



Meaningful Parent Partnerships

and What They Can Do for You







Join the National Conversation on Child Abuse and Neglect



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Alliance Parent Partnerships

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- The Alliance works with Children's Trust Funds (ICTFs) to promote policies and practices that reflect the needs and interests of families and communities and are shaped by the voices and perspectives of parents.
- We engage parents as partners in all aspects of our work.
- Ten years ago, we developed the Alliance National Parent Partnership Council (ANPPC).
- In 2012, we began working with Casey Family Programs, to develop the Birth Parent National Network (BPNN) and other avenues for parent voices.





Key Take-aways for You

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 Knowledge and understanding of parent leadership

 Awareness of the value of meaningful parent partnership

 Understanding the challenges of parent partnerships and strategies to overcome them

 Key elements of effective parent partnerships







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What is your role today?





Providing Supports, Building Relationships

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- Orient new members and provide ongoing training and support.
- Hear from parents about their interests.
- Talk about possible leadership roles.
- Help to prepare and provide necessary materials and support for parents with any tasks.





Strategic Sharing Training

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- Unique training for parents to learn to strategically use their life experiences as examples when discussing policies and practices – much more than 'telling your story.'
- The Alliance partners with Casey Family Programs to promote this training to organizations and community groups. The curriculum was developed and copyrighted by Casey.





Benefits of Parent Partnerships

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- Improvements in family outcomes of parents who are in leadership roles.
- More parents wanting to advocate for the work of their organizations which results in a strong network of parent leaders to call upon when it's time to describe agency efforts to policymakers.
- More parents volunteering for an organization.
- More program staff satisfaction from seeing visible outcomes in the families served.
- Policies, strategies and programs influenced by parent voices.

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Defining Parent Partnership

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A parent partnership is an active choice to sustain a meaningful relationship between a parent and a staff member in working toward an agreed upon goal.





Poll #2

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In what ways are you currently involved in parent partnerships?





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Tell us about your journey as a parent leader, and what motivated you.





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What kind of support was helpful in your growth as a Parent Leader?







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What are possible challenges that organizations and parents might encounter in supporting effective parent partnerships, and how might these be addressed?





February is Parent Leadership Month!

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Alliance Resources at www.ctfalliance.org

- Alliance National Parent Partnership Council and Parent to Parent Infographics
- Community Cafés
- Birth Parent National Network bpnn.ctfalliance.org
- BPNN Library of Parent Partnership Resources –
- Sample Certificate
- Parent Partnerships Resources, Trainings and Publications



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National Parent Leadership Month was established by Parents Anonymous Inc. in 2003.



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What are some of the tangible benefits that result when staff and others build authentic partnerships with parents?





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Additional recommendations on building and sustaining parent partnerships





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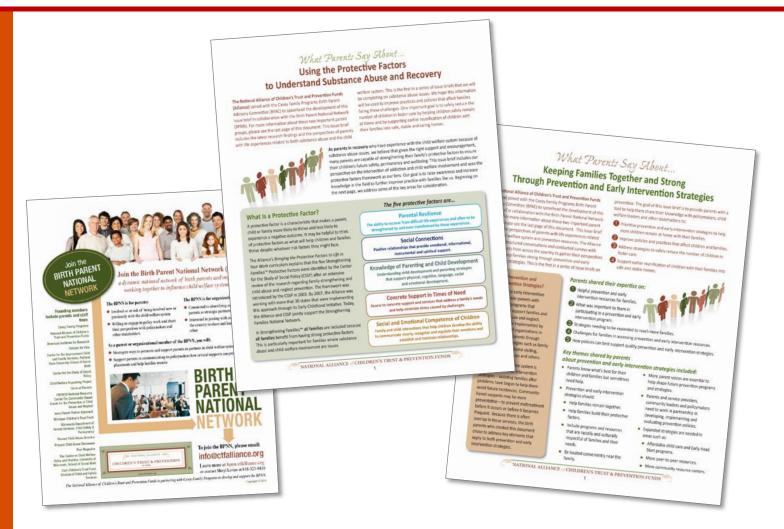






Birth Parent National Network (BPNN)

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CANTASD Additional Resources

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Child Welfare Information Gateway: www.childwelfare.gov

- Family Engagement: Partnering With Families to Improve Child Welfare Outcomes https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f-fam-engagement/
- Family Engagement Inventory https://www.childwelfare.gov/fei/

Center for States: www.childwelfare.gov/states/

- Parent Partner Program Manual: Sample Policies and Procedures https://library.childwelfare.gov/cwig/ws/library/docs/gateway/Blob/107662.pdf?w=+NATIVE%28%27recno%3D107662% 27%29&upp=0&rpp=10&r=1&m=1
- Family Empowerment Leadership Academy (FELA) free through CAPLearn https://learn.childwelfare.gov/





CANTASD Additional Resources continued

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FRIENDS National Center for CB-CAP: www.friendsnrc.org

- Numerous resources on Parent Leadership https://friendsnrc.org/parent-leadership
- Parent and Practitioner Newsletter https://friendsnrc.org/parent-leadership/parent-and-practitioners-newsletter





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Questions & Answers





Thank You and Next Steps

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Thanks for joining us!

Download the handouts to learn more. Click on the files in the "Handouts" box on your screen.

Do you have innovative ideas, questions or concerns? Tell us about your work. Send an e-mail to hello@CANTASD.org with "Family and Community Engagement" in the subject line.





Participant Feedback

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Thank you for your participation! How useful was this session?

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