



Transforming Communities Through Parent Leadership

Founded in Connecticut more than 30 years ago, The Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) is a transformative national initiative and free 20-week training designed to equip parents and caregivers with the tools to become effective advocates for children and agents of positive change in their communities. It has been implemented successfully in 80+ communities across the U.S. and one city in Australia.

Through a comprehensive curriculum, PLTI learners engage in sessions that cover a wide range of topics, including group dynamics, problem-solving, community workings, public policy, and understanding laws and budgets. The training fosters personal growth and confidence and encourages the development of community projects that address neighborhood, school, or family needs. Through PLTI, parents increase their presence, voice, and power at community tables, becoming problem solvers, advocates, and leaders.



One Parent *Can* Make A Difference

PLTI is not merely a training; it's also a transformative initiative. Its annual activities and reach go far beyond providing training for parents. After PLTI, the leadership path continues, with parent leaders making change in their neighborhoods, their children's school, and their communities.

By fostering a supportive and extensive nationwide alum network and providing continuous education opportunities after graduation, PLTI enables parents to effectively engage in civic discourse and influence policy-making beyond the 20-week training.

PLTI Helps Parents Who Care Become Parents Who Lead



PLTI...



Is Intentionally Diverse And Inclusive

PLTI intentionally considers the local community to bring a locally representative group of parents and other caring adults from different cultures, races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic levels to work together to benefit their children.



Is Multi-Generational

PLTI recognizes that multiple generations raise children. Communities offer leadership training to parents, caregivers, and grandparents. Children and youth participate in a parallel curriculum called The Children's Leadership Training Institute while parents are in their PLTI classes. This parent-child participation in leadership enhances children's visions of their own potential to effect change. It reinforces the knowledge and skills the parent learns through embedded cross-generational conversations and activities.



Expands Its Circle Of Effect

Parent graduates serve as peer-to-peer supporters for the next class of students. Parents participate, advise, and mentor other parents and programs seeking to work with parents as partners.



Selection Is Parent-based

Parents are selected on individual merit based on an application and interview. Some applicants are self-referred, while others are referred by PLTI graduates, religious institutions, schools, or community agencies. PLTI strengthens a diverse constituency of parents who can access and utilize community assets to meet parent-defined goals.



Benefits Families And Communities

Parents gain self-confidence using their skills as change agents within communities. Children benefit when parents participate more in their lives as advocates and decision-makers. Communities benefit as parents use their tools of democracy in civic initiatives, driving positive change and co-creating community solutions.

The National Parent Leadership Institute

The National Parent Leadership Institute (NPLI) is an anti-oppression, nonpartisan nonprofit that strengthens families' and other decision-makers' skills to advocate for children and make positive change. We use a multi-generational approach that works across difference to increase the civic engagement of families and partner with stakeholders to build a healthier and more equitable democracy for all.

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