

Parent Opportunities Resources & Contact Information

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Information	<u>Infoline/211</u> : is a statewide information and referral service operated by the United Way of CT	
	<u>CT Parents Plus</u> website provides links to events, calendars and articles on child development, parenting, school-family information as well as automated messages on everything from health issues to parenting in English and Spanish. They also have literacy videos what parents can do to build reading skills in kindergarten and first grade and raising a reader with strategies for 2 nd and 3 rd grade.	Info Tapes 1-800-635-4592 Literacy Video 1-860-571-6871
Involvement	<u>CT Parent Educators Network</u> is a statewide organization of professionals dedicated to helping Connecticut's children and families by promoting excellence in parenting education. Goals include: linking parenting educators and programs across the state; expanding knowledge of best practices in parenting education; increasing access to culturally appropriate parenting programs and to research in parenting education and supporting professional development among parenting educators.	Lynn Weber Chairperson Phone: (860) 872-8066
	<u>CT Parents Plus</u> provides parents with the information they need to be confident and successful in their parenting role, and as equal partners with educators in the ongoing education of their children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>First Day of School Celebrations</i> -- provides assistance with planning First Day of School Celebrations focused on parent activities • <i>No Child Left Behind</i> – 90 minute informational workshop that defines the responsibilities of schools under the law, informs parents of their rights and options and offers tip sheets on what every parent should know to encourage student success. • <i>School-Family-Community Partnerships</i> – school based action team training and support • <i>Question Formulation Technique</i> – parents learn how to “ask the right question” to obtain the answers they need. Available as a workshop and as a facilitator training • <i>Parents and Teachers Talk Together</i> – two-day workshop for parents and teachers, encourages joint problem solving and collaborative actions to improve student achievement 	United Way of Connecticut 1344 Silas Deane Highway Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Phone: (860) 571-6052 Fax: (860) 571-6530 www.ctparentsplus.org
	<u>First Day Foundation</u> First Day of School America a grassroots movement that brings together schools, families, and communities in celebration of education. First Day events are a fun, practical, effective way to get parents involved in their children's education starting on Day One of each school year. The First Day Foundation offers assistance to schools and communities planning a First Day celebration. Our Newsletter, Activity Guide, Video and other materials can be ordered online.	First Day Foundation PO Box 10, 210 Main Street Bennington, VT, 05201-0010 Phone: (802) 753-3005 Fax: (802) 753-3009 Toll Free: 1-877-FIRST DAY
	<u>Parents as Teachers</u> is an early learning program for parents with children birth to age five. CT Parents Plus provides Institutes for parent educators working in P.A.T programs, certification training and regional workshops.	United Way of Connecticut 1344 Silas Deane Highway Rocky Hill, CT 06067 Phone: (860) 571-6052

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Engagement	<p><u>People Empowering People (PEP)</u> provides a framework for individuals to take greater control of their lives through an increased sense of self confidence and self empowerment. The program emphasizes the connection between individual and community action through 10 two-hour training sessions and follow-up sessions. The curriculum is available in English and Spanish.</p>	<p>Cherry Czuba UCONN Cooperative Extension System Phone: (860) 345-4511</p>
	<p><u>Making Room at the Table</u> is a 3-hour session that helps participants explore ways of making room at the table for families to be involved, as partners, in the planning and governance of formal systems of services and support. Participants include teams of parents and professionals. A family member and a professional are co-leaders of the training session. The training includes activities designed to promote greater understanding and knowledge of family involvement. Family Support America developed the program.</p>	<p>Cindy Guerreri 11 Rolling Meadow Drive Tolland, CT 06084 Phone: (860) 871-1541</p>
Leadership	<p><u>Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI)</u> is a 20-week training curriculum for parents developed by the CT Commission on Children. The first 10 weeks focus on personal development, the second 10 weeks on the democratic process. As part of the class, participants choose a community project, which could involve a piece of legislation, a school-related policy, or some other project that is relevant to their community. Sites across CT have parent alumni organizations and stay connected through a statewide alumni network.</p>	<p>Dawn Homer-Bouthiette CT Commission on Children Phone: (860) 240-0085</p>
	<p><u>Norwich Children First/Greater Norwich Community Leadership Team</u> is a comprehensive approach that supports parents through a continuum of involvement, engagement, and leadership. The four distinct training modules offered to parents, teens, and community leaders are People Empowering People; Voices For Families; Parent Graduate Leadership Initiative and Teen Leadership Council. General themes across all programs include interpersonal and negotiation skills, parenting, diversity, grant writing, budget accountability and expectations, how to utilize the media and city government. Community mentors assist graduates in setting goals and individualized action plans for programs that they wish to see happen in the community and provide technical assistance.</p>	<p>Sherry Filiatreault Norwich Children First City of Norwich Phone: (860)823-3782</p>
	<p><u>Parent Supporting Educational Excellence</u> is a leadership course for parents who are interested in children's learning and better schools. The 10 week course provides motivated family members with practical strategies for actively engaging with other parents, with educators and with community leaders in examining educational policies and practice. Participants learn what to expect from schools, how to partner with them, and how to be a successful civic leader on education issues.</p>	<p>Patrice Nelson Center for School Change/ CT Commission on Children Phone: (860)586-2340</p>

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Leadership	<p><u>Parent Trust Fund</u> provides funding for communities to improve the health, safety and learning of children by training parents in civic leadership skills and supporting quality, parental engagement in Connecticut. Communities may apply to the Parent Trust Fund through an annual competitive grant application. Funds are allocated to support a range of parent leadership programs that embrace the diversity within the sponsoring community, are financially sustainable and teach civics as a tool for improving the health, safety and learning of children (i.e., PLTI, PEP).</p>	<p>CT Commission on Children 18-20 Trinity Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106 Phone: (860) 240-0290</p>
Stewardship	<p><u>CT Parent Power</u> (CTPP) is a parent constituency-building organization with a mission to empower, engage and mobilize a statewide network of parents to act on children's issues and participate in solutions. CTPP works with CTPP Parent Delegates and Members to develop annual policy priorities, provides training and information on those priorities, and offers opportunities to act on behalf of those priorities.</p>	<p>Tauna Saunders CT Parent Power (203) 797-0808</p>

The Discovery website is a resource for information on local, state, and national promising practices www.discovery@wcfgmf.org