



## Office of Child Abuse Prevention 2023 Parent Leadership Awards THE POWER OF PARENT LEADERS

For National Parent Leadership Month, the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) would like to honor parents for the work that they do to improve their communities. Therefore, the OCAP will award parent leaders for the Fifth Annual OCAP Parent Leadership Awards!

The OCAP seeks to acknowledge parents/caregivers who strive to achieve positive outcomes to improve the well-being of families, while encouraging other parents to take on leadership roles as well. A parent leader represents the views of parents and strives to meet the needs of the community.

There are a variety of ways that parents/caregivers can demonstrate leadership. See some example qualities of parent leadership and how parent leaders make a difference in their communities<sup>1</sup>:

- 1. Welcoming all families into the community:** Families who are active participants in the life of the community feel welcomed, valued, and connected within the community and to each other. This has an impact on the growth and development of children.
- 2. Communicative:** Parents who regularly engage in two-way, meaningful communication with other families and organizations in the community are more aware of the needs of their children, which benefits their learning and social-emotional development.
- 3. Supportive:** Families and community organizations that work together to support children's learning and development in all aspects of their lives, including at home, at school and in extracurricular activities, will strengthen children's knowledge and skills.
- 4. Outspoken:** Parents are their children's most important advocate. Parents who are empowered to speak up help to ensure that their children have access to opportunities, programs and services that will support their lifetime success.
- 5. Collaborative:** Parents who collaborate with other community members are better connected to one another and therefore open up more opportunities for learning, community service and civic participation.



<sup>1</sup>This list was adapted from the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships developed by the National Parent-Teacher Association. The original version can be found at <https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/National-Standards-for-Family-School-Partnerships>

## **Eligibility**

To be considered for the OCAP Parent Leadership Awards, the nominee must:

1. Be a parent or assume the responsibilities of a parent as the primary caregiver to a child or children.
2. Exhibit leadership and dedication to improving family engagement in your local community and to improving and promoting safety and well-being for other children and families.
3. Be nominated by another parent or staff member of an organization or school in your community.

## **Selection**

The OCAP will begin accepting nominations for the OCAP Parent Leadership Awards during Parent Leadership Month on February 1, 2023. The winners will be selected solely by nominations. The panel of judges will review all eligible nominations and select a minimum of three (3) parent leadership winners.

All winners and those who nominated them will be notified on March 29, 2023. Winners will be invited to participate in a virtual ceremony in celebration of your award.

## **Nomination Deadline**

Completed nominations must be received between February 1 and March 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. and should be emailed to [kidsday@dss.ca.gov](mailto:kidsday@dss.ca.gov)

## **Nomination Guidelines**

- Please complete all sections of the nomination application.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Submissions must be completed by email. Other forms of submission will not be accepted.
- If you have any questions about the OCAP Parent Leadership Award, please email [kidsday@dss.ca.gov](mailto:kidsday@dss.ca.gov)

## **Winners**

Winning parents/ caregivers of the OCAP Parent Leadership Awards will receive a certificate of acknowledgment and be announced through the OCAP's various online outlets.

## Parent Leadership Award Nomination

### Nominee Information

Full Name:

Home Phone:

Alternate Phone:

E-mail:

Parent Nominee Gender :

### Nominator Information

Full Name:

Title/Relationship to Nominee:

Organization Address, if applicable:

Organization Phone, if applicable:

Alternate Phone:

E-mail:

Organization, if applicable:

### Narrative

On a separate word document, please limit your narrative to two pages, single spaced, with one-inch margins in Arial 12 point font. The top right hand corner of each page should include the nominee's name.

### Nominator Signature

I certify that I have advised the nominee of his/her nomination and the nominee consents to being nominated. The nominee meets all eligibility requirements and is considered a parent leader within his/her community. The nominee understands that if selected, his/her image will be requested to be featured in publications and social media posts. If the nominee is chosen as a winner, he/she will be invited to participate in a virtual ceremony in celebration of your award.

Signature:

Date:

Printed Name:

Title: