To find the slope, solve for *y*: 8y = 16 - 6x, so $y = 2 - \frac{6}{8}x$ or $y = -\frac{3}{4}x + 2$

The slope is $-\frac{3}{4}$. The slope of a parallel line is $-\frac{3}{4}$. A parallel line has the form $y=-\frac{3}{4}x+b$. To find b, substitute (12,-9) for x and y:

$$-9 = -\frac{3}{4}(12) + b$$
, or $-9 = -9 + b$, so $0 = b$

This gives you the equation of the line: $y = -\frac{3}{4}x$