

TOGETHER We Can Make a Difference



The Alliance's Birth Parent National Network promotes and champions birth parents as leaders and strategic partners in prevention and systems reform.

Become part of the Alliance's Birth Parent National Network (BPNN), a national network of hundreds of birth parents and organizations working together to strengthen families, communities and systems by partnering with parents. Participate in quarterly webinars and an annual virtual convening. There is no charge to join.



Christina Simmons,
BPNN Co-facilitator
from Mississippi

“ The BPNN is an important resource to advocate for ensuring families live in safe, nurturing environments within their own communities. ”

Join

Us!

“ Being a parent partner to me means being a voice of hope and change. My personal story of dealing with substance abuse shapes how I try to advocate for those still suffering, both parents and children. ”

Mitch Sutter,
BPNN Co-facilitator
from Oklahoma



As a member of the BPNN, you can:

LEARN ABOUT...

- Policies, practices and funding streams for strengthening families and communities
- New ways to partner with parents and work with systems
- The protective factors framework
- Using data to strength your community

ACCESS RESOURCES SUCH AS...

- An online library of prevention strategies and child welfare systems reform efforts
- Free virtual trainings on multiple relevant topics
- Publications developed from a parent perspective
- A directory of parent partnership organizations and programs

EXPAND YOUR LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES BY...

- Co-facilitating BPNN webinars
- Representing the BPNN at conferences and trainings
- Developing policies, practices and recommendations that help strengthen and support families and communities
- Creating publications and tools
- Testifying at Congressional hearings

STRENGTHEN YOUR CONNECTIONS WITH...

- Peers from across the nation
- Parent Partner/Parent Mentor Programs
- Local, state and national organizations
- National leaders who promote parents as partners in policy and practices that affect children and families

Visit the
BPNN website!

ctfalliance.org/partnering-with-parents/bpnn



The Children's Trust Fund Alliance is the national membership organization for state children's trust funds. Since 2006, the Alliance has also developed and partnered with networks of parents to elevate their voices to decision-makers and to join with them in identifying policies and practices that best support children and families.

2026

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SAVE the DATES!

BPNN Webinars

April 23, 2026, from 1:00 - 2:30 PM Eastern Time

Moving Families from Surviving to Thriving

May 14, 2026, from 4:00 - 5:30 PM Eastern Time

Addressing Housing Needs for Families Involved with the Child Welfare System

June 23, 2026, from 1:00 - 2:30 PM Eastern Time

Silent Signals: What You Say Without Words

July 23, 2026, from 3:00 - 4:00 PM Eastern Time

Minimize the Risks of Strategically Sharing Your Story: Learn to Choose What to Share, Connect with Your Audience and Claim Your Own Choices

August 13, 2026, from 2:00 - 3:30 PM Eastern Time

How Parent Partner Programs Support Prevention and Reunification: the Iowa Parent Partner Model

October 22, 2026, from 2:00 - 3:30 PM Eastern Time

Fathers are Essential in System Change Efforts

November 4, 2026, from 3:00 - 4:30 PM Eastern Time

You've Had the Power All Along: Advocacy Lessons from the Wizard of Oz

December 3, 2026, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM

The Foundational Building Blocks of Resilience and Hope

VIRTUAL CONVENING

More Information Coming Soon

JOIN US

Monthly Caring Conversations

12:00 – 1:00 PM Eastern

These virtual sessions offer a space for parents to give and get social and emotional support and resources. This is a place where asking for help is celebrated.

May 11

August 3

November 2

June 1

September 28

December 7

July 6

October 12