What Gets Your Wheels Spinning?

Going Places – Building Protective Factors Through Everyday Actions!

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The Children’s Trust Fund Alliance supports two primary functioning parent bodies:

**Alliance National Parent Partnership Council (ANPPC)**
The goal of the Alliance is to expand and advance the meaningful and authentic roles of parent leaders in state children’s trust and prevention funds and in the Alliance. As one strategy to support this goal, the Alliance created the Alliance National Parent Partnership Council (ANPPC) in 2007, consisting of parent leaders who are familiar with the work of their states’ children’s trust funds and who have experience and expertise that will be helpful on the national level. Children’s trust funds nominate outstanding parent partners from their own state work to serve on the council. The ANPPC is a national model for effectively partnering with parents and expanding and integrating the powerful role of parent leaders in state children’s trust and prevention funds and community-based programs.

**Birth Parent National Network (BPNN)**
The Alliance supports the Birth Parent National Network (BPNN) to promote and champion birth parents as leaders and strategic partners in prevention and child welfare systems reform. The BPNN is a dynamic and growing national network of more than 200 birth parents and organizations working together to influence policies and practices that affect children and families. The Alliance Supports the BPNN by:
- Facilitating opportunities for parents to share their perspectives with policymakers
- Providing training and supports to BPNN parents interested in engaging in policy work
- Hosting regular webinars, trainings and an annual virtual convening
- Working together to build a cohesive and unified national voice to inform policy and practice

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**Resources to Build Protective Factors**
- **Online Training** – Seven 2-hour courses – free on the Alliance website: ctfalliance.org
- **Training of Trainers** – Find out how to host or attend a training
- **Tools and More** – Free resources, research, white papers, issue briefs, parent need2know infographics and more

**Technical Assistance for Effective Parent Partnerships**
- **Customized Technical Assistance** – The Alliance works with our membership and with other mission-related organizations to develop customized TA that addresses the developmental needs of organizations who wish to be more effective at partnering with parents in their work.
- **Building Parent Advisory Groups** – The Alliance supports partnerships with parents at the national, state and program levels and offers technical assistance to develop and maintain Parent Advisory Councils and other parent partnership groups.
- **Strategic Sharing** – The Alliance offers Strategic Sharing workshops to organizations and community groups who want to share their personal life experiences in a meaningful, focused and powerful way to influence policy and practice.
- **Community Cafés** – The Alliance supports and promotes the use of Community Cafés and provides training, technical assistance and evaluation support.

For more information on how the Alliance can help you develop effective parent partnerships that will benefit your state or local community email: info@ctfalliance.org

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**Take Action**
- **Share Your Protective Factors Story** – Ask friends to share something they love to do with their families. See if you can find all five protective factors in what they share.
- **Think of some everyday actions you already do to strengthen your family. Keep doing those – and share with someone today!**
- **Look for strengths in other parents. Keep up the momentum! Acknowledge at least one parenting strength within yourself and someone else each day!**