COMMUNICATIONS NEWSLETTER

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PARENT PARTNER LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

The Parent Partner Learning Collaborative (PPLC) is a learning collaborative designed to build connections among administrators and staff of parent partner programs all across the country, share and spread knowledge, leverage existing resources, address common challenges, and highlight lessons learned.

Directory



If you want to add programs to the PPLC directory or make updates go to: https://ctfalliance.org/parent-partnership-organizations-submission-form/ or contact Sofia at: sofia.santillana@ctfalliance.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS from Casey Family Programs!

- The 2026 Signature Report *Cultivating Hope* is available for download at www.casey.org/hope/
- Casey Family Programs is close to launching its new Parent Partner Programs webpage. We will share the link once it goes live.

First-Ever Parent Partner Learning Collaborative Convening

Austin, Texas

On October 6–7, the Children's Trust Fund Alliance and Casey Family Programs partnered to host the first-ever Parent Partner Peer Learning Convening in Austin, Texas! This exciting milestone brought together Parent Partner Learning Collaborative cohort members and other established Parent Partner Programs from across the country to connect, share experiences, and learn from one another.

Through engaging discussions, peer learning, and collaborative activities, participants explored strategies for expanding parent mentoring nationwide, building financial sustainability, strengthening partnerships with lived experts, and measuring program success. The convening also provided opportunities for teams to exchange ideas, reflect on lessons learned, and develop actionable next steps.

Together, we took an important step toward a shared vision: ensuring every parent navigating the child protection system has access to a mentor with lived experience.

And of course, we couldn't be in Texas without a little Texas flair! Our Texas Night dinner brought everyone together for an evening of great food, conversation, and even some line dancing! Be sure to check out the photos throughout this newsletter for a glimpse of the wonderful moments, connections, and memories made during the convening!

A special thank you to everyone who participated, shared their expertise, and helped make this inaugural gathering such a meaningful opportunity for learning, collaboration, and connection!

Here is the link to where the pictures are: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Xu-tSs9JChGtcf7or-udoS8rM9NeG29X?usp=sharing

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Visit the PPLC website at:
https://ctfalliance.org/partnering-with-parents/pplc/

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