

“Parent Leadership Month Celebrations in New Jersey!”

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February is celebrated around the country as **National Parent Leadership Month** and New Jersey is no exception! In honor of the many Parent Leaders and Facilitators that we are proud to have on our team, we held TWO major events that were well attended by our families and friends.

Our theme was “Together We Can!” Our Parents Anonymous[®] organization, working in shared leadership[®] with parents throughout the process, hosted the first event on the 19th with an amazing Parent Recognition Breakfast at the beautiful Marino Ballroom in Bridgeton, New Jersey. This event was distinct in a way that none other has been to date: we had members of our latest grant-funded parent movement, Father Time, share with the over 100 attendees how important the role of a dad is and how the support of the Parents Anonymous[®] model is helping them be better men and greater leaders in their homes and community.

The second event was held on the rivers edge pavilion known as the Boathouse on the Cooper River in Pennsauken, New Jersey. Attended by many of our parent leaders and partners including family success centers (Gateway Family Success Center -Bridgeton, Clementon Family Success Center-Voorhees and the Hispanic Family Success Center-Camden), parents were able to enjoy a beautiful breakfast with a scenic view on a gorgeous day! Members of our many partner organizations throughout the region were there including the Camden Covenant for Children (a variety of family serving agencies), Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez of Camden County and even the Commissioner for the State of New Jersey Division of Children and Families, Ms. Allison Blake!

Our parents shared their stories of how the 4 Principles of Parents Anonymous[®] have impacted them so greatly throughout their experiences and the message was clear all around: Parent Support Works! As each parent leader was presented with their certificate of appreciation and pins, the theme for the year, “Together We Can” was reinforced repeatedly.