



*Is a Sonoma County Birth & Resource Parent Partnership  
(aka "Partnership") the right referral to make for your case?*

- Can the birth parent(s) & resource parent(s) benefit from bridging or modeling efforts, from people with lived experience, to help make a connection?
- In your assessment, is it safe for the birth parent & resource parent to have direct communication (e.g. can range from as little as texting all the way to in-person & in the community)?
- Would it free up some of your case management time if they could just talk directly?
- Is the child having 'loyalty' issues and under the impression they are not allowed to care for, or love, both their birth parent & their resource family?
- Have you thought to yourself that not having direct communication contributes to each of the parties villainizing the other or having little empathy for the other's experience? In other words, do they not see the 'other' as a 'human being' with feelings?
- Are they struggling with their roles within the context of foster care & Family Reunification?
- Is either party having difficulty placing the child's needs central?
- Do you recognize how the child, parents, and resource parents could benefit from a lasting relationship?

*If you answered yes to any of the above, & you are able to collaborate with the Partnership team, consider making a referral to Partnership! A Parent Mentor & Resource Parent Mentor may be able to walk alongside the birth parent & resource parent on your case to offer guidance with getting through this complex & stressful situation.*

*"As long as it's safe, every child deserves to keep everyone in their lives who they love."*