles and goals to learn what type of support is needed to encourage self-efficiency and empowerment to take action
- Available to meet parents “where they are at” in their home, at community offices, at local public places (e.g. coffee shop, local park) or at their child’s school
- Available to provide transportation to clients while working with them to solve transportation barriers

## As a Parent Support Provider Crystal offers:

- **Emotional connection** from a person who has “been there”. Crystal is a peer to parents who is willing to share her own experiences and struggles in hopes of encouraging parents to reach out for needed support
- **Referral to concrete support.** Crystal is knowledgeable of community organizations in Warren County and surrounding area. She can give information and navigation support for available usable resources to alleviate stressors such as overdue bill help, employment barriers, transportation issues, finding daycare, housing, food, furniture, clothing, healthcare, household needs
- **Educational parenting support,** shares information about Natural Strength Parenting to help parents as they develop positive approaches and methods for addressing their family’s day to day needs, including their own needs and the importance of self-care
- **Connection to community involvement,** shares knowledge of local family social activities, educational opportunities, afterschool activities/summer camps for children, local and online support groups, hosts parent engagement events
- **Specialized support** for families experiencing challenges with systems such as child welfare, juvenile courts, communication with schools, intensive support during times of crisis

To refer parents to Parent Support Services, contact your school counselor or Crystal Drake [cdrake@beechacres.org](mailto:cdrake@beechacres.org) or 513.239.7042.

