



# Parent Partnerships Resources, Trainings and Publications

**Birth Parent National Network (BPNN) Informational Flyer.** The dynamic BPNN has more than 200 members. To download the flyer that describes the BPNN's purpose and goals, go to <http://bpnn.ctfalliance.org/BPNN%20Flyer.pdf>. To learn more about the BPNN, visit [bpnn.ctfalliance.org](http://bpnn.ctfalliance.org).

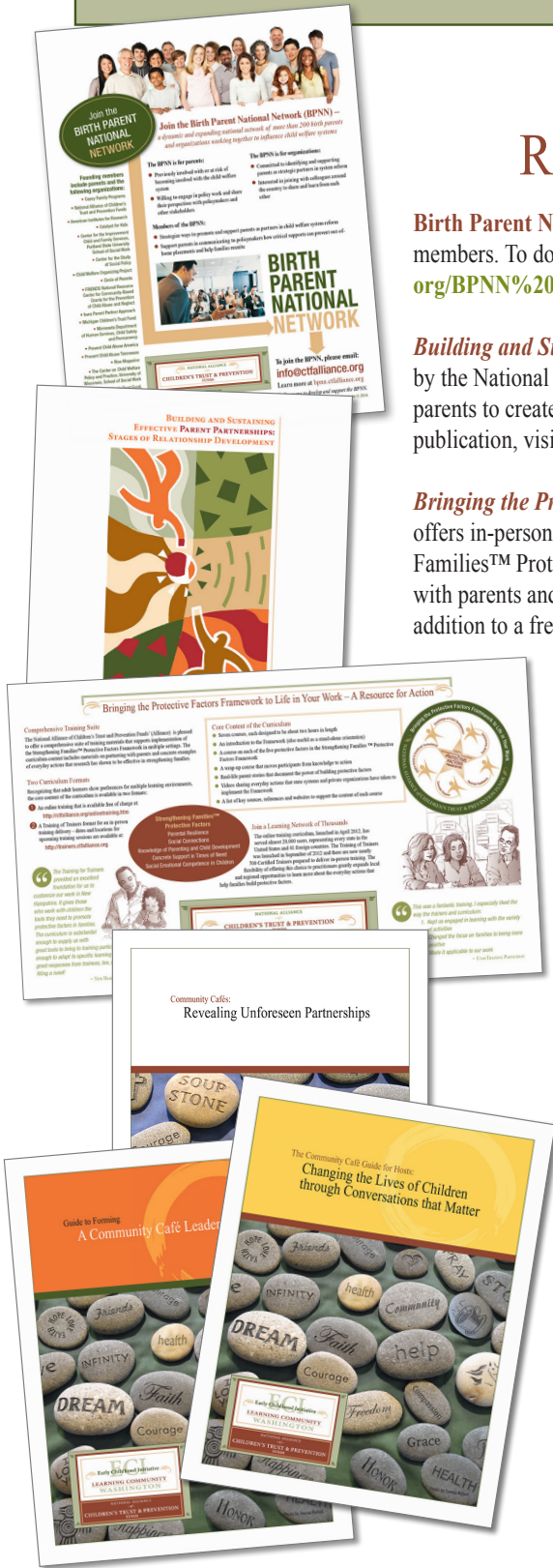
**Building and Sustaining Effective Parent Partnerships: Stages of Development.** This publication created by the National Alliance of Children Trust and Prevention Funds (Alliance) provides resources to staff and parents to create powerful partnerships to support positive outcomes for children and families. To access this publication, visit [http://ctfalliance.org/resources\\_pubs.htm](http://ctfalliance.org/resources_pubs.htm).

**Bringing the Protective Factors Framework to Life in Your Work – A Resource for Action.** The Alliance offers in-person and online comprehensive trainings that support the implementation of the Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors Framework in multiple settings. The curriculum includes materials on partnering with parents and concrete examples of everyday actions that are effective in strengthening families. In addition to a free-of-charge online training, the Alliance offers an in-person training of trainers for those who want to use the curriculum to train others in using the Protective Factors Framework in their everyday work. This 3-day training is usually hosted by state agencies or other organizations and individuals may also register. To learn more about both of these training opportunities, visit <http://trainers.ctfalliance.org>.

**Community Café Guides.** Community Cafés are guided conversations based on the Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors Framework, leadership development and parent partnership. These conversations are hosted by parent leaders who use the World Café technique to increase community wisdom, build parent voice and facilitate action to improve lives for children. The Alliance offers three guides that support the Community Café best practice: 1) *Community Café Guide for Hosts: Changing the Lives of Children Through Conversations that Matter*, 2) *Community Cafés: Revealing Unforeseen Partnerships* and 3) *Guide to Forming A Community Café Leadership Team*. To download these guides, visit <http://ctfalliance.org/r4acommunity.htm>.

**Strategic Sharing.** This is a specialized training offered by the Alliance to support parents and other individuals in sharing their life experiences in a meaningful, focused and powerful way to influence policy and practice. The curriculum was developed and copyrighted by Casey Family Programs. The Alliance partners with Casey to promote this training to organizations and community groups interested in hosting this training and has provided it in multiple states and communities. More information can be accessed at <http://ctfalliance.org/strategicsharing.htm>.

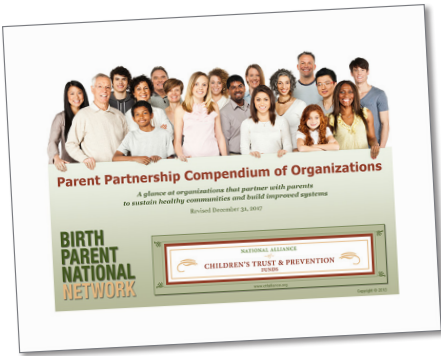
**National Parent Leadership Month.** Established by Parents Anonymous® Inc. in 2003, this major initiative promotes a wide range of activities each February to honor and celebrate parents for their leadership roles in their homes, communities and at the state and national levels. A Tool Kit is available to assist organizations and community stakeholders in creating and promoting activities. Many national and local sponsors including the Alliance support this work. Visit this link for more information <http://parentsanonymous.org/programs/national-parent-leadership-month>.



# Publications Developed by Parents

## Compendium of Parent Partnership Organizations

The Alliance partnered with the Birth Parent National Network (BPNN) to create the *Parent Partnership Compendium of Organizations*. The compendium provides an overview of organizations nationwide that partner with parents to support, strengthen and sustain healthy families and communities. It includes a range of resources such as parent partner programs, support groups, parenting initiatives, networks and national organizations that provide technical assistance, training and systems improvements. This is an evolving list and will be updated as new information is received. To access this resource, visit [bpnn.ctfalliance.org](http://bpnn.ctfalliance.org).



## Parent-to-Parent Infographics

The Alliance created the Alliance National Parent Partnership Council (ANPPC) in 2007, consisting of parent leaders, to actively advise the Alliance on action planning and developing parent partnerships. The ANPPC created a series of tools that focus on ideas for building and sustaining strong parent partnerships in community-level work. These tools allow parents to share with other parents some strategies for building protective factors through the strength-based approach of the Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors Framework. Download at [http://ctfalliance.org/initiative\\_parents-3.htm](http://ctfalliance.org/initiative_parents-3.htm).

## Issue Briefs with a Parent Perspective

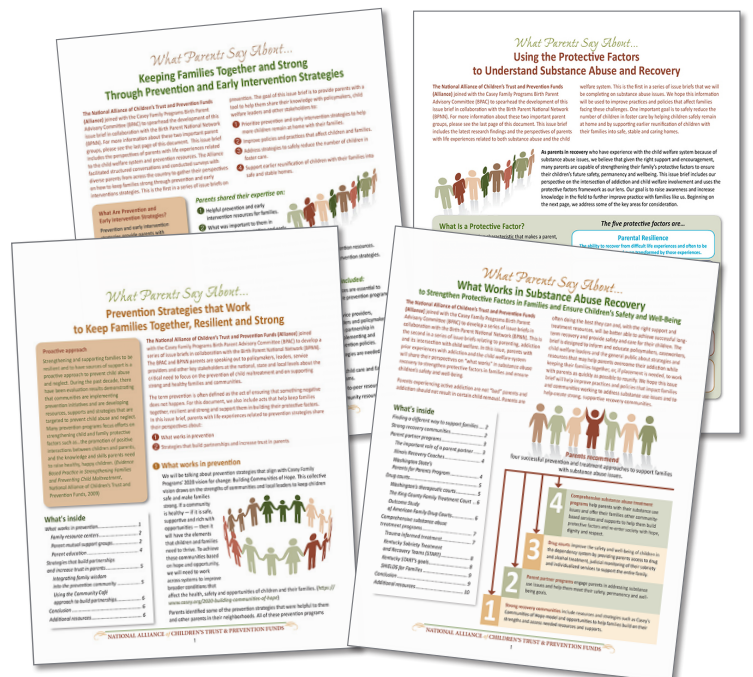
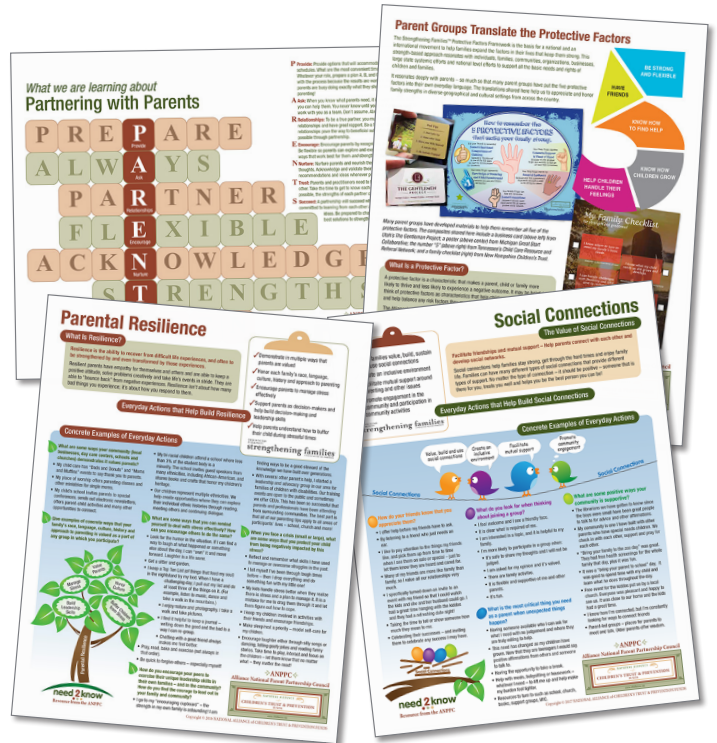
The Alliance joined with the Casey Family Programs Birth Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) and the Birth Parent National Network (BPNN) to develop these four issue briefs. These publications were developed with a parent perspective. Structured conversations with groups of diverse parents helped to inform these issue briefs on prevention, early intervention and substance abuse recovery. All are available to download at <http://bpnn.ctfalliance.org>.

**What Parents Say About... Keeping Families Together and Strong Through Prevention and Early Intervention Strategies.** <http://bpnn.ctfalliance.org/Early%20Intervention%20Brief.pdf>

**What Parents Say About... Using the Protective Factors to Understand Substance Abuse and Recovery.** <http://bpnn.ctfalliance.org/Substance%20Abuse%20Brief.pdf>

**What Parents Say About... Prevention Strategies that Work to Keep Families Together, Resilient and Strong.** [http://bpnn.ctfalliance.org/BPNN%20Brief\\_Prevention%20Strategies%20That%20Work.pdf](http://bpnn.ctfalliance.org/BPNN%20Brief_Prevention%20Strategies%20That%20Work.pdf)

**What Parents Say About... What Works in Substance Abuse Recovery to Strengthen Protective Factors in Families and Ensure Children's Safety and Well-Being.** [http://bpnn.ctfalliance.org/BPNN%20Brief\\_What%20Works%20in%20Substance%20Abuse%20Recovery.pdf](http://bpnn.ctfalliance.org/BPNN%20Brief_What%20Works%20in%20Substance%20Abuse%20Recovery.pdf)



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