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Parent Leadership Training Institute



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History



Parent Leadership
Training Institute

PLTI History: Founded in Connecticut in 1992 by Elaine Zimmerman.

- Civic leadership program to empower parents to advocate for children in their communities.
- Expanded nationwide, with thousands of parents trained to become community leaders.

COPLTI History: Local chapter of PLTI serving Central Ohio.

- Focuses on empowering parents in Central Ohio to advocate for educational improvement and community development.
- Partners with local schools and communities to foster parent leadership.

Purpose



Parent Leadership Training Institute

Purpose:

- Civic leadership program to empower parents to advocate for children in their communities.

Goal:

- Foster strong family-school-community partnerships.
- Empower parents to influence policy, create community projects, and drive systemic change

Mission:

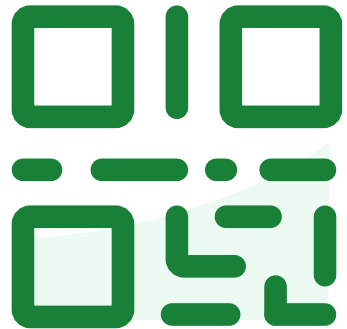
- Ensure that parents use their voice and leadership to enhance ALL children's lives, schools, and communities in Central Ohio.



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Please share one word that describes what “advocacy” means to you.

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Class Content Overview

English, Spanish, and Children's Leadership Training Institute

Phase 1 (First 10 Weeks): Developing Community

Focus on **celebrating diversity, finding your voice, and defining a community problem.**

Emphasis on building a **supportive community** of parent leaders and developing **personal leadership skills.**

Interactive Sessions:

Both phases include **group activities, discussions, and real-world applications** to enhance leadership and advocacy skills.

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Phase 2 (Second 10 Weeks): Civic Skills and Democracy

- Learn about **democracy** and the **civic process**, including local and federal government structures.
- Explore how participants can **engage with governmental entities** to advocate for change.
- **Presentation of community projects:** Participants apply their learning to real-world issues and present their solutions to peers and community members.

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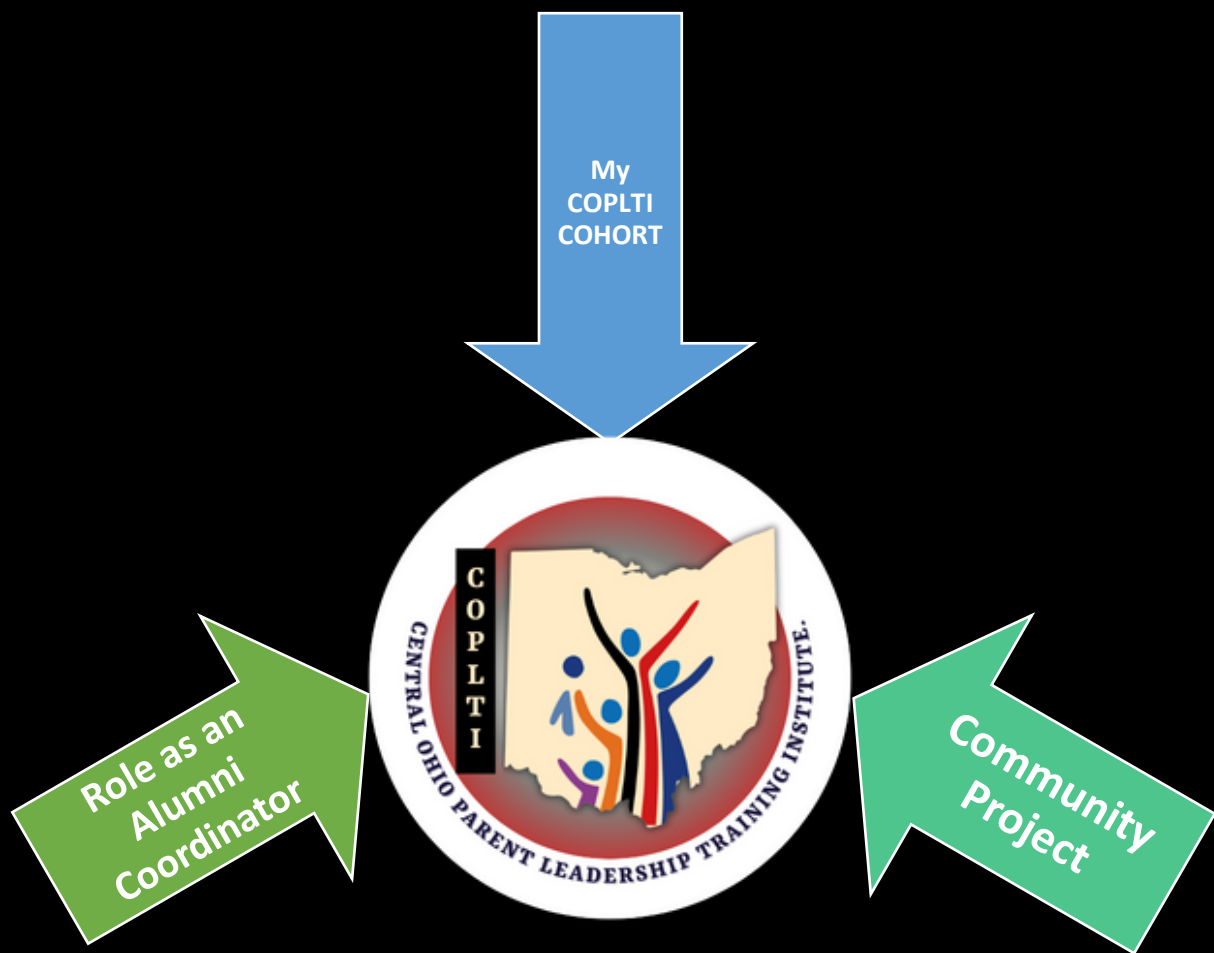
How do you engage
with school and your
community today?



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Tiana Lee

From Parent-to-Parent Leader



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Community Project: Silent Eyes



**English Cohort 5,
Alumni**

**Created Silent Eyes
workbook**

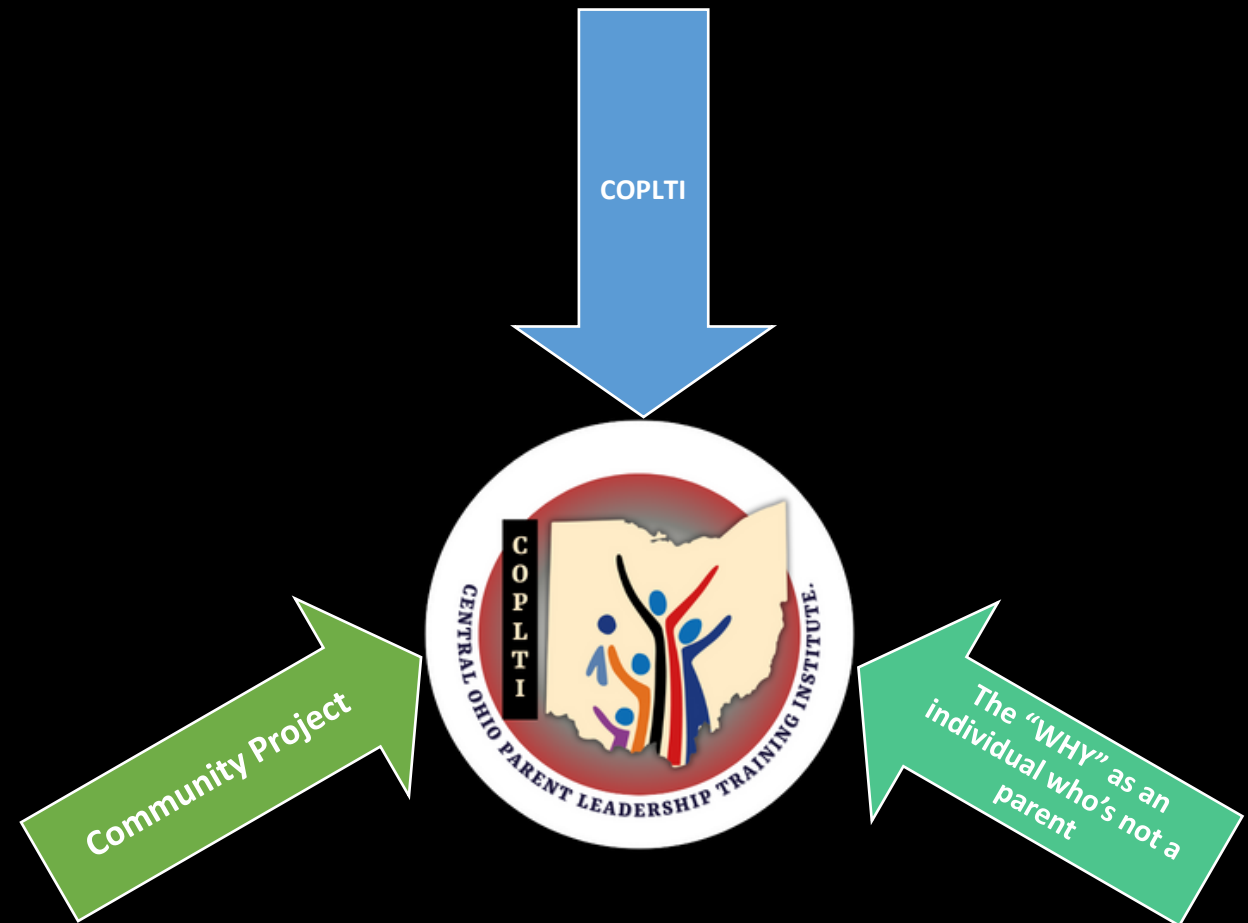
Designed as a resource to
support children who have
witnessed abuse.

Lessons and activities, aims to
help children understand and
manage their emotions & build
resilience

Nonprofit Safe Sanctuary
aimed at advocating for
women and child survivors



Donniecia Cummings Ally to our Parent Leaders



Seline Pache

COMMUNITY PROJECT: A Spotlight on Self Care



**Spanish Cohort 1,
Alumni**

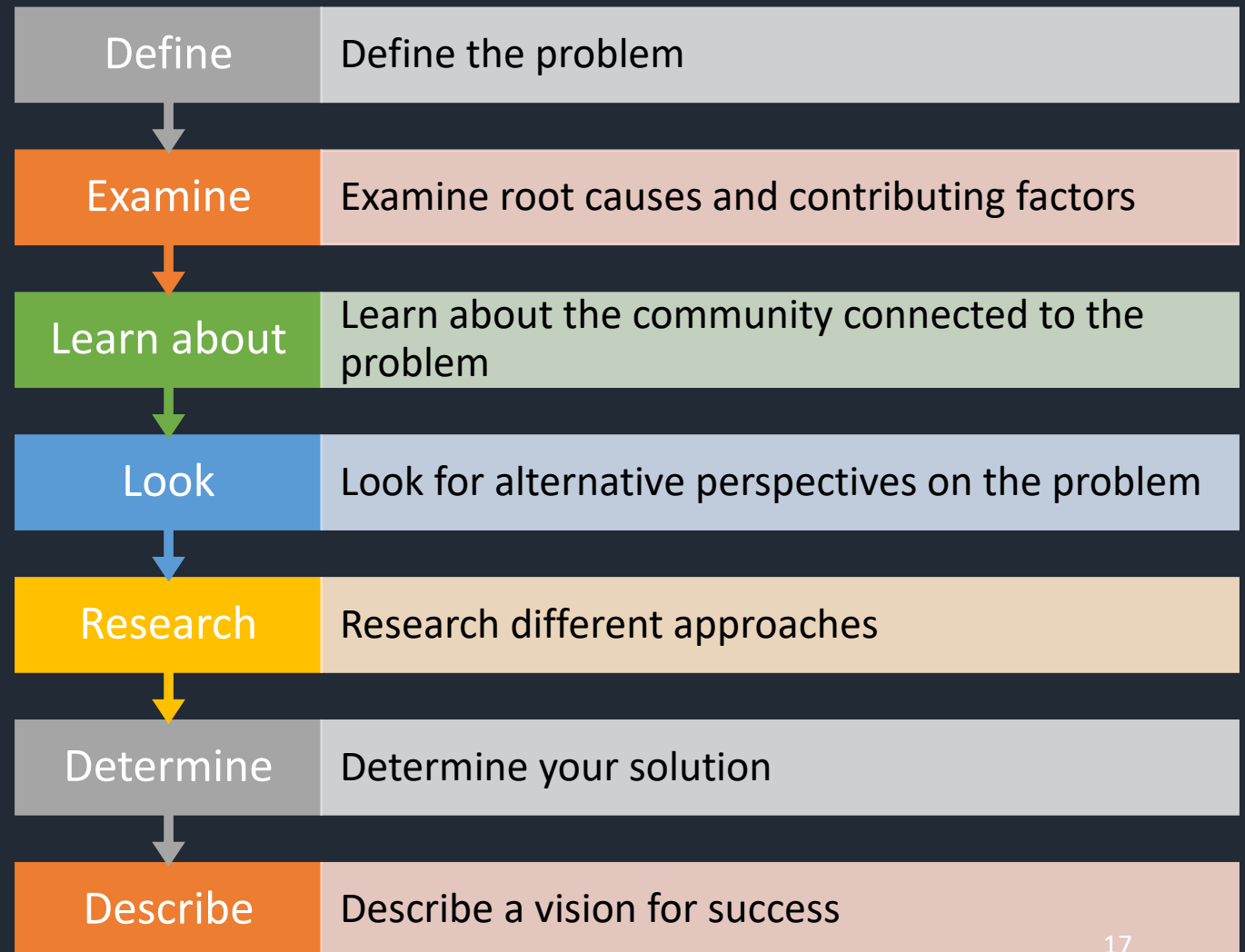
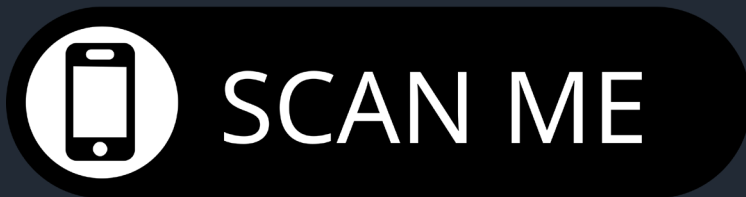
Focus on Holistic Self-Care

Designed to highlight the importance and health benefits of self care

Diligently focused on mental health, emotional health, spiritual health, physical health, and environmental well-being

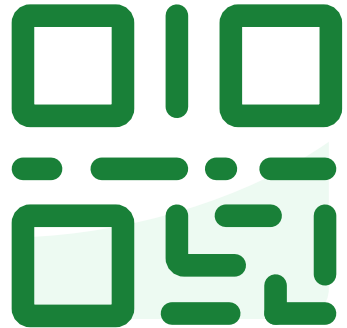
The outcome is to ensure that parents understand that self-care is essential to effectively support our children

Group Activity: Seven-step Problem Analysis



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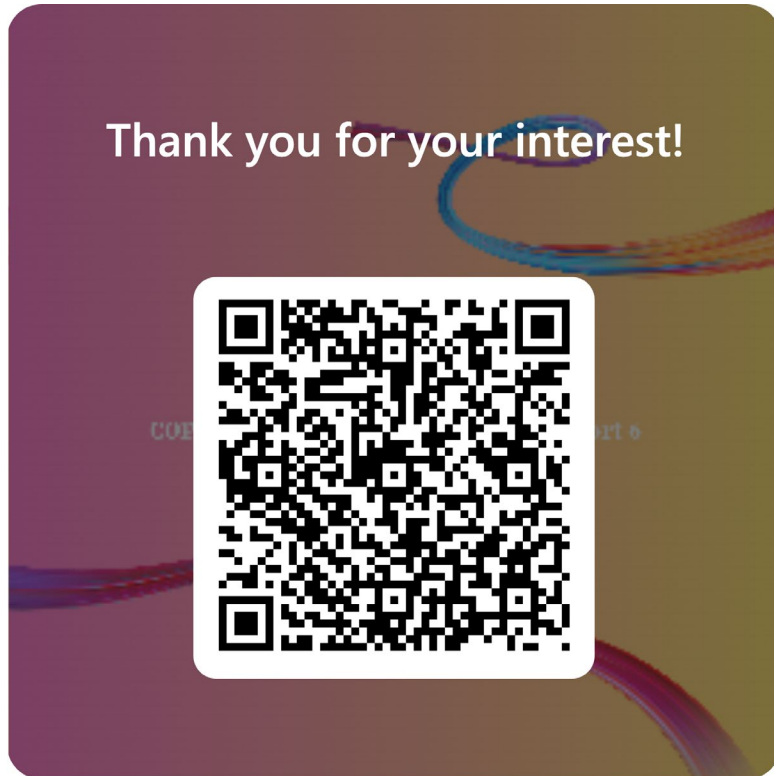


Final Question: Based on our conversation, what are the most important skills a parent leader should have?

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Apply for COPLTI's Upcoming Cohorts

**English Cohort:
Starting September 29th, 2024**



**Spanish Cohort:
November 3rd, 2024**



Thank you for attending our session and we look forward to working with you!

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