FY 2016 PROGRAM WORK TEAM ANNUAL REPORT
Parenting Education Program Work Team (PWT)

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List of Active PWT Members (entered online)

Activities and Accomplishments:

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Program Work Team Annual Meeting

The Parenting Education Program Work Team (PWT) was initiated in March 2004 with the primary goal of fostering communication among parenting educators, as well as providing support and resources to educators throughout New York State. In 2016, the PWT held their annual meeting in Ithaca, NY on September 14th.

The 2016 PWT event took place as part of Day 1 of the Parent Education In-Service Training. The purpose of the gathering was to discuss a few key issues that PWT members had previously identified. Specifically, we discussed interest in forming a PWT subgroup committee on the topic of funding development, the purpose of extension reporting and training on how to change the emphasis area for reporting. Lastly, we held a focus group to elicit feedback regarding our Community Assessment Tool. These discussions are a valuable resource for PWT members.

Focus Group, Community Assessment Tool

A significant portion of our yearly PWT meeting was set aside to conduct a focus group with our PWT members to discuss feedback regarding the Community Assessment Tool. The CCE Parent Education Community Assessment tool helps counties identify and evaluate parenting needs at the community level to be better informed to meet the needs in their particular area. We reviewed the four surveys available as part of the tool and conducted a focus group noting areas of improvement. Feedback we received from PWT members was invaluable and we have implemented their suggestions to improve our survey tool.

Utilizing PWT Members to Further Grant Work

As part of our Smith-Lever Grant, we have developed a new CCE Parent Education Community Assessment tool and complimentary resources. At our annual program work
team meeting we presented the tool and received valuable feedback from our PWT members. We plan to utilize PWT members throughout the project as we pilot test the Assessment tool and make adjustments before a State-wide rollout.

As part of our Hatch Grant, we plan to recruit nonresident mothers to participate in guided interviews and surveys. In addition, we also plan to recruit grandparents and grandchildren to participate in focus groups. It can be difficult to recruit these particular subgroups, so we plan to utilize PWT members to help guide our recruitments efforts for this particular project.

**Accomplishments**

- Received PWT Special Needs Funding (2015)
- Conducted focus group eliciting feedback regarding the new Community Assessment Tool.
- Continuing to produce Statewide, County and individual Program Reports for participants in CCE parent education programs across NY State using data collected via *The Cornell Cooperative Extension Parent Education Data Collection System.*
- Continuing to develop new campus-county connections with faculty and via Service Learning opportunities.
- Continued expansion and integration of the work of the Parent Education PWT with the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research (BCTR).

The Parenting Education PWT continues its commitment to addressing specific needs in the area of parenting education in New York State by meeting annually for professional development opportunities, discussion, and collaboration, engaging in pilot projects to benefit families and youth in New York State, and actively engaging in expansion and integration efforts with faculty and colleagues on campus.