

# SUCCESSFUL MODELS OF PARENT LEADERSHIP

## Virginia

**Action Plan:** Parents will serve on advisory committee to create a statewide child abuse and neglect plan; CBCAP grantees trained on Parent Leadership.

**Progress:** Parent leaders from each of the 8 Circle of Parent groups from the Parent Council, which meets quarterly to discuss ways to strengthen the program. They review brochures and posters, providing important parent perspectives on promotional pieces. They have discussed ways to market the program, and met with reporters to share their experiences. They plan joint events for families in the Circle of Parents group. Parent Leadership Workshops have been conducted for CBCAP and VFVPP grantees, based on the Parent Leadership Ambassador Training.

## New Hampshire

**Action Plan:** Bring parents into the Retrospective Outcome Survey process, solicit parent feedback. Have recognition for parent leaders through parent leadership month.

**Progress:** Strengthening Families in Early Care and Education project provided some early seed funding to hire a part time parent advocate. The project attracted some additional funding to help develop parent advocacy workshops, two statewide parent advocacy days in partnership with the NH Head Start Parent Advisory Council, a highly successful Parent Leadership and Recognition month (February) and a recognition event celebrating 29 parents (for the 29 days of this year's February), with the NH Governor awarding certificates recognizing parents. We hope to find funding to continue designating February as parents' month, recognizing parents, as well as other caretakers who are parenting children.

## Illinois

**Action Plan:** Re-write Technical Assistance grant guidelines to include money to cover meetings, hold meetings with administrators to put other systems into place and secure funds so Parent Advisory Groups can be created.

**Progress:** Written a logic model to include goals, strategies and outcomes, including: strengthening parent leadership at home, school, and community level; build capacity and resources in organizations, schools, and networks to support parents; increase number of parents who are involved in decision making in community, region, and state level.

## Kansas

**Action Plan:** Building on the action planning done at the Systems of Care Conference, identify strengths and successes of Parent Leadership through publicity and reaching out to other agencies. Host a planning meeting with other Kansas programs to strategize how to reach out to parents, timing, \$\$\$, transportation, etc., involving parent involvement.

**Progress:** Joined with multiple early childhood programs to co-sponsor the Kansas Parent Leadership Conference and add CBCAP grantee parents and parents involved in child welfare. PLAT team members were incorporators of the newly formed 501 (c) 3 Kansas Family Action Network (KFAN). A six-hour PLAT training has been developed for parents involved in child welfare. Three trainings have been scheduled to date through KFAN.