

Louisiana Parenting Education Network (LAPEN)



About the Program

The Louisiana Parenting Education Network (LAPEN) is a professional association for parenting educators in Louisiana, and is composed of professionals from various backgrounds and training who share a common interest in providing high quality parenting education. The mission of LAPEN is to guide and empower parenting educators to provide effective parenting education and support services throughout the state.

What do Parenting Educators do?

Parenting educators support parents and caregivers, and help them gain the knowledge and skills they need to nurture the healthy physical, cognitive and emotional development of their children.

LAPEN Resources for Parenting Educators

Regional Trainings and Continuing Education	LAPEN develops and promotes trainings and continuing education for parenting educators across the state. In collaboration with the LSU School of Social Work, LAPEN administers the Certificate in Parenting Education program, which provides foundational knowledge in the delivery of parenting education services. LAPEN also sponsors an annual Summit for Parenting Educators throughout the state.
Core Competencies	Nine competency areas for parenting educators adopted by LAPEN help standardize professional development goals, set assessment and evaluation measures, and communicate the goals of parenting education to caregivers and partner programs.
Professional Development Portfolio	An online tool helps educators keep track of their training and professional development experiences related to the core competencies.
Parenting Educator Registry	A searchable online database facilitates communication among parenting educators, links parent education programs, and provides a means to identify parenting educators by their location, training and areas of expertise.
Email Network	Regular emails provide information and updates on national and local trainings for parenting educators, parenting education resources and the field of parenting education. To join, contact lapen@selahec.org .
lapen.org	The website hosts the Professional Development Portfolio and Parenting Educator Registry. It also links educators to resources including summits, regional trainings, webinars, articles and assessment and evaluation tools.

For More Information

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For more information and parenting education resources, visit lapen.org.