We invite you to join NPEN and help increase the reach and impact of parenting education.

Visit our website www.npen.org

for membership information and an invitation to join the NPEN listserv.

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

**INFORMATION SHARING:** (1) To facilitate and encourage the sharing of and discussion about ideas, resources, practices and any other information relevant to parenting educators and (2) To consolidate and/or make accessible research-based information and resources on parenting education.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** To help parenting education practitioners build their skills and the profession by addressing issues that transcend disciplinary and regional boundaries such as professional identity, ethics, standards and certification, training and accessibility.

**NETWORKING:** To facilitate contacts among practitioners and organizations involved in parenting education in order to increase their effectiveness in supporting parents and families.

**LEADERSHIP:** To provide national leadership in the field of parenting education among professionals, policy makers, media and the public.

**Principles**

**INCLUSIVENESS**
NPEN embraces and seeks to draw upon the wide professional, regional and ethnic diversity in the field so as to enrich our collective work and model our values.

**UNIVERSAL ACCESS**
NPEN advocates for parenting education resources to be made available, accessible and affordable for all parents.

**EMBEDDEDNESS**
NPEN recognizes that parenting education is embedded in a large number and variety of organizations and fields, all of which are important in advancing NPEN’s goals.

**SUPPORT FOR EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS**
NPEN seeks to support and extend the significant work of existing organizations in the area of parenting education, complementing rather than duplicating their efforts.

**PARTICIPATORY APPROACH**
NPEN seeks to involve in decision-making all those with an interest in developing the organization.

**Organizational Structure**

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