PARENTING EDUCATION:
Pathways to healthy children, strong families, and safer and more prosperous communities

PARENTS
• All parents can benefit from parenting education.
• Parents are primarily responsible for raising healthy, competent, responsible, contributing members of society.
• Parent-child relationships provide the foundation for lifelong health and well-being.

EMBEDDED IN THE COMMUNITY
Parenting education is delivered by trained professionals and paraprofessionals in person, online, and in print.
• Classes, workshops, conferences in the community
  - Hospitals and health care
  - Government and community organizations
  - Early care and education programs
  - Faith organizations
  - Schools
• Home visits
• Therapy and counseling
• Websites, blogs, webinars
• Books, magazines, newspapers

POSITIVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT
• Human and financial capital can be saved as a result of supporting parents and communities.
• Fewer dollars are needed for educational remediation, health interventions, and incarceration in communities that support parents and parenting education.

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We Are

- A source for information sharing, professional development, networking, advocacy, and leadership opportunities for parenting educators.
- An inclusive and diverse membership of professionals and paraprofessionals.

NPEN Presents

PARENTING EDUCATOR COMPETENCIES

https://npen.org/professional-parenting-educator-competencies

NPEN Parenting Educator Competencies Model

A 35-page comprehensive resource of the
- knowledge,
- practice skills, and
- attitudes and dispositions for effective practices in parenting education.

The competencies can be used to:
- identify areas of professional development needs.
- plan professional development opportunities.
- identify qualifications for job descriptions for parenting educators.
- develop resources for parenting educators.
- develop career ladders and credentials.
- guide and support networking and collaboration.

We invite you to join NPEN and help increase the reach and impact of parenting education. Visit our website www.npen.org/join-npen for membership information.

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