



Membership Categories

State Network Membership

Annual Membership Fee \$500

Only one Circle of Parents network membership is issued within each state. State network members promote self-help mutual support programs for parents and establish and coordinate a statewide network of support groups. State network members agree to provide training and technical assistance to any organization or individual interested in establishing a Circle of Parents group.

State network members are entitled to the use of the Circle of Parents logo, participation on technical assistance group calls, participation in the train the trainers for group facilitators and all national Circle of Parents materials at no cost, including the Group Facilitator Manual, Children's Program Manual, Parent Support Group Handbooks, outreach brochures and any other program materials developed by the Circle of Parents national network. Other benefits of membership are included in the document, "Benefits of Joining."

State network members sign a memorandum of understanding outlining the values and responsibilities associated with membership. Each state network member has one vote on decisions affecting the national network. Each member is eligible to receive a share of funding from Federal, foundation and corporate sources if the member is able to meet the criteria of the specific grant.

Interim Membership

Annual Membership Fee \$100

Only one Circle of Parents interim membership is issued at one time in a state. Organizations within states that do not have an existing Circle of Parents state network member are eligible to receive Circle of Parents program materials and training and technical assistance in order to initiate one or more groups. They are not eligible to otherwise use the Circle of Parents logo. They will pay reasonable fees for participation in train the trainer and technical assistance group calls.

Interim organization members sign a memorandum of understanding agreeing to share resources and submit data with the national Circle of Parents network. Interim member organizations agree to work towards the establishment of a statewide network of support groups in collaboration with other organizations within a 5-year timeframe. The fee for interim membership is raised \$100 each subsequent year after original membership until it reaches the fee of state network membership and has established a state network. If the latter does not occur, membership is terminated.

National Parent as Leaders Membership

Annual Membership Fee \$25

Parents who wish to be part of the national parent leadership team for Circle of Parents are eligible for this membership category. Parents must meet established criteria, be nominated by a state network member and submit an application as approved by the Parents as Leaders team. Parents may be connected to a state network but participate in the proceedings of the national network independent of the state network. Parent leaders represent the voice of parents nationwide and participate on the network's committees and task forces. Parent leaders support parent leadership and shared leadership by evaluating current child abuse prevention perspectives and through education on supporting parents working for change. Parent leaders also sign the memorandum of understanding.