



California State Parent Team Nominations Process

Parents Anonymous[®] Inc. and the California Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) have partnered in a major statewide effort to build successful partnerships between parents and professionals through the development and operations of a California State Parent Team (CSPT). The CSPT will consist of parents selected through a nomination process, who will collaborate with the Department on various committees and task forces to ensure that parents are actively engaged in the planning, implementation and evaluation of family support services statewide. The selected Team members will consist of parents who have participated in family support services and represent diversity in ethnicity, gender, and geographical area.

Expectations and Qualifications of California State Parent Team Member

Members of the California State Parent Team work will be expected to:

- Serve three years on the Team
- Participate actively on one designated state Committee or Task Force on an ongoing basis (Examples of committees may include but not be limited to: County State Improvement Plans, Citizens Review Panels, Wraparound Work Groups, Education and Outreach, State focus groups and other Councils, etc.)
- Speak about their own life experiences and relate them to the broader issues faced by California families
- Participate in two face-to-face Team meetings annually
- Participate in Teleconference Calls as needed
- Attend Trainings/Conferences to receive appropriate orientation and training to carry out his/her role
- Build mutually respectful relationships with others from diverse ethnic, cultural, socioeconomic and educational backgrounds
- Serve as mentors, advocates and role models to other parents
- Are able to travel to Team meetings as scheduled and participate in other required Team assignments

Support Provided to Team Member

Parents Anonymous[®] Inc. will provide support to each Team member through ongoing training and technical assistance, mentoring and coaching, stipends, and reasonable costs to cover expenses for travel and child care.

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS TO SERVE ON THE CALIFORNIA STATE PARENT TEAM

Nominate Parents Who:

- Is experiencing the benefit in their own lives of their work with family support programs and any other activities in which they participate.
- Can speak about their own experiences and relate them to the broader issues faced by many California families and children.
- Willing and able to make a commitment to participate in one designated state Committee or Task Force on an ongoing basis monthly Committee meeting
- Willing and able to attend all required team meetings, trainings and teleconferences.
- Can build mutually respectful relationships with others from diverse ethnic, cultural, socioeconomic and educational backgrounds.
- Has had positive experiences participating in community activities such as serving on advisory groups, boards of directors, planning groups, policy councils, etc.

Nomination Process:

- The prospective Team member must complete a Parent Application Form (see attached)
- The prospective Team member must submit two (2) references along with the nomination form:
 - One letter of reference needs to come from an agencies where the parent has benefited from family support program services
 - One letter of reference needs to come from an organization that the parent has served on as a participant (e.g. policy council, advisory group, board of directors, planning group, etc.)
- Both the Parent Application Form and References Must be submitted to Parents Anonymous[®] Inc. by e-mail, mail or fax.
- Parents Anonymous[®] Inc. staff and CDSS staff will review all applications received
- Telephone interviews will be conducted with All nominees will be contacted for a telephone interview by Parents Anonymous[®] Inc. staff.

Send nomination forms to:

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California State Parent Team Nomination Organization Form

Name of Parent: _____

County of Residence: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Parent's e-mail address (if applicable): _____

Organization nominating parent: _____

Address: _____

Person completing this form: _____ Title: _____

Phone number where you can be reached: _____

Please respond to the following questions to assist us in our initial screening:

1. How do you know this parent?
2. Why do you think he or she would be a strong candidate for the California State Parent Team?
3. What opportunities do you see for this parent to serve in a leadership capacity in your organization or in your county during the next three years?
4. What leadership roles has this parent held?
5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?



California State Parent Team Application Parent Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

E-mail Address: (if applicable): _____

Organization nominating parent: _____

Please tell us more about yourself and why you would like to be part of the California State Parent Team. Please feel free to attach additional pages to this form.

1. Please list any experiences you have had working in partnership with others in your community or in groups to which you belong. For example, volunteer work in schools, community centers, churches; serving on committees or boards; meeting with staff or administrators to talk about an agencies services, etc.

2. Why do you want to be part of the California State Parent Team?

3. Are you able to travel (your expenses will be covered) a least two times per year to participate in Team activities? Please discuss any barriers to such travel.

4. Can you participate in teleconference calls ten to twelve times per year?

5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?