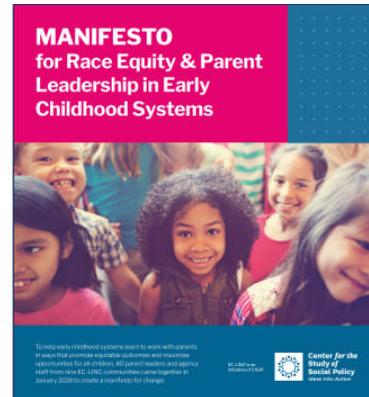


Guiding Principles To Support Implementation of the Parent Engagement Strategy

Manifesto for Race Equity & Parent Leadership in Early Childhood Systems is centered around equitable access to resources and supports such as social connections, parenting resources, quality schools, good jobs and safe neighborhoods.

Key Principles include:

- Parents are at the Center
- Parents are Participating at All Levels
- Parents are Valued as Experts
- Parents are Powerful Leaders



Components of F5VC Place-Based Services Strategy for Parent Engagement

National Leadership

- Jimena, Elizabeth, Danielle, Arledy

Parent Transition Teams, Parent Advisory Groups, Parent Ambassador Program

- Carizma Chapman

Parent Leader Network Summit

Parent Leaders from Ventura County



Elizabeth Szczepanek

Danielle Thomas

Arledy Trejo



Goals from Parent Leader Network Summit

- Build connections between parent leaders and staff from 10 communities around the country
- Share strategies for developing parent leadership in early childhood systems
- Create learning and action agenda for the PLN based on the *Manifesto for Race Equity and Parent Leadership in Childhood Systems*

Build Connections

Purpose of the Parent Leader Network

- Collaborate with and support each other
- Represent the parent perspective in the Center for the Study of Social Policy's EC-LINC
- Advocate for parent voices and leadership in Early Childhood Systems (0-8)



Build Connections

Core Values

- Unity
- Diverse Voices
- Mutual Support
- Collective Power



Share Strategies

- Shared parent engagement activities for which they are involved
- Discussed a specific program for which they are involved
- Provided an example of how parents in our community made their voices heard and created a positive change



F5VC Parent Leaders Presentation at the Summit



Create Learning & Action Agenda

Grounded in the 5 commitments of the Manifesto for Race Equity & Parent Leadership in Childhood Systems

Participating in a “World Cafe” or “Parent Café” to share

- **Experiences** as parent leaders engaging with systems
- **Thoughts** on the 5 commitments of the Manifesto
- **Ideas** about how to use the manifesto as tool for changes



Making Connections

- The parents talked, listened and processed lots of information
- The following day they created a potential agenda with some priorities for parent leaders



Future Agenda of Priorities Issues from the Summit

Embrace Parent Leadership:

- Pay parents for their time
- Respect their time and expertise
- Parents make real decisions



Create Career Pathways:

- Hire parents to help parents navigate systems
- Diversify staff, improve systems

Future Agenda of Priorities Issues from the Summit

Prioritize Resources:

- Make priority staff time/positions to build relationships with and develop leadership of parents

Challenge Racism:

- Parent-child (2-gen) strategy to educate children about racism
- Diversify organizational leadership



Parents Leaders Ideas

EC-LINC Parent Leader Network

- Parent Cafes
- Massachusetts – “ABCs of Racism” educate our 0-5 children about racism
<https://infograph.venngage.com/p/128982/the-abcs-of-racism>



Parents Leaders Ideas

EC-LINC Parent Leader Network

- Connect with the other First 5's from Alameda and Orange counties and learn more about their funding strategies
- Trainings for parents about leadership training and grant writing etc.
- Educate parents about policies and current legislation



Parents Leaders Ideas

EC-LINC Parent Leader Network

- Accessible and quality child care
- Forming parent groups with leadership so that other parents can be involved more in early childhood education



Parent Leader Ideas in Action

Examples of how parent ideas are improving our programs and services:

- Our PACT program is creating lesson plans that will address valuing diversity, teaching children to value differences, race equity in school readiness, sensitivity to family structure, and supporting bilingualism.
- Program support for parents
 - Creating a stipend program to pay parents
 - Child care
 - Snacks