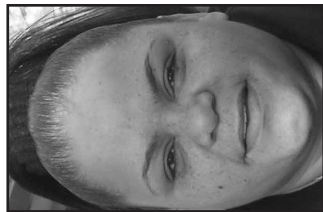


Parent and Staff
Shared Leadership
Task Force

◆ **What Parents Say about the Shared Leadership Task Force**



"Being a part of the task force showed me how important is it to give advice as well as to speak from my experience. I feel I am helping people who need help the most."

Penny Scott

"I'm giving back to CPS because they helped me change my life. Now I'm helping other parents make that change in their lives. And I'm showing my children they can be leaders, too."

Angela LeBeau



"Being a parent leader is a positive way to be a part of the solution and have a voice in changing the system. And we offer good support to parents."

Pamela Maxwell



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**Use Your Experience
To Make the System
Better**

◆ What is the Parent Shared Leadership Task Force?

No one knows the child welfare system like a family who has been through it. If you are a parent who has experienced Child Protective Services (CPS), we invite you to join the Parent and Staff Shared Leadership Task Force.

The task force brings parents and CPS workers together to strengthen how child welfare services are offered in Sacramento County. Parents and staff identify ways that parents can help plan services for children and families.

The goal is to give parents a voice so that they can advise CPS and share insights about what families need. In this way you can use your experience to help make the system better.

◆ When was the Task Force Established?

The task force was established in March 2003 and has been meeting monthly ever since. New parent leaders are always needed.

◆ What are Parent Leader Qualifications?

- Previous CPS experience
- CPS case should be closed or inactive
- Willingness to offer your experiences to make a difference and improve services to families



◆ What are Task Force Activities?

- Parent leaders work with CPS in a variety of ways, including:
- Providing outreach and support to parents involved with CPS
 - Helping develop materials to be given to parents in the system
 - Sharing their experiences with community members and organizations
 - Giving feedback to CPS staff to improve services

◆ How Much Time is Involved?

As little or as much time as your schedule permits. We have on-going projects as well as one-time opportunities. Give us a call!

◆ How Can I Join the Task Force?

Call 875-0729 to speak with a parent leader or send an email to cpsparentleaders@saccounty.net.