CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES – both positive and negative – have significant impacts on physical, mental, social, and emotional health in adulthood.

When fundamentals such as SAFETY and self-worth are woven into children’s brain architecture, they are more likely to develop into a HEALTHY ADULT.

When children are surrounded with consistent, positive NURTURING, they learn to love. By providing them with attention and care, their brains are better able to fully develop, leading to fewer physical and mental health complications. Child abuse and neglect affect children of every age, race, and income level.

Children need a HEALTHY ATTACHMENT to a caring adult who nurtures them so they can grow up to be happy and healthy adults.

Minnesota Communities Caring for Children’s mission is to empower individuals and communities to stop child abuse and neglect before it starts through awareness, education, support, and leadership for action.

Minnesota Communities Caring for Children (MCCC) is a statewide nonprofit organization that empowers parents and helps build the capacity of communities to create environments where all children thrive. MCCC works with families, communities, and state and local agencies to create opportunities for all children to have healthy childhoods.

MCCC is the Minnesota Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America and Circle of Parents® National
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• This is a partnership between the Minnesota Department of Human Services and Minnesota Communities Caring for Children, the Minnesota chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America

What is the Parent Leadership Team?

• The team consists of Minnesota parents who are selected through an application process to serve for three years
• Members collaborate with Minnesota Department of Human Services to ensure that parents are actively engaged in the planning, implementation and evaluation of programs, services, and systems
• The volunteer parent leaders use their life experiences and knowledge from their communities to improve family service practice at partner organizations

The goals of the team

• Connect parents to state policy and practice initiatives
• Develop and promote strategies for prevention and child safety
• Promote protective factors that strengthen parents and families
• Raise awareness of systematic and programmatic issues around race, ethnicity and culture

Parent Leaders are:

• Parents or caregivers who have firsthand experience as a participant in family support and/or child welfare services, or practitioners working in these systems
• Those who can relate personal experiences to the broader issues faced by Minnesota families
• Those who are willing to build mutually respectful relationships with others from diverse ethnic, cultural, socioeconomic and educational backgrounds

Benefits that Parent Leaders receive

• Monthly comprehensive trainings
• Leadership development
• Participation in local and national conferences
• Participation on at least one state committee, task force or work group at the Minnesota Department of Human Services
• Technical assistance, mentoring and coaching, stipends, and reimbursement of costs associated with travel and child care

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