

January 2024 PLC:

Including the Parent Voice in Your CBCAP Activities

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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.



CBCAP Program Instruction

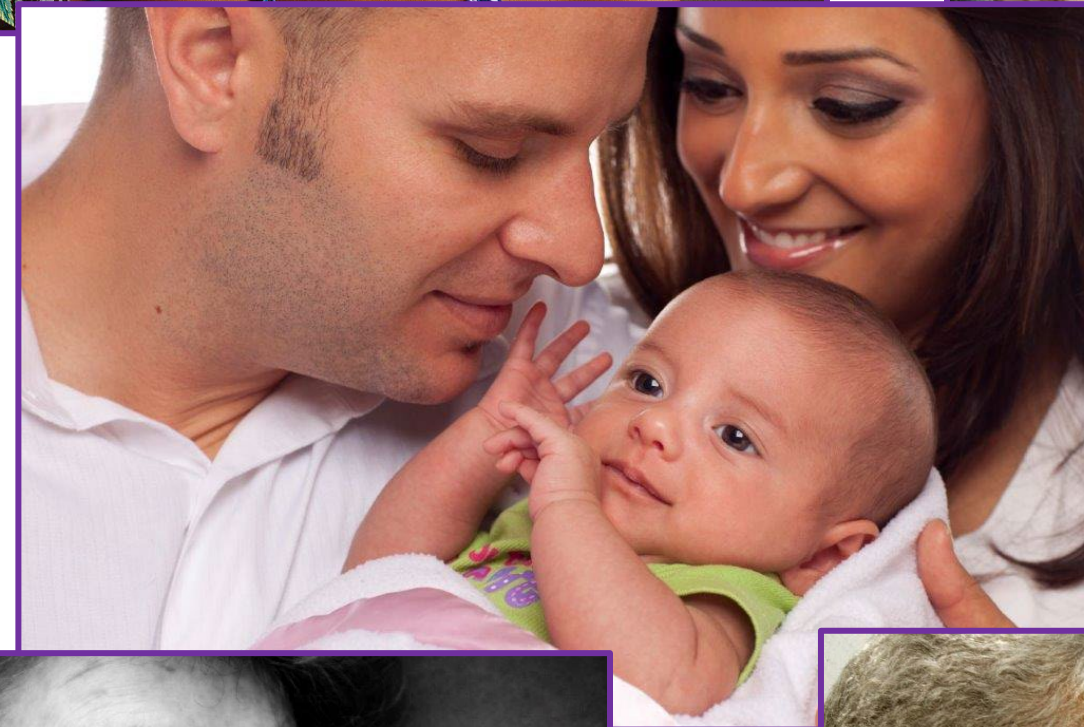
State Lead Agency Assurance Statement

The state has the capacity to ensure the meaningful involvement of parents who are consumers and who can provide leadership in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the programs and policy decisions of the applicant agency in accomplishing the desired outcomes for such efforts



PARENT:

A Biological parent or any adult who is in the primary caregiver 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





Sam's experience illustrates that there are several ways to involve **PARENTS IN MEANINGFUL LEADERSHIP ROLES** :

1 Child abuse prevention month activities

2 Workgroups, focus groups, and cafes

3 Needs assessment, peer review, and program evaluation

4 Education and awareness

5 Parent Advisory Councils (PACs)

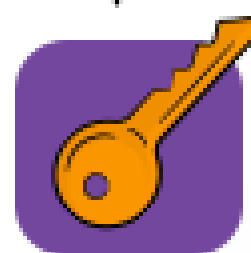


There are basic guidelines and principles that we must value in order to work with parents as authentic partners.

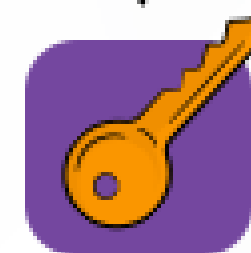
3 KEY GUIDELINES



Be clear and honest in your commitments to parents.



Ask parents for feedback about your agency's performance in parent engagement.



Secure appropriate resources and funding levels. Parent engagement requires staff time and financial support for important activities and services for parents.

Conversation with Parent Leaders



Anntionette Johnson
Parent Leader
Memphis, TN



Elizabeth Reddick
Parent Leader
Washington, DC



Melissa Zimmerman
Parent Leader
Phoenix, AZ



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 MonthSM (NPLM). National Parent Leadership Month was initiated by Parents Anonymous[®] 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.

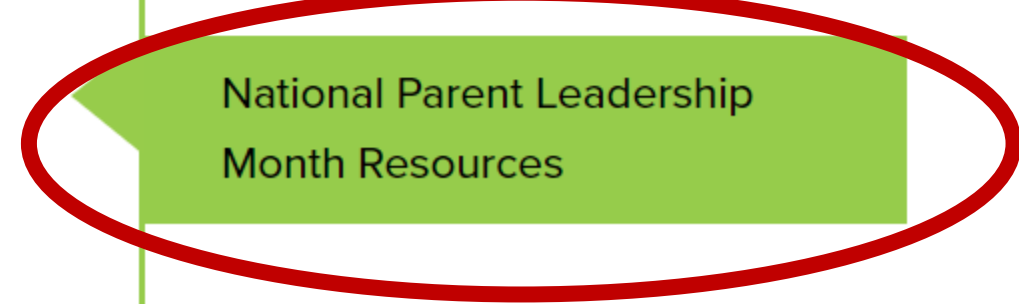
National Parent Leadership Month Downloadable Resources

PARENT LEADERSHIP

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[Parent And Practitioner Newsletter](#)

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