

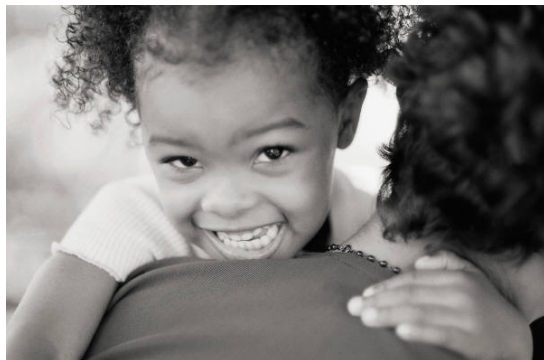
What is a *Family*?

Family is an enduring relationship, whether biological or non-biological, chosen or circumstantial, connecting a child/youth and parent/caregiver through culture, tradition, shared experiences, emotional commitment and mutual support.

(Source: United Advocates For Children of California)

What is *Family Leadership*?

Family leadership emerges when community members and parents gain the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in meaningful leadership roles that help shape the future of families, youth, schools and communities.



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About the Family Leadership Training Institute

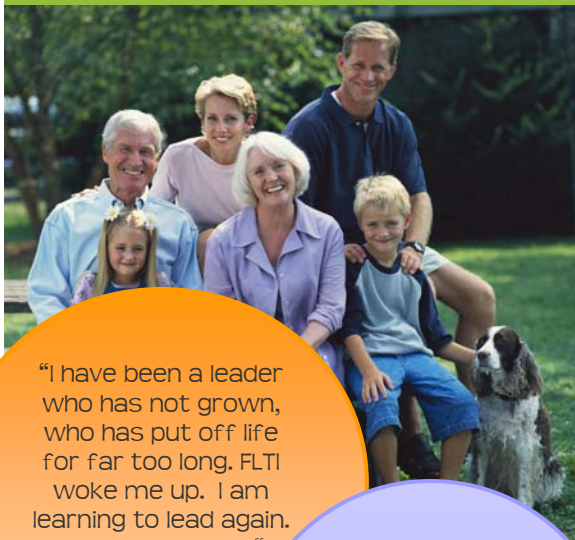
The Family Leadership Training Institute (FLTI) is a public-private partnership that works with local communities to provide parents/youth/communities with the knowledge, skills and tools for civic engagement. The goals of FLTI are to effect positive family leadership development by:

- Helping families become leaders in their communities through civic engagement;
- Expanding and facilitating the capacity of families to be change agents on a neighborhood, regional and state level;
- Developing supportive communities of families within regions of the state;
- Facilitating family involvement in state and local policy decision-making processes;
- Increasing parent-child interaction through family involvement.

1 in 5 participants returned to school for additional or advanced education

15% of participants created new job opportunities

52% of participants reported being selected for community Board positions



“I have been a leader who has not grown, who has put off life for far too long. FLTI woke me up. I am learning to lead again. It is my destiny.”

“I have always been striving to make change for the better for all children but FLTI has given me the tools necessary to accomplish this.”

Family Leadership Makes Positive Social Change Possible

The Family Leadership Training Institute (FLTI) is a first-of-its-kind family civics program designed to develop family leaders.

Institute graduates spend more than 120 hours to develop skills needed to become effective leaders in their communities. Once recruited and accepted in to the program, participants attend a 20-week curriculum that integrates personal and child development, leadership training, civic literacy and civic participation skills. The curriculum includes four components: an initial retreat, two 10-week sessions that focus on knowledge about the change process, skill building, and tools of civic engagement; and a community project.

In only 20-weeks, Institute graduates make a significant impact within their communities. Through their community projects they demonstrate that when given civic and leadership tools, families can guide public policy and decision making directly and indirectly through their actions and commitment to children, youth and the community.

The Family Leadership Training Institute started from a public-private partnership between several statewide organizations, business leaders and community members. Collectively these organizations discovered three things: 1) Families are eager to learn how to participate in democracy; 2) Civic leaders and organizations benefit from informed families; and 3) Communities are strengthened when the voice of the family is valued.

FLTI reflects a vision for the future – a vision that sees all families participating to make their communities healthier, cleaner, safer and better learning environments for children, and that creates support and encouragement for those activities.