

January 2022 PLC:

# Parent Leadership in Action

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# CBCAP Parent Leadership Priority

There is a strong emphasis on involving parents in the planning and program implementation of the lead agency and entities carrying out local programs.

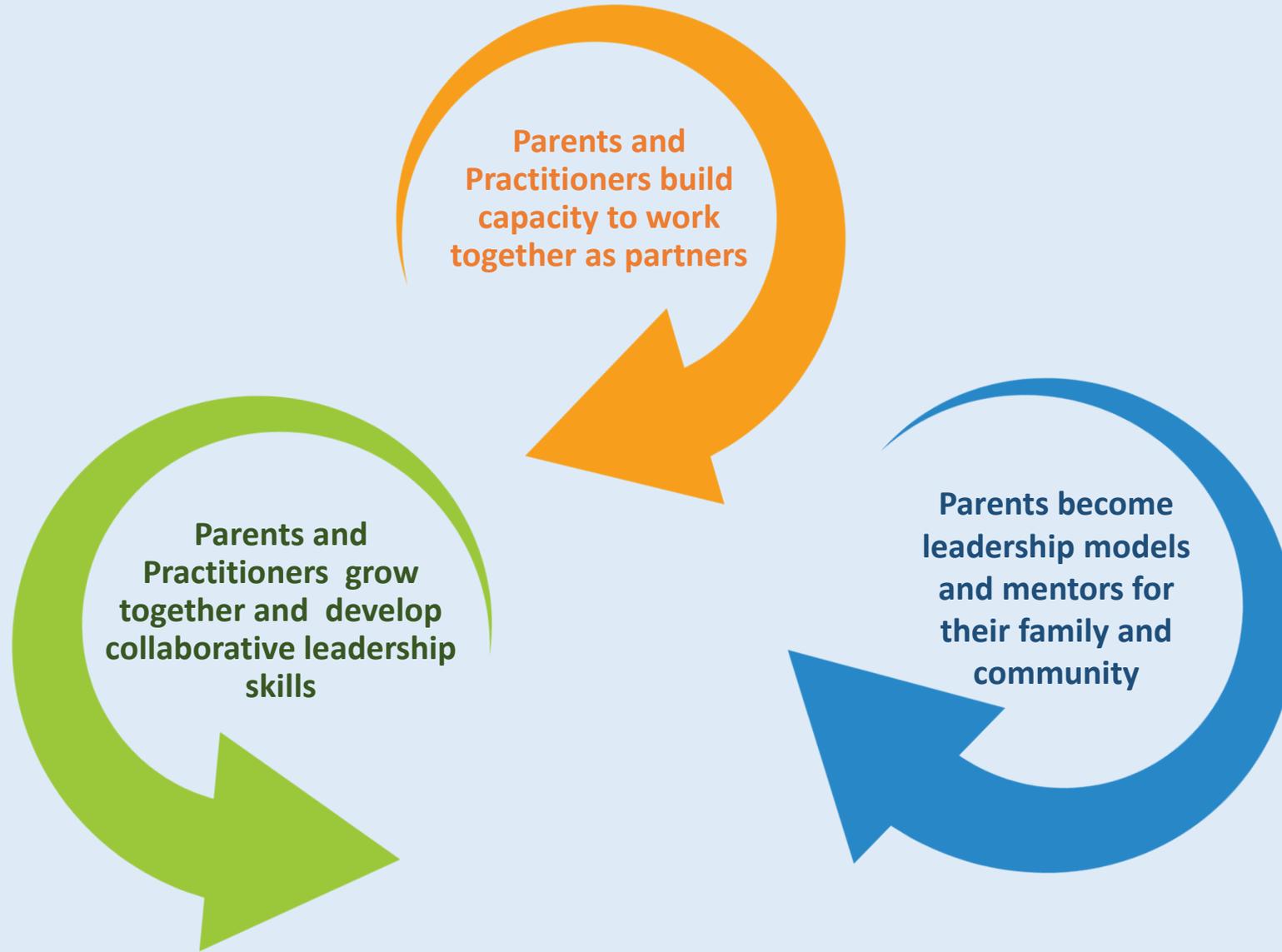
Each CBCAP SLA must:

- Implement activities and training to enhance parent participation and leadership.
- Involve parents in the planning, implementation and evaluation of funded programs.
- Provide training and technical assistance related to parent leadership and family involvement.



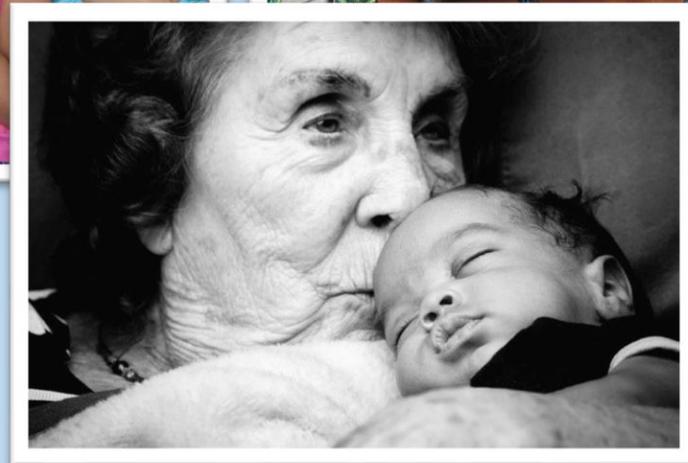
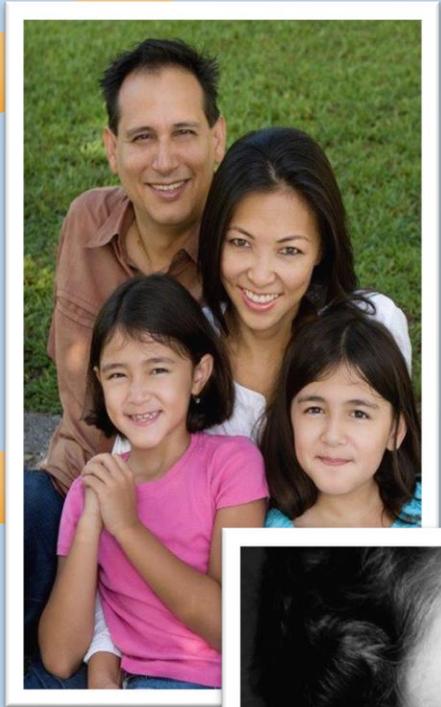
# FRIENDS – Theory of Change:

Parents are Collaborative Partners Within the Systems They are Connected To



# PARENT:

A Biological parent or any adult who is in the primary caregiver role in a child or adolescent's life



# PRACTITIONER:

A staff member, employed by an agency, who is involved in providing services to children & families

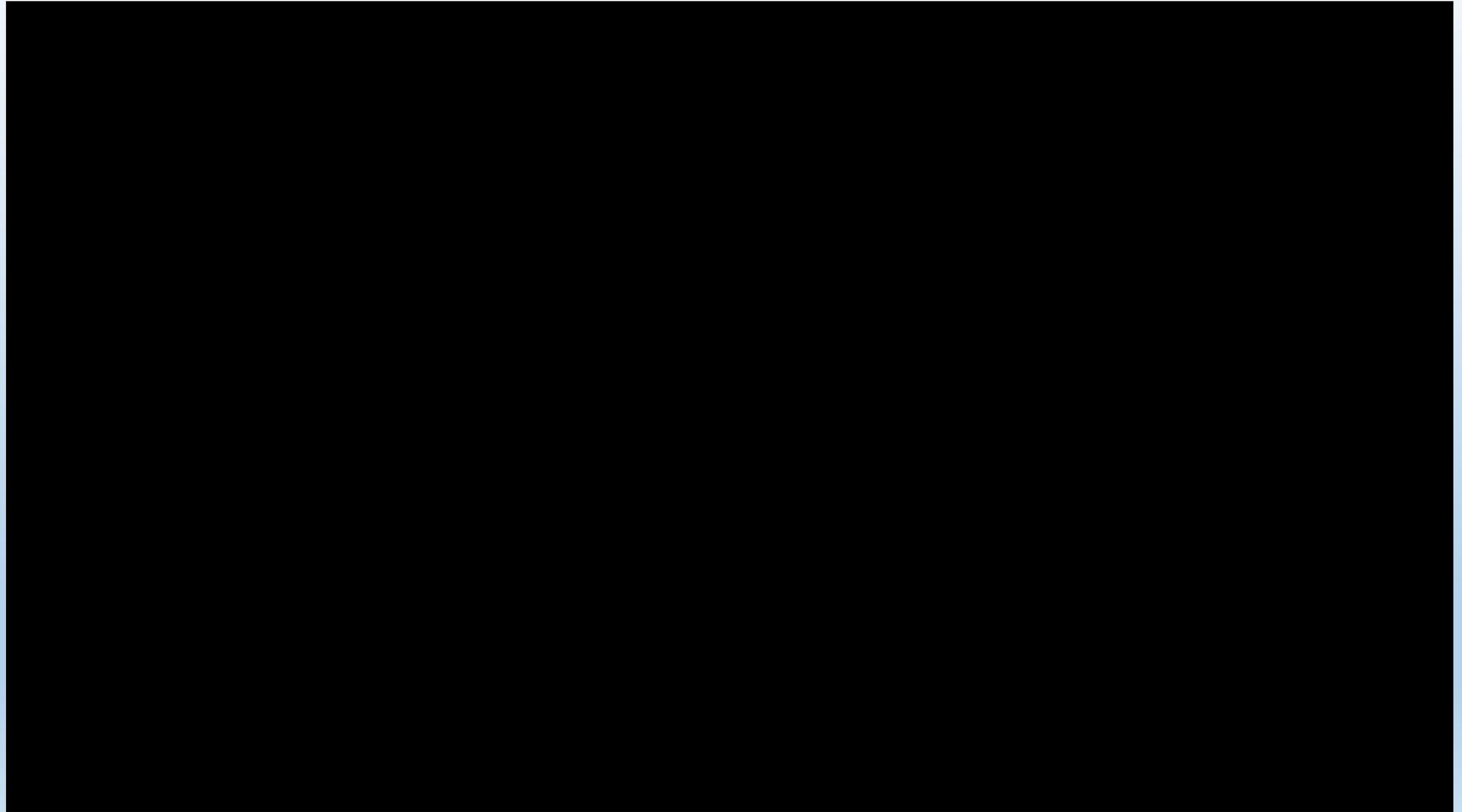


# PARENT LEADER

A parent who represents the needs and perspectives of many parents without speaking or acting in a staff role for an organization or institution.

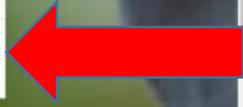


Help Me to Pull this Wagon





- Parent Advisory Council
- Parent and Practitioner Newsletter
- Voices of Parent Leaders
- National Parent Leadership Month Resources



# Your Best Source for Information and Resources

in Primary Child Abuse Prevention

- BROWSE TOPICS
- MEDIA LIBRARY
- COVID-19 RESOURCES

## What We Do

**FRIENDS is an acronym for Family Resource Information, Education, and Network Development Service.**

We provide Targeted Technical Assistance and Training to the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Community. We also strive to provide high-quality information to the general child abuse prevention community.



# National Parent Leadership Month Resources

Communities across the country honor and celebrate parents throughout the month of February, which has been designated National Parent Leadership Month<sup>SM</sup> (NPLM). National Parent Leadership Month was initiated by Parents Anonymous<sup>®</sup> as an opportunity to show appreciation for parents who work to improve the lives of their families, neighbors, and communities. Parents do this work by lending their voice to local, state, and national initiatives and partnering with the staff of programs in which they participate. Parents are a vital resource in family strengthening and child abuse prevention efforts, and acknowledging their wisdom and contributions is essential not only in February but all year. There are many ways to show appreciation for Parent Leaders. Please feel free to review these suggested activities or create your own.

## National Parent Leadership Month Downloadable Resources

### PARENT LEADERSHIP

[Parent Advisory Council](#)

[Parent And Practitioner Newsletter](#)

[Voices Of Parent Leaders](#)





## Recipe

FOR GROWTH

### HOW TO GROW A PLANT

1. Start with a seed.
2. Put the seed in soil wherever a plant is needed.
3. Make sure sunlight can reach the plant.
4. Weed and remove obstacles (rocks, sticks) that might stunt the plant's growth.
5. Fertilize and water.
6. Harvest seeds, grow another plant.
7. Enjoy the beauty of what you have grown.

### HOW TO GROW A PARTNERSHIP

1. Cultivate partnerships between parents and practitioners.
2. Provide opportunities for parents and practitioners to learn, collaborate and evaluate outcomes together.
3. Create meaningful opportunities for parents and practitioners to present, train, facilitate and co-author together.
4. Provide stipends, child care, travel reimbursements to support parent/practitioner collaboration.
5. Nurture the parent and practitioner as they grow in their leadership roles.
6. Encourage parents and practitioners to nurture and mentor parent leaders.
7. Enjoy the power of parent/practitioner collaboration.

Adapted by the FRIENDS National Center Parent Advisory Council from the 2010 Circle of Parents National Parent Leadership Month Celebration, an initiative of Parents Anonymous




"En definitiva, la clave más contundente para el éxito de un niño es la participación positiva de los padres."

-Jane D. Hull

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FRIENDS National Center for CBCAP  
 Visit [www.friendsnrc.org](http://www.friendsnrc.org) for resources to support parent leadership and parent/practitioner collaboration.

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

-William Arthur Ward



we appreciate you!



thank you so much!

# Federal Updates

**Please take a moment to fill out our short evaluation.**

Your participation in the evaluation will help us to improve our future services to prevention programs.

