



FOSTERING FAMILY LEADERS

Strengthening Families through Parent Leadership

The Issue

Parents play a critical role in the success of a child's life. From the beginning, they are their child's first and most influential teacher. Whether as the parent of a newborn, kindergartener starting school or high school student preparing for a post-secondary degree, the work force or military, parents and other caring adults are essential in helping children navigate the successes and challenges of life.

United Way's Role

United Way partners with agencies dedicated to engaging and supporting parents in this crucial role through funding and technical supports. United Way's Fostering Family Leaders (FFL) Program is a series of ten two-hour workshops designed to train and support emerging parent leaders and has been implemented by over 10 agency partner dedicated to building the capacity of families.

The Results

Participants learn to strengthen their ability to advocate for their children and acquire the confidence, knowledge and skills to increase their engagement in school, community and leadership activities. Since its pilot in 2016, the FFL program has been implemented throughout metro Atlanta and the program has helped over 400 individuals build their leadership capacity and increase their knowledge of early childhood development.



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