

Meet The California State Parent Team!



The California Department of Social Services, Office of Child Abuse Prevention and Parents Anonymous® Inc. are pleased to highlight the **California State Parent Team!**

The California State Parent Team (CSPT) has been developed to ensure that the “parent voice” is utilized in shaping the direction of family support programs, services and policies throughout California. The CSPT consists of parents selected through a nomination process, who 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 and child welfare services statewide. The selected Team members include parents who have participated in family support and child welfare services and represent diversity in ethnicity, gender, and geographical area.

The CSPT is comprised of Parent Leaders that :

- Have demonstrated creativity, leadership, collaboration and the effective impact that significant parent involvement contributes to problem solving and strategizing to improving systems that will improve fiscal effectiveness and quality service delivery.
- Demonstrate expertise and knowledge in community activities such as serving on advisory groups, boards of directors, planning groups, policy councils, support programs and any other community involvement activities.
- Represent experience with services across systems (both as consumers and family advocates) and .can articulate the “real” life experience including successes and challenges faced by families currently utilizing systems supports
- Can speak about their own experiences and relate them to the broader issues faced by many California families and children.

This unique and exceptional group of parent leaders who comprise the CSPT are:

Leah Davis

Ventura

Latisha Lawson Sacramento

Melinda FurFuro

San Diego

Denise Myers Los Angeles

Olga Gutierrez

Orange

Elvira Rodriguez Del Norte

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