



The Parent Leadership
Training Institute

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A Free Civics and Democracy Leadership Training Program for
Parents and Community Members

The **Parent Leadership Training Institute** enables parents to become advocates for children. This program helps parents develop the civic skills necessary to connect with government, analyze civic issues and bring about change.

TRAINING

Parents are offered four phases of training:

1. A retreat to develop the group and define the mission.
2. A 10-week course on parent leadership.
3. A 10-week study of politics, policy and media.
4. A community project to practice the learning within a community context.

Childcare provided for children ages 3 to 12

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Anyone that desires to improve the lives of children, families and communities can apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Register Online by using the **QR Code** below:



<https://forms.gle/VsASpJnKcftjeRuR7>

For questions, contact Karina Contreras at
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2025 - 2026 CLASS SCHEDULE



August 2025
Tuesdays
5:30 pm to 8:30 pm



1850 Wardrobe Ave.
Merced, CA 95341

- Week 1: Thriving with Diversity in the Group Process
- Week 2: The Change Process
- Week 3: Parents As Change Agents
- Week 4: How to Define a Problem and Work Toward Solutions
- Week 5: The Intentional Use of Language
- Week 6: Learning How a Community Works
- Week 7: How Local Systems Work and How to Interact with Them
- Week 8: Networks
- Week 9: The Power of the Media and How to Use It
- Week 10: Using Your Voice
- Week 11: The Life Cycle of a Child & The Functions of the Family
- Week 12: Social & Economic Trends Affecting Children & Families
- Week 13: What is Public Policy
- Week 14: How the State Works
- Week 15: How the City Works
- Week 16: How Do We Understand the Law
- Week 17: Budget-From Wallets to State-It's all Money & Priorities
- Week 18: Evaluations, Outcomes and Accountability
- Week 19: The Magic of the Unexpected: Forming New Alliances
- Week 20: Language: Packaging and Moving Agendas

