

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) is pleased to announce the recipients of a \$13.7 million investment to empower parents as leaders and key decision makers in education. These 30 exceptional organizations from 18 states and the District of Columbia are developing and implementing transformative family engagement models in the field of early childhood education. WKKF's investment over the next three years will support the foundation's vision of seeing this work infused throughout local and national education reform efforts and lifting up the voices of families to set all children on a path to success. Because of the unprecedented interest and clear demand from the field, the foundation, now more than ever, understands the need for family engagement funding and is using this opportunity to invest in families.

National Parent Leadership Institute

Hartford, Conn.

Title of Grant: The National Parent Leadership Institute

Purpose/Goals: The National Parent Leadership Institute (NPLI) seeks to bolster parents as an authentic voice and purposeful constituency for improved child outcomes. The NPLI works on the community, regional, state and multistate levels to help parents become the change agents they want to be for their own and other children. Through a rigorous 20-week Parent Leadership Training Institute curriculum and civic practice, they strive to develop supportive communities of diverse parents into successful parent action. Goals include the development of a broad-based, national parent leadership network; creating a model family civics continuum for towns and cities; adapting the parent leadership curriculum into Spanish, Haitian Creole, and for Native American cultures and rural communities; and supporting school and civic leaders to partner with parents as assets for improved civic health and child outcomes.