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**Examples of NPEN Work:**

- Created an on-line call for papers for parent educators to submit current practices and new ideas in parenting education. Papers highlight relevant resources, staff management and development strategies, current research and best practices.
- Developed a parenting education electronic listserv designed to encourage information sharing, professional networking, and the exchange of resources and ideas.
- Identified parent educators throughout the United States involved in creating and coordinating state-wide local parenting education networks.
- Provided support for professional organizations seeking reviewers for new parenting education curricula.

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*Committed to advancing the field of parenting education.*





## Organizational Structure

**Membership** is open to all individuals and groups interested in NPEN's mission. Local and State Parenting Networks are encouraged to link to the NPEN Council.

**NPEN Council**, consists of 20-25 members who provide governance to the organization.

**Coordinating Committees**, composed of council members and others interested in the field of poverty, carry out NPEN's mission as follows:

- **Organizational Networking** identifies and reaches out to other professional organizations involved in parenting education.
- **Membership Outreach** identifies and links parent educators and programs in each state.
- **Resource Development and Management** governs the finances of the organization.
- **Special Projects** oversees task groups carrying out special projects.

**NPEN** is a national umbrella organization that encourages information sharing, professional development and networking opportunities for the 250,000 professionals, paraprofessionals and volunteers who serve as parent educators throughout the United States.



## Principles

**Inclusiveness:** NPEN seeks to draw upon the wide professional, regional and ethnic diversity in the field to enrich our collective work and shape our values.

**Universal Access:** NPEN believes that all parents are entitled to parenting education, resources, information and support.

**Embeddedness:** NPEN recognizes that parenting education is embedded in a variety of organizations and fields, all of which are important in supporting NPEN's mission and goals.

**Support for Existing Organizations:** NPEN seeks to support and extend the significant work of existing organizations in related fields.

**Participatory Approach:** NPEN seeks to involve all individuals with an interest in developing the organization.



## Goals

**Network** by facilitating linkages between practitioners and organizations involved in parenting education.

**Share information** by contributing to research studies and supporting projects related to parenting education.

**Promote professional growth** by addressing issues that will encourage parenting practitioners to build their knowledge base and skills.

**Serve as national leaders and resources** in the field for professionals, policymakers, media and the public.