

DEAR PARENT,

Growing Up New Mexico is seeking diverse parent voices to build and lead a Prenatal to Three **Family Leadership Council**. The goal of this council is to listen to families, hear about their experiences, and involve them in creating change in policy that will impact all Prenatal to Three families of New Mexico. The Family Leadership Council is supported by a grant from the Pritzker Foundation.

We understand family voices are important and need to be included. Whether you've been an advocate for years, or are new to opportunities like this, we hope you consider applying!

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

As a member of the Family Leadership Council, you will receive group training, one-on-one coaching (both will be virtual) in leadership and advocacy skills, as well as opportunities to engage in advocacy on issues about which you are passionate. Training topics include:

- Sharing your family's story as a way to uncover leadership qualities you already possess
- Understanding and clarifying values and your WHY for participating in parent leadership
- What it means to be a parent leader
- Communication strategies and skill-building
- Learning strategies to promote parent power and input
- Learning how to lead, and participate in, effective meetings
- Conflict resolution

You will meet and work with parents from your community and across the state who share your interest in issues affecting early childhood and families. You will learn to organize with other parents, meet with state leaders and create town halls on important issues. You can expect a fun and interesting experience! **Participants will be paid \$50 per hour for their time and effort.**

WHY

Your voice is important! Building a strong early childhood (prenatal - 3) system means hearing from families across the state. The only fair way to make system and policy changes is to involve parents and families who have not had the chance to be part of the process before. The more we can support parents to be engaged leaders, the stronger the outcomes for all families.



TIME AND COMMITMENT

We are asking interested individuals to commit to an average of 10 hours per month for 12 months (for a total of 72 hours). No meetings will be held during the summer and December holidays. Participants will earn approximately \$3,600. We are looking for parents who will be consistent in their participation. Participants will need internet access and sufficient technology to use Zoom. If you do not have these, we will work with you to provide access and technology.

WHO'S INVOLVED

Trainers, mentors and coaches will come from communities across the state and be skilled in topics relevant to the training. We are still gathering a diverse group of trainers.

NEXT STEPS

If you are interested, please fill out this [interest form](#) and we'll get back to you to work on the application together or complete the full [application form](#). Forms received by May 7th will receive priority consideration.

If you prefer to apply by phone, please call Andrea Slatopolsky at (505) 470-0966. We will review interest forms in early May and complete interviews and selections in June.

If you have any questions or for more information please contact Andrea Slatopolsky at (505) 470-0966.

Sincerely,

Andrea Slatopolsky and Tekla Johnson

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