



Parent Partnership Compendium of Organizations

*A glance at organizations that partner with parents
to sustain healthy communities and build improved systems*

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The National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds (Alliance) worked in partnership with the Birth Parent National Network (BPNN) to create a Parent Partnership Compendium of Organizations. This 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 organized into three areas:

- ***Parent Partner Programs—Child Protective Services***

This section includes Parent Partners programs designed to support parents and families who have active child protective service involvement. The primary goal is to provide parents with consistent, nonjudgmental support to assist in building protective factors for themselves and their families. The agencies listed in this section focus on providing parent partner supports to parents who have experienced substance use and mental health disorders as well.

- ***Parent Support—Groups/Advocacy/Networks/Legal***

This provides information on organizations that partner and support parents in a variety of ways including local and national advocacy, informal peer support groups, parenting initiatives, legal representation models as well as formal and informal networks that support family growth and resilience.

- ***National Technical Assistance/Training/Systems Improvement***

This is a general listing of national organizations dedicated to transforming communities, families and systems. This is accomplished through supporting and promoting prevention and building protective factors in families and communities, leadership development, workforce improvements, revolutionary creativity and nurturing parent/constituent partnerships

This is an evolving list and will be updated as new information is received. To submit information to be added and/ or to update existing information, please email info@ctfalliance.org.

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Parent Partner Programs—Child Protective Services

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<p>A Better Way—Peer Partner Program Kimberly Murphy, Parent Engagement Program (510) 247-1500 www.abetterwayinc.net/Peer%20Parent%20Program</p> <p>Serves Greater San Francisco, California</p>	<p>A Better Way recruits, trains and supports Peer Parents to offer hope and guidance to other parents who are currently involved with the child welfare or juvenile justice systems and struggling to keep their children safe. Peer Parents have lived experiences, expertise, knowledge and success in navigating multiple stressors (e.g., financial stress, housing difficulties, substance use, mental health challenges, community violence, etc.) that may have led to child welfare or juvenile justice system involvement.</p>	<p>The Peer Parent Program was designed to provide comprehensive peer-to-peer mentoring services for San Francisco families involved with the Child Protective Services (CPS) or families with children involved with the Juvenile Probation Department (JPD).</p>
<p>Association of Children’s Mental Health—Parent Support Partner Kelly Bailey, Statewide Parent Support Partner Project Coordinator (989) 324-9218 kbailey@acmh-mi.org</p> <p>www.acmh-mi.org/get-information/acmh-projects/parent-support-partner-project/</p> <p>Serves Ingham County, Michigan</p>	<p>The purpose of the Parent Support Partner Project utilizes Parent Support Partners to help increase family involvement and engagement within the mental health treatment process and to equip parents with the skills necessary to address the challenges of raising a youth with special needs. The Parent Support Partner works with families involved with the public mental health system to help improve outcomes for youth with serious emotional disturbance (SED) or intellectual/developmental delays (I/DD). The program also provides training and certification for agencies that will utilize Parent Support Partners.</p>	<p>The Parent Support Partner (PSP) service is an intervention-based approach to support families whose children receive services through a community mental health service provider.</p>

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<p>Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council of Shasta County (CAPCC) April Carlton, Project Director 532/242-2020 acarlton@shastacapc.org www.shastacapcc.org/</p> <p>Serves Shasta County, California</p>	<p>Shasta CAPCC serves as an umbrella for a wide range of projects throughout Shasta County that offer community outreach, youth development, family support, and child abuse prevention education (such as child abuse reporting workshops) and awareness activities. The Shasta CAPCC Family Resource Center offers case management, parent education, diapers, a clothing closet and Drop-in services.</p> <p>The Pathway Parent Partners Program provides case management, hosts family nights at local preschools, and provides evidence-based parenting education. Children and families are identified through assessments, self-referrals, and preschool attendance records.</p>	<p>Services are free for all caregivers of children up to age 18. The Community Parent Partner Program serves families with children 0-5 referred from Shasta County Children and Family Services. Parent Partners work with low-risk abuse case families and connect them with community-based organizations such as counseling, drug rehabilitation and other family-strength companies.</p>
<p>Contra Costa Parent Partner Program — Contra Costa County Children and Family Services Judy Knittel (925) 798-0546 https://www.capc-coco.org</p> <p>Serves Contra Costa County, California</p>	<p>The Contra Costa Parent Partner Programs recruits, trains and supports Parent Partners to provide direct services to parent clients seeking reunification with their children. This program encourages Parent Partners to serve as mentors, guides and advocates. Parent Partners can be flexible in the roles they play and in responding to a range of needs parent clients might present. The principal goal of their work is to help parent clients gain awareness of their rights and responsibilities, and to assist parents toward reunification with their children.</p>	<p>The Parent Partner Program is committed to helping parents who have been exposed to the child protection system, develop supportive relationships, and enhance their abilities to draw on family strengths and resources to facilitate timely permanency for their children.</p>
<p>Family Involvement Center— Parent Partners AKA Family Support Partners Trish Riner, Program Manager (928) 379-5077 trish@familyinvolvementcenter.org</p>	<p>The Family Involvement Center recruits and provides professional training and supports to Parent Partners (as they are called in Maricopa County) and Family Support Partners (as they are called in Northern Arizona). Parent/Family Partners are parents who are raising or who have raised children with emotional, physical, or behavioral health care needs, trauma, substance use and other challenges. They are familiar with the feelings of isolation parents experience and the</p>	<p>Family Involvement Center's Parent Partners can provide short-term, one-on-one support for families with children receiving behavioral health services.</p>

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<p>familyinvolvementcenter.org/about-us/parent-partner</p> <p>Serves Maricopa and North Arizona</p>	<p>difficulties they face. They also know what resources are available to help parents and how to navigate multiple systems (e.g., physical and behavioral health, juvenile justice, child welfare, school and developmental disabilities systems, etc.).</p>	
<p>Family Support Network— Parent Mentor Program</p> <p>Maria Enriquez, Parent Mentor Coordinator (714) 854-7442</p> <p>familysupportnetworkca.org/2016/09/20/parent-mentor-services/</p> <p>Serves Orange County, California</p>	<p>The Family Support Network recruits and trains Parent Mentors to help parents involved in the child welfare/juvenile justice systems advocate for themselves and their children and work toward reunification. Parent Mentors bring a unique perspective to the way the Juvenile Dependency System operates. As a “reunified parent,” the Parent Mentor brings personal knowledge and experience and uses that to build bridges with parents, social workers and other professionals involved in the case plan. Parent Mentors are skilled and knowledgeable about resources in the community and help to link families to appropriate resources.</p>	<p>The Parent Mentor Program works in collaboration with Orange County Social Services Agency, Children and Family Services to provide one-on-one mentorship and support to parents receiving Family Reunification services.</p>
<p>Iowa Parent Partners Approach — Children & Families of Iowa</p> <p>Sara Persons (515) 288-1981 Sarap@cfiowa.org Iowa Department of Human Services dhs.iowa.gov/parent-partners</p> <p>Serves State of Iowa Evaluation and research available upon request</p>	<p><i>Iowa Parent Partner Approach</i> is an approach designed to provide better outcomes around reunification and prevention of re-abuse. The approach celebrates parents who have been in the child welfare system and achieved reunification or resolved issues around termination of parental rights as individuals that have overcome obstacles through change, recovery, and accountability. This approach utilizes their skills, once they are trained as Parent Partners, to mentor families whose children are in foster or kinship care as they navigate through the Department of Human Services (DHS) system. Parent Partners are independent contractors of Children & Families of Iowa. Following intensive training, they provide one-on-one mentoring, support, and encouragement to families whose children are currently involved with DHS in efforts to enhance their capacity</p>	<p>The target population for this contract focuses on parents who are involved in child protection services.</p>

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	to provide for and guide their children’s healthy development. Parent Partners offer to be present as a support at Family Team Decision Making Meetings, staffings, and court appearances.	
<p>Jefferson County Department of Human Services— Collaborative Management Program</p> <p>Toni Miner, Family Support Partner (720) 497-7896 tminer@jeffco.us</p> <p>Serves Jefferson County, Colorado</p>	<p>The Family Support Partner is an integral member of the Jefferson County Department of Human Services collaborative team. The primary functions of the Family Support Partner include: providing emotional support, attending court hearings and team meetings with parents, providing healthy role modeling, and assisting in navigating the various systems. The Family Support Partner informs the child welfare process and is critical to helping families achieve successful case plans.</p>	<p>Services are extended to parents who are at risk of child protection involvement, parents impacted by substance use disorders and parents working to reunify with their children.</p>
<p>Mentor Parent Program-- Dependency Advocacy Center (DAC)</p> <p>Preeti Mishra, Program Director (408) 280-6017 info@sccdac.org</p> <p>www.sccdac.org</p> <p>Serves Santa Clara County, California</p> <p><i>Evaluation and research available at www.sjsu.edu</i></p>	<p>The Mentor Parent Program utilizes Mentor Parents as role models for a clean and sober lifestyle and to provide a message of hope and recovery to parents involved in the dependency court system. The program is designed to identify barriers to reunification and to help parents in achieving their goals to reunify. Mentor Parents work directly with Dependency Advocacy Center (DAC) attorneys to encourage early engagement in rehabilitative services and to provide guidance to parents as they navigate the child welfare system.</p>	<p>The role of the Mentor Parent is to provide support, guidance and motivation to parents with substance use disorders whose children have been or are currently at risk of being removed from their care.</p>
<p>Morrison Child and Family Child and Family Services— Parents Anonymous® of Oregon/Parent Mentor Program</p>	<p>The program utilizes the Parents Anonymous mutual support model to help parents struggling with addiction issues begin to build greater peer connections as well as develop their skills in becoming parent mentors. A Parent Mentor is a parent who has experienced challenges in his or her parenting, has maintained an</p>	<p>Parent Mentors support parents involved with the child welfare system by linking them with resources and introducing them to a supportive recovery community. Because of their own experience with the system,</p>

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<p>Leah Hall 503-313-8959 leah.hall@morrisonkids.org</p> <p>https://www.morrisonkids.org/programs/prevention-education/parents-anonymous-of-oregon-parent-mentor-program/</p> <p>Serves Morrison, Oregon</p>	<p>active program of recovery from substance use for two years or more, and has successfully navigated the Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Welfare system. Parent Mentors empathize with and support parents entering treatment, help them in maintaining sobriety, and assist them in reuniting with their children. They are familiar with the many roads to recovery and can support parents through all stages of recovery.</p>	<p>mentors can encourage and help parents advocate for themselves and their children.</p>
<p>Nebraska Family Support Network (NFSN)</p> <p>Eve Bleyhl, Executive Director (402) 345-0791 info@nefamilysupport.org</p> <p>https://nefamilysupportnetwork.org/programs/</p> <p>Serves Douglas County, Nebraska</p>	<p>Nebraska Family Support Network (NFSN) began in 1991 to provide support and services to families of children with mental illness and behavioral disorders. NFSN's mission later broadened when the state mandated collaboration between family organizations, Health and Human Services, Safety and Protection Division and Nebraska's Behavioral Health Regions. NFSN became a partner with the Nebraska Family Collaborative in 2010 with the move to privatize service in Nebraska. NFSN is currently the only provider of peer mentoring (family-to-family or consumer-to-consumer) services in the Eastern Service Area. This model of interaction and support is significantly increasing desired outcomes for troubled families. In keeping with its peer mentoring model, NFSN hires family members who have successfully completed some component of the service system with their own families to help other families who are struggling in the same system(s).</p>	<p>NFSN provides services to families of children with mental illness and behavioral disorders in the Eastern Service Area of the state.</p>
<p>Parents for Parents Program— Family Education and Support Services</p> <p>Clint Clawdus, Parent Mentor Lead</p>	<p>This program includes Mentors who provide HOPE – they have overcome challenges and exited the dependency court process and successfully achieved reunification. Mentors may also assist parents by attending Family Team Decision meetings, Family Recovery Court and/or Drug Court</p>	<p>The Parents for Parents program provides structured peer mentoring for families entering the dependency court system.</p>

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<p>(360) 754-7629 Clint@FamilyESS.org</p> <p>familyess.org/program-list/parents-for-parents-program/</p> <p>Serves Mason and Thurston Counties, Washington <i>Evidence and research available upon request</i></p>	<p>sessions. The Mentor also gathers contact information from the parent, signs him/her up for the Dependency 101 class, and provides any resources that may benefit them in their dependency case. (Due to the success of the King County/Court Improvement implementation, Family Education and Support Services worked to offer services in addition counties)</p>	
<p>Parents for Parents Program—King County Superior Court Dana Dildine, Program Coordinator 206/477-2566 Dana.Dildine@kingcounty.gov</p> <p>kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/dependency/parents-for-parents.aspx</p> <p>Serves Kent and King Counties, WA <i>Evidence and research available upon request</i></p>	<p>The goal of the Parents for Parents program is to increase the permanency and well-being of children in foster care through peer mentoring that increases parental engagement and contributes to family reunification. The program consists of three main elements: Parent Ally Support at Dependency Court Hearings, a two-hour educational class called Dependency 101, and an ongoing support class called Dependency 201.</p>	<p>Superior Court offers a program to help parents whose children have been removed from their care by Child Protective Services (CPS) or whose children are in an in-home dependency.</p>
<p>Parents in Partnership — Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)</p> <p>For general information email PiPinfo@dcfs.lacounty.gov</p> <p>lacdcfs.org</p> <p>Serves Greater Los Angeles, California</p>	<p>The Parents in Partnership Program includes a committed group of parents who have successfully navigated the child protection system and now work with DCFS to provide parents with information, empowerment, hope and a variety of support. The program offers supports such as parent orientation groups, team decision making support, access to advice through a warm line and community outreach and advocacy development.</p>	<p>The program provides support, information, and mentorship to parents whose children have been removed from their care and are placed in the foster/kin systems.</p>

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<p>Peer Parent Advocates Program – The Parent Advocacy Program</p> <p>Takai Tyler Executive Director of Programs (415) 822-8895 takai@hunterspointfamily.org</p> <p>hunterspointfamily.org/our-programs/parent-advisory-peer-parent-program/</p>	<p>The Peer Parent Advocates Program is a unified group of parents, foster parents, service providers and family advocates, organized and working together to build healthy families and to continue the struggle to improve the child welfare system to enhance family preservation and quality services to system-involved families. The program is a collaboration between Hunters Point Family, Seneca Center and the San Francisco Human Services Agency. One of the programs operated through this collaboration is the Parent Advocacy Program. This program provides one-on-one advocacy and mentoring to families currently involved in the child welfare system. The program employs parents who have prior personal Child Protective Service (CPS) experience to act as peer mentors. Parent Advocates support families in understanding and navigating the system. They assist with Team Decision Making meetings (TDMs), referrals to treatment programs and provide advocacy within the school district, medical and housing, and other social service systems. The goal of the Parent Advocacy program is to increase the reunification rate for system-involved families.</p>	<p>Families currently involved in the child welfare system.</p>
<p>Richland County Children’s Services—HOPE (Helping Ohio Parent Effectively)—Primary Parent Partners</p> <p>Brianne Kindinger (419) 774-4130 Brianne.Kindinger@jfs.ohio.gov www.richlandcountychildrenservices.org</p> <p>Serves Trumbull, Richland and other cities in Ohio</p>	<p>The Richland County Children’s Services HOPE Primary Parent Partners represent and model effective parenting for other parents who are involved with the child protection system. Primary Parent Partners have successfully overcome their own challenges and now are committed to giving back to their community by providing support and advocacy for parents currently involved in the child welfare system.</p> <p>https://www.richlandcountychildrenservices.org/upload/hope_brochure.pdf</p>	<p>This program provides supportive services to families who are involved with the child protection system.</p>

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<p>The Extra Mile Region IV—Peer Support Specialist Program Evangeline Boudreaux, Program Director—TEM F.R.C. (337) 277-5316 evangelineb@bellsouth.net theextramileregioniv.com/ Evidence-Based Program Serves Lafayette Parish, Louisiana</p>	<p>This program provides training and employment for Peer Support Specialists (PSS). Peer Support Specialists are persons with mental illness who are trained to provide nonjudgmental support to others with mental illness. In addition, Peer Support Specialists can conduct WRAP groups (Wellness Recovery Action Plan). Both the Peer Support program and the WRAP are evidence-based programs that focus on empowerment, recovery and resiliency.</p>	<p>Supports families who are actively recovering from substance use and mental health disorders. This is not limited to the child protection system.</p>
<p>The Parent Partner Approach—Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties, Inc. Dixie Morgese (386) 252-4277 Dixie.Morgese@healthystartfv.org www.healthystartfv.org/ Serves Volusia County Florida Program is currently collecting qualitative evidence</p>	<p>The Parent Partner approach is modeled after the Iowa Parent Partner approach but developed on a smaller scale. Parents with lived experience work within a multi-disciplinary “Family Engagement Department” within the organization to support parents as they navigate the child welfare system. Healthy Start has sustained a successful partnership with their local child protection case management agency that utilizes the parent perspective to shift agency culture, train staff and support parents as they build protective factors.</p>	<p>The approach caters to parents who have active child welfare cases. There is a special interest in parents of children between the ages of 0-3 who are in recovery from substance abuse disorders.</p>

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<p>Adoption and Family Support Center—Placement from the Heart Support Group</p> <p>Angela Quick, Director (386) 852-9098 angela@afscfl.com</p> <p>https://www.adoptfloridafamily.com/placement-from-the-heart-birth-parent-support-group/</p> <p>Serves Central Florida</p>	<p>Placement from the Heart is a local birth parent support group providing peer support and mentoring to all birth parents. The organization offers tailored-made events for any individual that has been touched by adoption placement. Adoption-minded women, women who are in the middle of their adoption plan, and women that have placed their child are invited to participate in a relaxed, group atmosphere with good food and conversation.</p>	<p>Adoption minded women, women who are in the middle of their adoption plan, and women that have placed their child are invited to come and share a relaxed afternoon of good food and conversation. “Nothing is off limits,” you will hear us talk about everything from morning sickness to new hairstyles!</p>
<p>Alliance National Parent Partnership Council (ANPPC)</p> <p>Martha Reeder, Senior Associate National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds (501) 607-1260 martha.reeder@ctfalliance.org</p> <p>www.ctfalliance.org</p> <p>Serves and advises communities, organizations and families across the United States</p>	<p>The National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds (Alliance) works to ensure strong parent voices are included when shaping the programs that are funded, the policies implemented, and the strategies identified for strengthening families and communities nationwide. The Alliance created the Alliance National Parent Partnership Council (ANPPC) in 2007 to expand and advance the meaningful and authentic roles of parent leaders in state children’s trust and prevention funds and in the Alliance. The ANPPC members serve as strategic advisors to the Alliance. The ANPPC is committed to serving as a national model for effectively partnering with parents and expanding and integrating the powerful role of parent leaders in state children’s trust and prevention funds and community-based programs to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect.</p>	<p>ANPPC members are highly skilled parent leaders who are familiar with the work of children’s trust funds. They are also proficient in leadership development, prevention of child abuse and neglect, effective development and support of parent partnerships and creating strong protective factors in families and communities. There is a nomination process to serve on this council.</p>

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<p>Birth Parent National Network (BPNN)</p> <p>Meryl Levine, Senior Associate National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds (818) 523-9410 meryl.levine@ctfalliance.org</p> <p>bpnn.ctfalliance.org/</p> <p>Serves and advises communities, organizations and families across the United States</p>	<p>The Birth Parent National Network (BPNN) is a dynamic and diverse network of more than 200 members, including parents and organizations, that work together to support parents in helping to educate policymakers and other key leaders about the needs and challenges that families face and to recommend policy and practice solutions. The BPNN works to promote and champion birth parents as leaders and strategic partners in prevention and child welfare systems reform. More information about the BPNN can be accessed at bpnn.ctfalliance.org. The focus of the BPNN activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying opportunities for improved policies and practices that lead to better outcomes • Communicating to policymakers the importance of critical supports that help families build protective factors and reduce risks • Training and supporting parents to meaningfully and effectively share their life experiences with policymakers and other key stakeholders to influence change. 	<p>The BPNN is actively recruiting parents and organizations that are interested in promoting and supporting the voices of parents in reforming policies and practices that affect children and families.</p> <p>Interested individuals and organizations are asked to submit an online membership application to join the BPNN. The application form can be accessed at bpnn.ctfalliance.org/applications</p>
<p>Birth and Foster Parent Partnership (BFPP)</p> <p>Meryl Levine, Senior Associate National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds (818) 523-9410 meryl.levine@ctfalliance.org</p> <p>bfpf.ctfalliance.org/</p> <p>Serves and advises communities, organizations and families across the United States</p>	<p>The purpose of the Birth & Foster Parent Partnership (BFPP) is to increase coordination between birth parents and foster parent caregivers for improved permanency outcomes. This partnership supports birth and foster parents in the development of mutual recommendations, resources, and tools that will have maximum impact on policy and practice across states and nationally. The partnership is managed through a collaboration between the National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds (Alliance), Youth Law Center Quality Parenting Initiative (YLC/QPI) and Casey Family Programs.</p>	<p>The BFPP includes birth parents and foster parents who are interested in working to improve policies and practices for families and children.</p>

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<p>Black Administrators in Child Welfare (BACW) (240) 482-4968 bacw@blackadministrators.org</p> <p>blackadministrators.org Headquartered in CA, IL and MD</p>	<p>As a membership and advocacy organization, the mission of the Black Administrators in Child Welfare (BACW) is to advocate for culturally-appropriate services for African American children and families in the child welfare system and to promote the development and support of African American leaders in the field.</p>	<p>BACW is committed to strengthening and supporting the healthy development of African American children, families and communities through advocacy.</p>
<p>Casey Family Program's Birth Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meryl Levine, Senior Associate National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds (818) 523-9410 meryl.levine@ctfalliance.org</p> <p>www.Casey.org</p> <p>Designed specifically to advise Casey Family Programs, System Improvement Executive Team</p>	<p>The Birth Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) is a select group of parents from across the country that have a range of expertise and personal experiences within the child welfare system. They serve as strategic partners with Casey Family Programs and the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds (Alliance). The BPAC members serve in a variety of leadership roles such as parent mentors, policy advocates, grassroots organizers and organizational administrators. This group of committed individuals utilize their collective experiences to strategize, plan and provide key recommendations to Casey Family Program's System Improvement Leadership Team. They utilize their advocacy skills to ensure that the voices of parents are included in developing policies and practices that affect families.</p>	<p>BPAC members are highly skilled and proficient in leadership development, child welfare reform, protective factors and facilitation. The unique qualification is they all have grown through earlier life's challenges and utilize those experiences to promote sustainable and lasting change for children and families. There is a nomination process to serve on this committee.</p>
<p>Center for Family Representation (CFR) Susan Jacobs, Executive Director (212) 691-0950 info@cforny.org</p> <p>www.cforny.org/our-work/</p> <p>Serves Manhattan and Queens, New York</p>	<p>A collaborative team of Parent Advocates work in partnership with an attorney and social worker to provide legal services and supports to parents (e.g., help them access services, attend court hearings and other meetings, etc.). Of the 700 families that received services through the CFR approach 56% of children never entered foster care, the average stay for children who did enter care was 98 days compared to an average stay of 11.5 months for children in NY City who reunify in one year, and less than one percent of children re-enter care compared to the citywide average of 11.4% who re-enter care within one year.</p>	<p>Each year, the organization opens more than 1,000 new cases for the most vulnerable families. 100% live in poverty, 92% are of color, 76% are women and 25% are under the age of 25. Families served include those who struggle with domestic violence, substance use disorders, mental illness and homelessness.</p>

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<p>Child Welfare Organizing Project (CWOP) Joyce McMillian, Director of Programming/Parent Advocate (212) 348-3000 info@cwop.org www.cwop.org</p> <p>Serves and advises communities, organizations and families in New York City</p>	<p>CWOP's mission is to empower parents through weekly healing and support sessions, train parents to serve as advisors to public officials, lecturers at schools of law and social work, writers for publications, and to serve as peer advocates. CWOP advocates for New York City children and families affected by the child protection system. The organization provides advocacy and promotes accountability and child welfare system improvements. The organization offers hope to disenfranchised families already impacted by the system and assistance for parents to become organizers, leaders, and advocates.</p>	<p>The organization works with New York City families affected by the child protection system.</p>
<p>Children's Home Society of Washington—Washington State Parent Ally Committee (WSPAC) Alise Hegle (206) 695-3238 Alise.hegle@chs-wa.org</p> <p>www.washingtonstatepac.org/washington-state-pac.html</p> <p>Offers national training and serves various communities in Washington State</p>	<p>The WSPAC brings the parent voice into the development of child welfare policy and practice; promotes improved and equitable outcomes for all children and parents; and advocates for parent leadership in the direct service, training and public awareness activities that strengthen and support families. This advocacy organization has a strong track record for influencing legislation and programming to improve outcomes for Washington state children and families impacted by the child welfare and court systems.</p>	<p>WSPAC is an association of Parent Allies, who have successfully navigated the child welfare system, who collaborate to improve outcomes for families entering that system.</p>
<p>Circle of Parents® Julie Rivnak-McAdam (804) 308-0841 circleofparents.org</p> <p>Offers national training and serves various communities across the United States</p>	<p>Circle of Parents is a national network that was developed to prevent child abuse and neglect and strengthen families through mutual self-help parent support groups. The groups are available across the country and follow the same model, which includes a friendly, supportive environment led by parents and other caregivers. Anyone in a parenting role can openly discuss the successes and challenges of raising</p>	<p>Circle of Parents groups serve those parenting children of all ages and families of all types. There are groups across the country, and they operate under different names and organizations.</p>

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	children. It offers parents/caregivers a place to find and share support.	
<p>Families Organizing for Child Welfare Justice (FOCWJ) Suzanne Sellers, Executive Director (312) 619-6855 info@focwj.org</p> <p>focwj.org/</p> <p>Based in Chicago, Illinois</p>	<p>FOCWJ was developed to train, educate, and organize families on child welfare reform. FOCWJ envisions a world where no person will ever face the injustice of wrongful separation from his or her child. The organization works to accomplish this goal by building relationships with systems, parents and grassroots organizations that share their vision.</p>	<p>FOCWJ targets its efforts to parents, systems, and grassroots organizations interested in working on child welfare reform.</p>
<p>Family Alliance Network Ms. Howard (313) 205-3606 familyalliancenetw@email.com</p> <p>www.familyalliancenetw.net</p> <p>Serves metropolitan Detroit, Michigan</p>	<p>Family Alliance Network (FAN) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that supports families in the special needs community with parent meetings, workshops, youth programs, social events and youth employment. Their mission is to collaborate with families and the community to build an integrated society with inclusive programs to create awareness, understanding, and foster respect.</p>	<p>The organization is committed to providing opportunities for inclusion of families and youth in the special needs community to help them in addressing the various challenges they face with disabilities such as: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Learning Disabilities, Down Syndrome.</p>
<p>Family Defense Center Rachel O’Kinis Ruttenberg Executive Director (312) 251-9800 fdc@familydefensecenter.org</p> <p>www.familydefensecenter.net</p> <p>Serves Chicago, Illinois</p>	<p>The Family Defense Center was founded in 2005 with the mission of advocating for justice for families in the child welfare system. The Center’s expert staff of attorneys and more than 150 pro bono attorneys from Chicago law firms provides civil legal assistance to hundreds of families each year. The Center is poised to affect true reform in the child welfare system.</p>	<p>Provides legal services for thousands of parents and caregivers facing wrongful charges through the center’s expert staff of attorneys. Advocates for thousands of Illinois families through civil rights and class action lawsuits that pursue reforms in DCFS policies and practices.</p>
<p>FRIENDS National Center for Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)- Parent Advisory Council</p>	<p>FRIENDS has established a Parent Advisory Council to provide useful, overall-program direction and guidance to the activities of the National Center. Committee members share their experience and expertise in child abuse prevention and family</p>	<p>This exemplary group is comprised of parents and professionals who have a passion for primary prevention, strengthening families and the</p>

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<p>MaryJo Alimena Caruso, Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator (724) 591-5448 mjcaruso@friendsnrc.org</p> <p>www.friendsnrc.org/parent-advisory-council</p> <p>Federally mandated Training and Technical Assistance Provider for CBCAP lead agencies.</p>	<p>strengthening through their active participation in FRIENDS workgroups and the annual Grantee's meeting, development/review of FRIENDS written materials, and by providing resource center staff with consultation and advice.</p>	<p>utilization of the protective factors framework. There is a nomination process to serve on this council.</p>
<p>Kansas Family Advisory Network, Inc.</p> <p>Nina Shaw-Woody, Executive Director (316) 529-9137 Information@kfaninc.net</p> <p>www.kfan.org/</p> <p>Based in Wichita, Kansas</p>	<p>This network promotes opportunities of engagement, support, collaboration and partnerships among birth parents and other caregivers and resources, including, but not limited to foster parents, adoptive parents, relatives/kin, child welfare services, social service practitioners, law enforcement, court services, policy makers and society-at-large. The organization works to ensure parents/caregivers become empowered with the knowledge and tools they need to advocate for their families. The organization believes that taking a non-adversarial role towards working in partnership with child welfare agencies, governmental and non-governmental organizations is the best strategy to assist agencies with timely permanency outcomes for children and their families as well as assist in the restoration of the family unit.</p>	<p>The organization targets its efforts to building collaborations among birth parents and other caregivers, foster parents, adoptive parents, relatives/kin, child welfare services, social service practitioners, law enforcement, court services, policy makers and society at large.</p>
<p>Life After Placement (801) 200-2048 hi@lifeafterplacement.org</p> <p>www.lifeafterplacement.org/</p> <p>Serves Syracuse, Utah</p>	<p>This program is committed to serving birth mothers to be successful in rebuilding their lives after they have reached the decision to permanently place their child(ren) in an adoptive home. The organization provides information and effective tools and resources for healing and forward movement.</p>	<p>Offering effective, mutual support to mothers and families during the post-adoption period.</p>

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<p>Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF) Heidi Rochon, CPSP, Program Director – Family Peer Support (443) 741-8673 hrochon@mdcoalition.org www.mdcoalition.org/</p> <p>Serves the State of Maryland</p>	<p>The Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF) helps families who have young people with behavioral health needs, including mental health and substance use challenges. This Coalition works to connect, support and empower Maryland’s families and advocates to improve systems that impact individuals with behavioral health challenges. The organization believes that parents and caregivers are critical partners and advocates for their children and need to be involved in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of services.</p>	<p>The Coalition works with families who have young people dealing with behavioral health needs including mental health and substance abuse challenges.</p>
<p>Minnesota Communities Caring for Children (MCCC) 709 University Avenue West Saint Paul, MN 55104</p> <p>Parent Leadership for Child Safety and Permanency (PLCSP) Team Rena Moran Director of Parent Leadership (651) 757-0087 rmoran@pcamn.org</p> <p>https://www.pcamn.org/our-programs/</p> <p>Serves Minnesota</p>	<p>The PLCSP Team has been a partnership of MCCC and the MN Department of Human Services (DHS) division of Child Safety and Permanency since 2009. The program seeks to empower parents in the prevention of child maltreatment and to give parents a voice within DHS for improving the child protection system, particularly in reducing racial disparities. As part of this program, leadership training is provided to a group of 20-25 Parent Consultants over a three-year period. Funding is also available for parents to attend other trainings or conferences to build knowledge and connections. The intent is to increase Parent Consultants’ skills and influence, so they can effectively articulate their experience, add value in their communities and on task forces within DHS, and ultimately contribute to a reduction in incidents of abuse, neglect and out-of-home placement (foster care). The program uses a shared leadership model, involving a partnership between parents and staff who share responsibility for team processes and outcomes. The PLCSP seeks parents who have in the past (or are currently) experiencing the benefit of family support programs and who can speak of their experiences and relate them to broader issues. They are expected to attend all required team meetings and trainings, build mutually respectful relationships with a diverse audience, and have had positive experiences participating in community processes and activities.</p>	<p>The PLCSP works to reach children and families in Minnesota who are at risk of abuse, neglect and/or out-of-home placement (foster care).</p>

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<p>National Alliance on Mental Illness/Ohio-Parent Advocacy Connection Peg Morrison Director of Programs (614) 224-2700</p> <p>www.namiohio.org/mental_health_programs/parent_advocacy</p> <p>Serves the State of Ohio</p>	<p>The Parent Advocacy Connection (PAC) is a grassroots organization composed of trained parent advocates who reflect the cultural and ethnic make-up of the families they serve. This program is overseen by NAMI Ohio and is funded by the Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Job and Family Services, Education, and Youth Services. When children require services from multiple sources (i.e., mental health, schools, juvenile courts, developmental disabilities and alcohol/drug addiction services agencies), it can be difficult for parents to navigate their way through these various service systems. Families may become overwhelmed and have difficulty expressing their concerns and the needs of their child. Ohio's Service Coordination process recognizes this challenge and has made support for families available through the Parent Advocacy Connection (PAC).</p>	<p>The Parent Advocacy Connection is a free service provided to families who need assistance in coordinating with multiple resources such as mental health, schools, juvenile courts, developmental disabilities, etc.</p>
<p>National Coalition for Child Protection Reform (NCCPR) (703) 212-2006 info@nccpr.info</p> <p>https://nccpr.org/about/</p> <p>Based in Alexandria, Virginia</p>	<p>The National Coalition for Child Protection Reform is a non-profit organization dedicated to making the child welfare system better to serve America's most vulnerable children. This Coalition is committed to seeking comprehensive change in the child protective system. NCCPR works to change policies concerning child abuse, foster care and family preservation. Their hope is to turn the public monologue about child abuse into a dialogue. NCCPR is an all-volunteer organization funded by individual donations.</p>	<p>NCCPR works with the nation's leading experts on child abuse, foster care and family preservation.</p>
<p>National Coalition for Parent Advocacy in Child Protective Services parentsanonymous@parentsanonymous.org strengthening-families.org/parentadvocacy</p> <p>National advocacy</p>	<p>The goal of this national coalition is to mobilize parents/caregivers and advocacy organizations to create positive public policy and program changes that prevent unnecessary removal of children from their families. It is also committed to ensuring that child protective services will honor parents' rights and return children to their families.</p>	<p>This coalition works with parents who have experiences in successfully navigating the child welfare system and have developed their leadership skills to help others.</p>

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<p>National Parent Leadership Institute</p> <p>Dawn Homer-Bouthiette, Director of Family Engagement (860) 240-0290</p> <p>www.nationalpli.org/</p> <p>Training offered in Greater Hartford Connecticut</p>	<p>The Parent Leadership Training Institute (PTLI) enables parents to become leading advocates for children. Parents' opinions are often unheard and they may lack advocacy skills. However, most parents do not lack the motivation or will to change their children's lives. The PTLI program is a two-generation strategy to bolster parental involvement while promoting the lifelong health, safety and learning of children. The program integrates child development, leadership and democracy skills into a parent curriculum. Parents attend a 20-week program. The application process is competitive. Family supports such as child care, meals and transportation are provided. Parents define the curriculum and participate in its evaluation and outcomes. Each class of parents mentors the next class, creating a pyramid effect of community caring and developing a coalition of parent leaders.</p>	<p>The PLTI teaches parents who wish to improve the lifelong health, safety and learning of children, how to become practiced, change-agents for the next generation. It is a competitive application process to participate in this 20-week program.</p>
<p>New Hampshire Children's Trust—Family Resource Centers</p> <p>(603) 224-1279 info@nhchildrenstrust.org</p> <p>Family Resource Centers List: www.nhchildrenstrust.org/program/family-resource-centers</p> <p>Serves the State of New Hampshire</p>	<p>All Family Resource Centers seek to strengthen families by promoting health, wellbeing, self-sufficiency and positive parenting through support and education. Most family resource centers, and other types of family support programs, belong to a statewide network called Family Support New Hampshire. In most cases, services include parenting classes, parent-child groups, early learning centers, play groups, assistance with tax preparation, information and referral, after school assistance and other programs to meet specific community needs.</p>	<p>Family resource centers are open to all families and can be especially supportive of families struggling with challenging issues, limited financial resources and/or troubled family dynamics. Family resource centers provide comprehensive services to parents and their children, from pregnancy through age 18.</p>
<p>Parent Advocacy Council Family to Family Health Information Centers— Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services</p> <p>Debbie Gilbert (502) 429-4430 Sandra Gilbert (270) 852-5533</p>	<p>The Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CCSHCN) creates centers at Commission offices staffed by support parents (mentors) who are parents of special needs children, which are a key support to families of individuals with special needs. This program offers parents/caregivers the opportunity to connect one-to-one with a parent/caregiver of an individual with the same or similar special health care need. A support parent is a veteran parent or primary caregiver of an individual with special health care needs willing to help other</p>	<p>The program targets parents of children with special needs who are served or have been served by the Commission.</p>

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<p>chfs.ky.gov/ccshcn/parents</p> <p>Serves Brea; Fayette; Franklin; Hopkins; Jefferson; Jessamine; Magoffin; Simpson; Upper Cumberland Counties, Kentucky</p>	<p>families in situations similar to those they have faced. A support parent is a person who wants to reduce the feelings of isolation for other families or individuals with special health care needs and allow others to benefit from their experiences. A support parent provides a safe listening environment and a wealth of information to other families.</p>	
<p>Parents Anonymous® Inc. 909/621-6184</p> <p>parentsanonymous.org</p> <p>Based in California National Support Network</p>	<p>Parents Anonymous is a community of parents, organizations and volunteers committed to mitigating and preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences. The Parents Anonymous Program is an evidence-based family strengthening program (parentsanonymous.org/research/) utilizing mutual support (the giving and getting of help), parent leadership (seeking solutions and becoming empowered), and Shared Leadership® (working together) to achieve personal growth, improve family functioning and achieve parental resilience. The organization's mission is to ensure meaningful Parent and Youth Leadership with lived experiences in Shared Leadership that result in better outcomes for families and communities by advocating, implementing and evaluating across systems through evidence-based Parents Anonymous Groups, National Parent Helpline®, Shared Leadership® in Action and National Certification of Parent Leaders and Staff.</p>	<p>Parents Anonymous groups welcome any parent or individual in a parenting/caregiver role, seeking support and positive parenting strategies regardless of the age or special challenges of their children. Parents may be married, divorced, single, grandparents, stepparents, foster parents, teen parents, or even aunts and uncles. Parents at risk or involved with Child Protective Services, domestic violence, homeless shelters, correctional and/or substance abuse programs also attend.</p>
<p>Parents Helping Parents (PHP) Ellie Edraos (617) 926-5008 Ext. 102 Parental Stress Line: 1-800-632-8188 www.parentshelpingparents.org</p> <p>Serving Greater Boston and surrounding cities</p>	<p>Parents Helping Parents offers parent support groups and a Parent Stress Line. PHP's prevention philosophy is grounded in a self-help model based on the belief that parents can develop their own solutions when given the space, encouragement, and community resources they need. Thus, it is the parents who will decide the direction a conversation will take during a Parent Support Group meeting or through participation in the Parental Stress Line. Through a combination of trust, mutual support, honesty, and collective wisdom, involvement with PHP can become the foundation for a parent's own personal growth and change.</p>	<p>The support from the parent support group and/or Parent Stress Line is open to any parent who is interested in improving their social connections and knowledge of parenting.</p>

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<p>Paternal Opportunities Programs and Services (POPS) Michael Huesca, Executive Director (619) 683 9340, Ext.10 sandiegopops3878@gmail.com www.sandiegopops.org Serves San Diego, California</p>	<p>POPS provide tangible support and advocacy to fathers and mothers so that they can be empowered, engaged and active parents. The organization is committed to continual growth through community leadership development. POPS offers resources such as parenting classes, individual and counseling, advocacy (support in meetings with child welfare staff and court personnel, etc.), anger management and conflict resolution, legal clinics, child visitation monitoring, substance use awareness classes, peer support services and mentoring.</p>	<p>Services are offered to fathers, mothers and other family members involved with the child welfare system</p>
<p>Peer Parent Advocates Program – The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Takai Tyler Executive Director of Programs (415) 822-8895 takai@hunterspointfamily.org hunterspointfamily.org/our-programs/parent-advisory-peer-parent-program/</p>	<p>The PAC was developed to assist HSA in improving service delivery to families. The San Francisco Human Service Agency joined with Hunters Point Family and Seneca Center to form the Peer Parent Advocates Program. PAC is part of this Peer Parent Advocates Program and continues to be a strong unified group of parents, foster parents, service providers and family advocates, organized and working together to build healthy families and to continue the struggle to improve the child welfare system to enhance family preservation and quality services to system-involved families. The PAC advocates for the safety of children, the empowerment of parents and the collaborative efforts of the Human Services Agency with community providers to assure and enhance family maintenance.</p>	<p>The Parent Advisory Council advocates for children and families involved with the child welfare system.</p>
<p>Public Children’s Services Administration of Ohio— Primary Parent Advisory Group Karen Ezirim (614) 406-7834 Karenezirim82@yahoo.com Serves the State of Ohio</p>	<p>The Ohio Primary Parent Advisory Group works to ensure that the voice of the primary parent is present during all discussions relating to program and policy decisions that affect children and families involved in the child welfare system. The Advisory Group is committed to advocating and supporting parents at the state and local levels. This group also oversees the implementation of SUCCEED support groups in four Ohio counties for child welfare involved parents/caregivers. These parent-led peer support groups are located in the counties of Stark, Richland, Cuyahoga and Hamilton. Advisory Group</p>	<p>The group is comprised of parents, foster parents, youth and child welfare professionals who collaborate to make lasting improvements for families.</p>

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	members were involved in the development of a curriculum to train parents to lead the SUCCEED peer support groups.	
<p>Rise Magazine Nora McCarthy (718) 260-8818 nora@risemagazine.org www.risemagazine.org</p> <p>Based in New York and advocates for families and child protective systems improvements nationally</p>	<p><i>RISE</i> is a New York City based-organization with national impact that has been working with parents for more than 10 years by helping them write and share their stories to deepen understanding of fragile families; provide information, healing and encouragement to parents and guide child welfare professionals in becoming more responsive to the families and communities they serve. Accessing family support services and navigating the family court system with little support takes extraordinary determination. <i>RISE</i> assists families by providing therapeutic writing workshops for parents and publishing <i>RISE</i> Magazine, a publication that reaches 20,000 readers nationwide. In addition, <i>RISE</i> reaches more than 2,000 child welfare professionals in New York City through public speaking and staff training. The organization also partners with foster care agencies to strengthen their supports for parents.</p>	<p><i>Rise</i> works with parents/caregivers who have been involved with child welfare/court systems. <i>Rise</i> also reaches out to child welfare professionals through public speaking and trainings.</p>
<p>Riverside University Health System—Parent to Parent Support and Training (951) 358-5862</p> <p>Parent-to-Parent Non-Crisis Telephone Support Line: Toll Free: 888/358-3622</p> <p>www.rcdmh.org/Children-Services/Parent-Support</p> <p>Serves Riverside County, California</p>	<p>Riverside University Health System offers a countywide Parent to Parent Program that provides support, education, training, and resources to parents and primary caregivers who are raising a child with mental health/behavioral challenges. Parent Partners are hired to work in clinics with families and professional staff to assist in the planning and provision of treatment for children and families. Services include, but are not limited to, support and educational groups, trainings relating to mental health, a parent-to-parent telephone support line, social events, mentorship for youth, limited respite, and a parent resource library. Additional services include community outreach activities, volunteer services, special projects, staff training and access to donated goods and services.</p>	<p>Services and supports are primarily available to parents/caregivers who are raising a child with mental health/behavioral challenges.</p>
<p>Statewide Parent Advocacy Network of New Jersey (SPAN)</p>	<p>The vision of the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network of New Jersey (SPAN) is to ensure that all families will have the resources and support they need to help raise their children to become fully contributing members of communities and</p>	<p>Their commitment is to reach out to children and families with the greatest need due to disability or special health/mental health needs; poverty;</p>

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<p>1-800-654-SPAN apelham@spannj.org www.spanadvocacy.org/</p> <p>Statewide Parent Advocacy Network—Statewide Parent to Parent Brenda L. Figueroa, Program Coordinator 973-642-8100 x 194 parent2parent@spannj.org</p> <p>www.spanadvocacy.org/content/nj-statewide-parent-parent</p> <p>Serves the State of New Jersey</p>	<p>society. SPAN offers families, professionals, policy makers and parent center staff information, resources, support and advocacy assistance addressing: effective parent involvement, child care, general and special education, dropout and bullying prevention, child welfare, health care, mental health, youth leadership, transition to adult life, incarcerated youth, military family support, violence prevention and more. Their motto is, "Empowered Parents: Educated, Engaged, Effective!" SPAN has also developed a Statewide Parent to Parent Program. This program provides families with the training, skills, and support they need to help their children with special needs reach their full potential. This program provides one-to-one matches of families who have similar needs and experiences. This provides parents with emotional support when they learn their child has a developmental delay, disability, or other special health or behavioral health need. It also helps them develop social connections, feel less isolated and more confident about themselves. The program provides training to parents who are interested in becoming a "support parent." Training is also available to professionals on effective strategies to support families of children with special needs.</p>	<p>discrimination based on race, sex, language, immigrant or homeless status; involvement in the foster care, child welfare, or juvenile justice systems; geographic location; or other exceptional circumstances.</p>
<p>Together We Will—Shared-Parent Leadership Academy (Center for Family Strengthening) Lisa Fraser, Executive Director 805/543-3700</p> <p>www.cfsslo.org</p> <p>Serves San Luis Obispo County, California</p>	<p>In 2007 the San Luis Obispo County Child Abuse Prevention Council (SLO-CAP) (now Center for Family Strengthening) recognized the importance of engaging parents in decisions to improve programs and policies that impact children and families. With the support of Community Based Child Abuse Prevention funds, SLO-CAP developed a course, <i>Together We Will</i>, which includes persuasive communication, active listening tools, and other skills needed for parents to become change agents for their families. The curriculum also includes classes in civics and the tenets of democracy, i.e., how budgets are developed, how parents can impact legislation, how parents can empower themselves to have input on the community, school, regional and state level. This program, which has completed its fourth year, has created a cadre of parents who understand how</p>	<p>This program targets parents in San Luis Obispo County who interested in becoming meaningful members of boards, advisory and planning councils. Their input would help in improving programs and policies that impact children and families.</p>

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	<p>government works, i.e., civics and have the skills to become partners in the development of services that are efficient and meet their needs. These skills allow parents to help plan and evaluate service delivery, engage parents in policy-setting and decision-making tables, with the constant goal to improve family functioning and services.</p>	

National Technical Assistance/Training/Systems Improvement

This is a general listing of national organizations dedicated to transforming communities, families and systems. This is accomplished through supporting and promoting prevention and building protective factors in families and communities, leadership development, workforce improvements, revolutionary creativity and nurturing parent/constituent partnerships.

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<p>Alia Innovations—UnSystem</p> <p>Katie Miller, Chief Innovation Officer (651) 705-8872 katie@aliainnovations.org</p> <p>www.aliainnovations.org</p> <p>National innovations for people and systems impacted by trauma</p>	<p>Alia Innovation’s mission is to inspire and drive transformative change for the people and systems entrusted with the welfare and care of children. The organization’s goal is for every child to remain in the uninterrupted care of an already-trusted adult where there is never a disruption to his or her sense of connection and belonging. Alia aims to re-design systems to utilize family-driven responses to struggling parents, preserving familial bonds in any way possible, to the extent safely possible. The organization offers keynotes, training and workshops, administers organizational wellbeing assessments, provides ongoing leadership coaching, and more. Alia drives transformation in child welfare systems in part by building the capacity of agencies to advance the permanency, safety, and wellbeing of families and their healers...<i>to pave the way for revolutionary work</i>. Long-term demonstration projects typically initiate with an in-depth Organizational Wellbeing Assessment which is a 2-4 day onsite evaluation including review of outcome data, 1-on-1 and small group interviews, anonymous online staff survey(s), and community inquiries. A detailed proposal for ongoing engagement is provided upon completion of the organizational wellbeing assessment and includes an assessment summary, identified organizational goals, and recommendations for improving individual and organizational resilience and wellbeing. Alia is currently working to convene a cohort of changemakers across the country to use UnSystem Guiding Principles as a vision for child welfare system transformation. The current system cannot be made better without a comprehensive redesign - <i>a revolution</i>. The Alia UnSystem Innovation Cohort is a team of bold and innovative individuals who commit to leading 6 agencies through a 3-year cultural transformation to revolutionize their systems. The goal is for each agency to re-design and build a new family-driven, trauma-informed way of responding to families who are struggling that preserves familial bonds in any way possible, whenever safely possible.</p>
<p>Casey Family Programs (206) 992-7254</p> <p>https://www.casey.org</p>	<p>Casey Family Programs is the nation’s largest operating foundation focused on safely reducing the need for foster care and building Communities of Hope for children and families across America. Their mission is to provide and improve — and ultimately prevent the need for — foster care. The organization is committed to <i>2020: Building Communities of Hope</i>, a nationwide effort to improve the safety and success of children and their families. Casey works in support of a range of public, private, tribal and community partners to:</p>

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<p>Building Communities of HOPE across the country</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Safely reduce the need for foster care by 50 percent by the year 2020.</i> Casey partners with child welfare systems, families, policymakers, courts and American Indian tribes to support practices and policies that safely reduce the need for foster care, increase the safety and success of children and strengthen the resilience of families. • <i>Demonstrate how every child can have a safe and permanent family.</i> Casey provides and improves foster care and related services to demonstrate how every child can have a safe, permanent and supportive family. Through this work, the organization seeks to influence improvements in life outcomes, especially in the areas of education, mental health and employment. • <i>Support more effective investments in children and families.</i> Casey contributes nonpartisan information, data and resources to help public officials make more effective investments — and reinvestments — in children and families. • <i>Encourage a shared vision for success.</i> Casey encourages community leaders to think, plan and act collectively to improve the long-term safety and success of children and their families. <p>Casey Family Programs works in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and two U.S. territories and with more than a dozen tribal nations to influence long-lasting improvements to the safety and success of children, families and the communities where they live.</p>
<p>Child Abuse and Neglect Technical Assistance and Strategic Dissemination Center (CANTASD) Nilofer Ashan Nilofera33@gmail.com</p> <p>www.cantasd.org</p> <p>National Dissemination and awareness</p>	<p>CANTASD is funded by the Children’s Bureau’s Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (CB/OCAN). The Center creates resources and develops peer learning activities for those engaged in primary and secondary prevention, child protective services and investigation, and multidisciplinary and interagency collaborations to promote the safety and well-being of children, youth, and families. CANTASD also supports the Federal Interagency Work Group on Child Abuse and Neglect, Citizens Review Panels, and the National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect.</p>
<p>Child Welfare Capacity Building Center for States</p> <p>https://capacity.childwelfare.gov/</p>	<p>The Children's Bureau's Child Welfare Capacity Building Center for States (Center) helps public child welfare agencies, Tribes, and courts enhance and mobilize the human and organizational assets necessary to meet federal standards and requirements; improve child welfare practice and administration; and achieve safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for children, youth, and families. The Center recruits and trains Family Consultants to provide training and technical</p>

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National Consultation and Capacity Building	assistance to the field of child welfare. The Center's pool of experienced and trained Family Consultants supports responses to requests related to child welfare services and activities. The Center's Family Consultants are available for periodic remote and/or onsite work in States and jurisdictions, and participate in various webinars, conference calls, and trainings throughout the year.
<p>National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds</p> <p>Teresa Rafael, Executive Director (206) 526-1221 teresa.rafael@ctfalliance.org</p> <p>National approach to building stronger communities through prevention and healthy relationships with parents</p> <p>www.ctfalliance.org</p> <p>To access the Alliance online training - <i>Bringing the Protective Factors Framework to Life in Your Work – a Resource for Action</i> go to www.ctfalliance.org/onlinetraining</p>	<p>The National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds is a membership organization that provides training, technical assistance and peer consulting opportunities to state Children's Trust and Prevention Funds (CTFs) and strengthens their efforts to prevent child maltreatment. In addition, the Alliance works with national partners, state organizations, parents, federal agencies and others to impact policies, practices, system changes and trainings. With its national networks of CTFs, certified trainers, parents and other organizational partners, the Alliance provides leadership to successful movements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to child abuse and neglect as an important public health concern • Elevating the voices of parents and others with life experience in child maltreatment through the Alliance National Parent Partnership Council (ANPPC) and the Birth Parent National Network (BPNN) • Infusing systems and staff with skills to help families build strong protective factors • Creating and supporting a national conversation around preventing child neglect <p>The Alliance offers a series of online training courses (free of charge) to support implementation of the Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors Framework. <i>Bringing the Protective Factors Framework to Life in your Work – a Resource for Action</i> is a curriculum that includes materials on partnering with parents and addresses promising strategies to strengthen families for practitioners in multiple settings. The Alliance also offers a training of trainers that certifies trainers to use the Alliance's resources to train others in understanding and applying the Protective Factors Framework in their everyday work. The training consists of three dynamic days of learning.</p> <p>The Alliance also provides two specialized trainings to organizations and community groups. Both training curriculums were developed and copyrighted by Casey Family Programs and the Alliance partners with Casey to promote these two trainings.</p> <p><i>Strategic Sharing</i> is a specialized training to support parents and other individuals in sharing their life experiences in a meaningful, focused and powerful way to influence policy and practice. The training explores what it means to share stories strategically, how to maximize credibility, learn about the benefits of sharing and also prepare participants for some of the risks of sharing and how to minimize these risks. More information can be accessed at www.ctfalliance.org/strategicsharing</p>

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	<p><i>Better Together: Building Blocks to Successful Partnerships</i> is a two-day experiential workshop designed to help foster parents, birth parents and staff build equal and mutually respectful partnerships among each other. More information can be found at www.ctfalliance.org/bettertogether</p>
<p>National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI) Nancy Dickinson, PhD University of Maryland NCWWI Director ndickinson@ssw.umaryland.edu www.ncwwi.org</p> <p>National Technical Assistance and Professional Development</p>	<p>The purpose of NCWWI is to increase the equity and effectiveness of child welfare practice through diverse partnerships that focus on workforce systems development, organizational interventions, and change leadership, using data-driven capacity building, education, and professional development. NCWWI's workforce development activities promote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning: Fostering continuous learning that is inclusive, interactive, reflective and relevant • Leading: Cultivating diverse leadership that is equitable at multiple levels in child welfare systems • Changing: Supporting change through equitable and inclusive workforce development and organizational capacity building <p>The vision of NCWWI is innovative and inclusive of organizational leadership, high performing staff, and diverse partners who are prepared and committed to pursue excellence and sustainable systemic change in service of improved outcomes that are equitable and just for children, youth and families.</p>
<p>National Family Preservation Network Priscilla Martens, Executive Director (888) 498-9047 director@nfpn.org www.nfpn.org</p> <p>National Technical Assistance and Professional Development</p>	<p>The mission of the National Family Preservation Network (NFPN) is to serve as the primary national voice for the preservation of families. The mission is achieved through initiatives in the areas of family preservation, reunification, and father-involvement. NFPN offers research-based tools, training resources, and technical assistance to public and private child-and family-serving agencies.</p>
<p>National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI) Melissa Steward, Vice President, Marketing (240) 912-1273 msteward@fatherhood.org www.fatherhood.org/</p> <p>National Technical Assistance and Professional Development</p>	<p>National Fatherhood Initiative is the nation's leading non-profit organization working to end father absence. Underlying many of society's most pressing challenges is a lack of father involvement in their children's lives. NFI transforms organizations and communities by equipping them to intentionally and proactively engage fathers in their children's lives.</p>

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<p>National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) Sarah Kastelic (Alutiiq), Executive Director (503) 222-4044 info@nicwa.org www.nicwa.org</p> <p>National Technical Assistance and Professional Development</p>	<p>NICWA is a private, nonprofit, membership organization based in Portland, Oregon. Its members include tribes, individuals—both Native and non-Native—and private organizations from around the United States concerned with Native child and family issues. Their board, staff and partners work to protect Native children and keep them connected to their family, community, and culture. NICWA works to support the safety, health, and spiritual strength of American Indian and Alaska Native children along the broad continuum of their lives. The organization supports tribes in building their capacity to prevent child abuse and neglect through positive systems change at the state, federal, and tribal levels. NICWA is the most comprehensive source of information on American Indian and Alaska Native child welfare.</p>
<p>Portland State University (PSU) Center for Improvement of Child and Family Services Katherine Cahn, Executive Director (503) 725-8122 cahnk@pdx.edu</p> <p>www.pdx.edu/ccf/child-welfare</p> <p>National Technical Assistance and Professional Development</p>	<p>Portland State University (PSU) Center for Improvement of Child and Family Services is a nationally recognized research and workforce development center helping to define the future of social work and human services practice. Last year, the university generated 8.1 million dollars in funding, which played a key role in PSU's School of Social Work being ranked 4th in the nation for Research and Development funding (13.1 million) in social work (National Science Foundation, Sophisticated Education Research and Development Survey). The PSU Center for Improvement of Child and Family Services has a long history of involvement with child welfare which provides an advantage in terms of knowledge of current research, familiarity with successful interventions, and a network of national and regional partners. The Center is strongly committed to serving those working in the field by offering a variety of services that foster continuous learning and sustainable systems change.</p>
<p>Strengthening Families Illinois aka Be Strong Families Kathy Goetz Wolf, President (312) 402-0961 kathy@bestrongfamilies.net www.bestrongfamilies.net/</p>	<p>Be Strong Families (BSF) promotes the empowered engagement of vulnerable parents, youth, children, and extended family members in ways that nurture the spirit of the family and promote well-being, healing, and peace across the globe. The organization grew out of the Strengthening Families Illinois initiative, which has been implementing the Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors approach since 2005 and achieving success in embedding the Protective Factors framework into Illinois' child welfare system and hundreds of early childhood programs as well as supporting the development of thousands of parent leaders through training and Parent Cafe implementation. BSF continues its work by serving birth and foster parents, teen parents, and foster care alumni. In addition, an emphasis remains on serving teens in the system and BSF will be promoting the Strengthening Families Youth Thrive Protective Factors among teens in care through cafés and training opportunities. BSF provides access to Parent Cafés, Dads Cafés and Living the Protective</p>

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National Technical Assistance and Professional Development	Factors for parents. Numerous resources are available to organizations serving child welfare involved families to help build protective factors in families and strengthen the relationships between parents and those that serve parents.
<p data-bbox="142 367 569 472">The University of Kansas-Center for Children and Families</p> <p data-bbox="142 480 569 634">Jody Brooks, Associate Professor, Director (785) 864-8554 jbrook@ku.edu www.childrenandfamilies.ku.edu</p> <p data-bbox="142 675 569 730">National Technical Assistance and Professional Development</p>	<p data-bbox="651 367 1969 730">The Center for Children & Families (CCF) is a division of the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare that conducts research, evaluation, policy analysis, program planning, and training in areas related to children and families. The Center includes more than 30 faculty and staff who are involved in over 20 projects locally and nationally. The Center faculty and staff are recognized as state and national experts in their content areas, and many of the Center projects have received widespread recognition as innovative, landmark work with children and families. The work done through the Center spans six broad areas relating to children and families: children’s mental health, child welfare, children’s health, schools, family well-being and community. The Center embraces the four themes of the School of Social Welfare (i.e., strengths, diversity, social and economic justice, and critical perspective) while incorporating additional values unique to research and child and family well-being (e.g., collaboration, evidence-based, child and family driven).</p>

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