

# Empowering Parent Leadership Through the FRIENDS National Parent Advisory Council (PAC)



## What is the PAC?

## PAC History & Activities

## PAC Roles and Responsibilities

### FRIENDS Parent Advisory Council 2021



- Region 1**
- Region 2**
  - Melba Henao (NJ)
- Region 3**
  - Elizabeth Reddick (DC)
  - Eliza Cooper, PAC Alumni (MD)
  - Stephanie Eckhart, PAC Alumni (MD)
- Region 4**
  - Valerie Lebanon (KY)
  - Vadonna Williams (AL)
  - Eileen Graham (GA)
  - Sam Bowman Fuhrmann, PAC Alumni (NC)
  - Beth Stodghill PAC Alumni (TN)
- Region 5**
  - Anthony Queen, MI
  - Joanne Hodgeman, (MN)
  - Brook Hoffbauer, PAC Alumni (MN)
- Region 6**
  - Bruce Bynum PAC Mentor (TX)
  - Raven Sigure (LA)
- Region 7**
  - Sam Blue, PAC Alumni (MO)
  - Jessica Diel PAC Alumni (MO)
- Region 8**
  - Heather Stenson, (MT)
- Region 9**
  - Melissa Zimmerman (AZ)
  - Muzhgan Fakhri (CA)
  - Art Hernandez, PAC Alumni (CA)
- Region 10**
  - Fatima Gonzalez-Galindo PAC Alumni (WA)
  - Jill Gentry, PAC Alumni (OR)
  - Dawn Patzer, PAC Alumni (WA)

The FRIENDS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) provides useful overall program direction and guidance to the activities of the National Center for Community Based Child Abuse Prevention. The PAC provides the NC for CBCAP staff with consultation by sharing their experience and expertise in child abuse prevention and family strengthening.

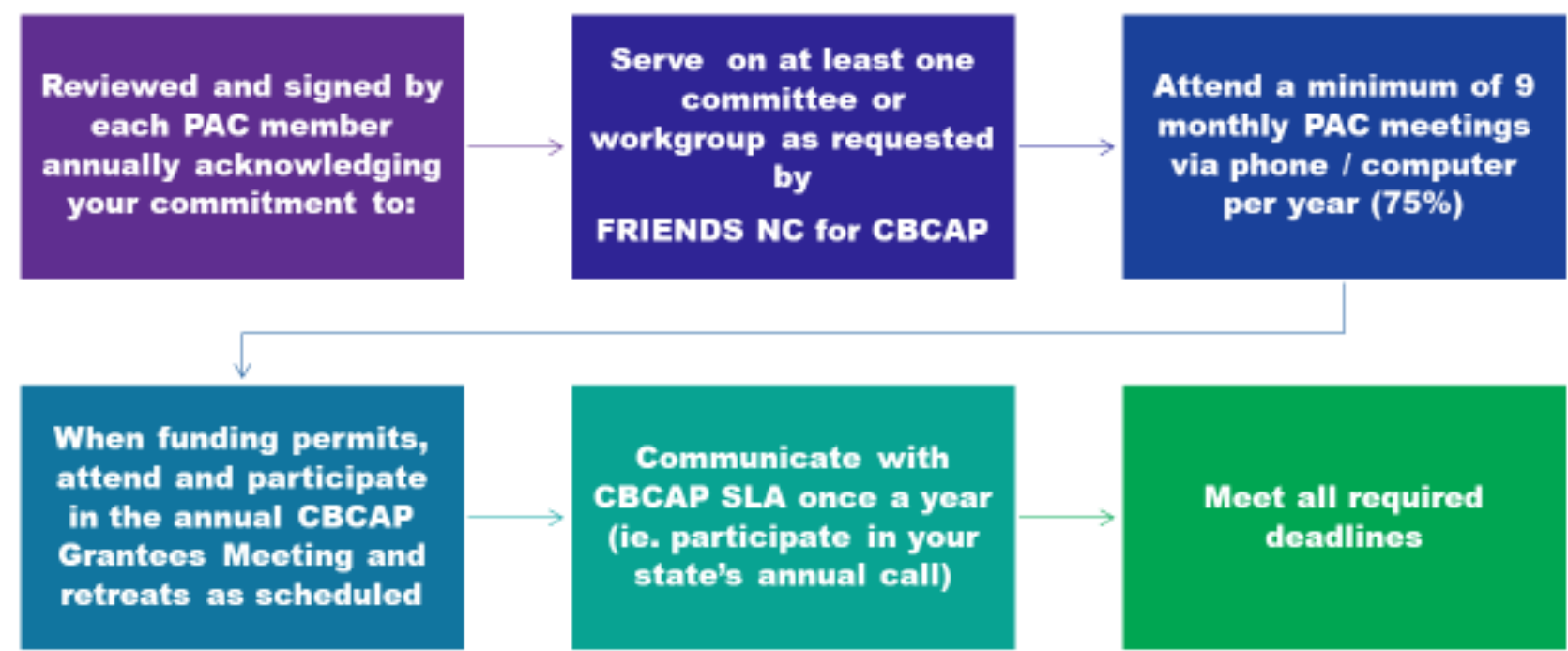
- 2006:** five parent leaders are recruited by FRIENDS to assist in the development of a Parent Leadership Guidebook and a diverse FRIENDS Parent Advisory Team (PAT) was officially established
- 2008:** The PAT changes its name to PAC (Parent Advisory Council) to better reflect the group's role
- 2014:** PAC members create "February is National Parent Leadership Month" resources which are updated for annual distribution
- 2016:** PAC members establish a Commitment to Serve and active / mentor / alumni term limits
- 2017-18:** The PAC collaborates with Spinn Creative to record their experiences. *Sharing the Journey: Voices of Parent Leaders* is a collection of audio and animated clips, including 2 in Spanish, on topics including the protective factors, neglect prevention and parent leadership & engagement
- 2020-21:** The PAC develops an **Orientation and Reference manual** to support onboarding and serve as a resource for all members

## Roles and Opportunities

- Publish and Disseminate Editions of the Parents and Practitioners Newsletter
- Identify Parent Leadership Month Resources for CBCAP
- Serve on FRIENDS and Partner workgroups, committees or expert panels as requested
- Participate in activities held at the state level: annual calls, new state lead orientations, on site training and technical assistance
- Take minutes and /or co facilitate the monthly PAC meetings
- Participate in meaningful roles during CBCAP annual Grantees Meeting
- Assist with planning and implementation of CBCAP Peer Learning Calls, Webinars, Onsite trainings and action planning
- Review e-learning courses, web site content and new trainings
- Assist in identifying mechanisms to create, support or enhance meaningful parent input and leadership



## PAC Commitment to Serve



Winter 2015 Parents & Practitioners

Verano 2020 Padres y profesionales

Articles include: Families: Key Ingredient in Collective Imp., Dads' Café in Missouri, Laundry and Loot: Programa de lavandería Care Counts™ de Whirlpool.