



Parent Leader Application for the Parent Impact Network

The newly forming Parent Impact Network is looking for four experienced parent leaders to partner with state-level organizational champions to create a more coordinated and collaborative system of family and parent engagement in Michigan. Impact Networks bring individuals and organizations together to learn from one another and to coordinate action, based on a shared purpose - which in this case is authentic family and parent engagement/leadership.

Participation Details:

- The Parent Impact Network will meet every other month in a combination of in-person and virtual meetings for about three hours, kicking off with a full day in-person meeting in Lansing in November.
- Parent Leaders will also participate in a virtual planning meeting prior to each Network meeting designed to support learning and engagement.
- Parent Leaders will be reimbursed for their time, mileage (if applicable), and childcare for all meetings and for time spent preparing for meetings.

Applicants Should Meet These Criteria:

- Be a parent/primary caregiver (biological, adoptive, foster, stepparent, grandparent, other caregiving kin or guardian) of a child pregnancy to age 8.
- Have leadership experience providing the parent perspective in support of early childhood system-level change.
- Have past or current board or committee membership experience.
- Be able to demonstrate interest and/or experience in examining processes and procedures to identify strategies for program or systems improvement.
- Have a connection to a community of parents that can be consulted between meetings as needed.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to have your voice heard and to help guide parent engagement in Michigan's early childhood system. [Applications](#) must be received by **Friday, October 14th**. All applicants that are being considered for this opportunity will be contacted the week of October 24th and invited to participate in a brief interview. For more information about the Parent Network please contact Holly Wingard at holly@wingard-consulting.com