

Parental Leadership Assessment Quiz

The mission of any agency or organization serving families is best achieved when **parent leaders** are involved in making decisions that affect program management, implementation and assessment.



TAKE THIS QUIZ

to check the number of practices in place to support meaningful parental involvement. For every YES, add 5 points. A score below 70 requires more work to help parents overcome barriers to their participation as advocates for family support programs.

1. Are opportunities provided for parents to talk with agency practitioners?
2. Do staff and day-to-day practitioners respond to parents' ideas and concerns?
3. Are such resources as money and staff time allocated to promote parent leadership?
4. Is it a priority to make information jargon-free for parents?
5. Are decisions made with parent leaders?
6. Are training opportunities and information sessions for staff co-facilitated by parents and practitioners?
7. Are the parent leaders diverse?
8. Are support mechanisms in place for parents such as transportation assistance, stipends and child care?
9. Is there a process for parents to review and suggest revisions to parental information before its release?
10. Is the meaningful involvement of parents part of evaluations?
11. Do parent leaders have clear roles and expectations?
12. Are opportunities for parental involvement, feedback and leadership offered at times and sites convenient for parents?
13. Can parent leaders participate in staff enrichment workshops or training sessions?
14. Are opportunities created for parents to engage in conversations with each other?
15. Are internal and external resources provided to help parent leaders develop and maintain their skills?
16. Is there a database of the skills and interests of parents to help solicit them for boards and committees?
17. Is your location accessible?
18. Are parents recognized for their work at an event or in another way?
19. Do parents have a glossary of frequently used terms and acronyms?
20. Are parents surveyed to find ways to interest them?

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