

## Training

### Parents are given three phases of training with PLTI:

1. A retreat to develop group cohesion and define mission (**Retreat/Week 1 is mandatory**, breakfast & lunch included).
2. 10-week course on parent leadership, understanding personal history and its impact on perception.
3. 10-week study of civics, policy and media with a Community Project to practice your new skills within a community framework.

## Selection

Parents will be selected for PLTI with consideration given regarding how their participation will enhance diversity, strength, and learning for the group as a whole.

## Who should apply?

Parents, teen parents, grandparents and other adults who wish to improve the lives of children, families and communities. Everyone is encouraged to apply regardless of his/her age, gender, income, education level, race, ethnicity, and age of child.

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## Parent Leadership Training Institute

Free program with family dinner and childcare provided

**New Session** begins with a Retreat on **Saturday, September 28, 2019**

Weekly Classes held on Thursdays

Family Dinner at 5:00pm  
Class from 5:30pm – 8:30pm

### In partnership with

Crossings Healthcare  
Decatur Public Library  
Decatur Public Schools District 61  
Illinois State University- Teacher Pipeline Initiative  
Macon County CASA  
Milligan Academy & Futures Unlimited  
Millikin University  
The Community Foundation-Macon County  
Macon County Sheriff's Office

**Complete this application or go online:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PLTI19>

Applications are due  
August 30<sup>th</sup>



*The Parent Leadership Training Institute*  
DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Mission Statement

The Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) seeks to enable parents to become leading advocates for children.

The cornerstones of the program are: respect, validation, and a belief that when the tools of democracy are understood, the public will actively engage in civic life.

## What Parent Leaders Say About PLTI

*“What I have learned through PLTI is that every parent has the power to make positive change happen, no matter how big or small.”*

*“PLTI means empowerment, knowledge, confidence and translating passion into action. PLTI makes you rise above yourself to understand issues around us and work towards solutions.”*

## Decatur Public Schools PLTI Curriculum

Classes will begin in early September, with a break for the holidays, and resume in January.

Retreat: Creating a Caring Community for Children

Week 1: Thriving with Diversity in the Group Process

Week 2: The Change Process

Week 3: Parents as Change Agents

Week 4: How to Define a Problem and Work Toward a Solution

Week 5: The Intentional Use of Language

Week 6: Learning How a Community Works

Week 7: How Local Systems Work & How to Interact With Them

Week 8: Networks

Week 9: The Power of the Media & How to Use it

Week 10: Using Your Voice

Week 11: The Life Cycle of the child & the Functions of the Family

Week 12: Social and Economic Trends Affecting Children and Families

Week 13: What is Public Policy?

Week 14: How the State Works

Week 15: How a City Works

Week 16: How do we Understand the Law

Week 17: Budgets –From Wallets to State – It’s all Money and Priorities

Week 18: Evaluation, Outcomes, and Accountability

Week 19: The Magic of the Unexpected: Forming New Alliances

Week 20: Language: Packaging & Moving Agendas  
Snow day make-up if needed

Local Graduation TBD

## Decatur Public Schools PLTI Application

Complete below or online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PLTI19>

Name:

Address:

Cell Phone:

Home Phone:

E-mail:

Number of Children:

Ages of Children:

School(s):

Would you take advantage of childcare? Yes No

Would you take advantage of transportation? Yes No

Are you available for a weekly class time of 5:30- 8:30pm on Thursdays (with a family meal at 5pm):  
YES NO (please circle)

What issues concern you for your children and others?

What skills would you like to learn to become a strong parent leader?

In view of your concern(s) for children, what subject area would you want to develop as a community project?

Circle those class topics (to the left) that most interest you.

*Additional Nominations for Parent Leaders*