



Parent Leadership for Child Safety and Permanency

Parent leadership is integral for the Department of Human Services, Child Safety and Permanency Division, to succeed in improving the child welfare system for families and children. Parent Leadership for Child Safety and Permanency embraces the principles of meaningful parent involvement in shaping the direction of family support programs, services and policies. Parent Leadership for Child Safety and Permanency brings together parents from throughout the state, nominated and selected in recognition of their ability to work across and between systems and communities. The role of Parent Leadership for Child Safety and Permanency includes:

- Serving as an educator and mentor statewide to parents, agencies, citizens and policymakers.
- Representing the “parent voice” at state- sponsored events such as informational booths and public awareness campaigns (e.g. Child Abuse Prevention Month, National Parent Leadership Month at the Capitol, etc.).
- Representing the parent voice as a spokesperson at conferences and trainings and on designated state committees, task forces, or workgroups on an ongoing basis to help shape policy and program direction (committee examples may include: African American Disparities Committee, Minnesota Child Welfare Training System workgroups, Engaging Fathers workgroup, American Indian Child Welfare Initiative committee, Family Group Decision Making Committee)
- Serving as co-trainers at conferences and trainings.
- Reviewing and providing input for development of materials promoting prevention, parent and community education and professional development.
- Representing the parent voice as a representative of a local county or tribal committee, task force, or workgroup (examples include Children’s Justice Initiative Team, Citizen Review Panel, Child Protection Team, and Child Abuse Prevention Council).
- Generating public awareness about the importance of supporting and implementing evidence-based family support practices to strengthen families and communities.

Selection Terms and Time Commitment

- Nomination process in place for volunteer parent consultants-statewide representation
- Two-year term; average of two to eight hours per month

For more information or to obtain an application contact:

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Nomination Process for Volunteer Parent Consultant Position

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), Child Safety and Permanency Division, are partnering in a statewide effort to build successful partnerships between parents and professionals through development and operation of a Parent Leadership for Child Safety and Permanency team. The team will consist of eight-10 parents selected through a nomination process, who will collaborate with the department by participating on various committees, task forces and workgroups to ensure that parents are actively engaged in the planning, implementation and evaluation of family support and child welfare services statewide. The selected team members will consist of parents who have participated in community-based family support, child welfare or child protection agency programs, and represent diversity in ethnicity, gender, and geographic area.

Expectations and Qualifications of Volunteer Parent Consultant

Team members of Parent Leadership for Child Safety and Permanency will be expected to:

- Have firsthand experience as a participant in family support and/or child welfare services and systems
- Relate personal experiences to the broader issues faced by Minnesota families
- Build mutually respectful relationships with others from diverse ethnic, cultural, socioeconomic and educational backgrounds
- Participate in at least two face-to-face team meetings annually and other required team assignments
- Participate in teleconference calls
- Attend trainings/conferences to receive the necessary background and knowledge to successfully interact with the state system
- Serve as mentors, educators, and/or role models *for* other parents
- Travel to team meetings
- Demonstrate good verbal skills
- Serve on at least one state committee, taskforce, and/or workgroup as requested by DHS
- Two-year term; average of two to eight hours per month

Support Provided to Team Members

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota will provide support to each team member through ongoing training and technical assistance, mentoring and coaching, stipends, and reimbursement of reasonable costs to cover expenses for travel and child care.



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Nominations are Now Being Accepted for Parents Who Have Participated in Family Support Programs to Serve as Team Members on Parent Leadership for Child Safety and Permanency

Nomination Process:

- The prospective team member must complete a Parent Application form (see attached).
- The prospective team member must submit two references along with the nomination form:
 - One from an agency/organization
 - One from a person of their choice.
- Both the Parent Application form and references must be submitted to Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota by e-mail, mail, or fax by August 31, 2009.
- Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota and Department of Human Services staff and parent leaders will review all applications.
- Final applicants will be selected for a face-to-face or telephone interview.
- All applicants will be notified within 60 days.

Return application and references to Rena Moran before August 31, 2009

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3. List any volunteer experiences and/or community involvement. Explain how these experiences have helped you as a parent.

4. What qualities do you possess that will allow you to work successfully in the community and with other parents?

5. How do you see yourself making a difference on this team?

6. Is there anything else you want to share about yourself or your experiences as staff consider you for this volunteer position?

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Parent Leadership for Child Safety and Permanency References

Reference 1

Name of agency/organization:	
Name/title of person providing reference:	
Relationship to applicant:	
Contact information	
Phone:	E-mail:

Reference 2

Name of person of your choice:	
Name/title of person providing reference:	
Relationship to applicant:	
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