

Parent Café Training Institute:

Using the World Café process to engage parents and develop leadership skills, build stronger parent-provider partnerships, and educate parents on how to build the protective factors that research says keep families strong (and/or other matters that affect families such as violence, nutrition, and health).

Strengthening Families Illinois (SFI) was the first state to adapt the World Café process – usually used for strategic planning or community consensus building – as a parent engagement strategy builds the Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors (shown to reduce incidences of abuse and neglect) and promotes deep individual self-reflection and peer-to-peer learning. Since SFI brought the process to the first Strengthening Families National Summit in 2007 in the form of Love Is Not Enough Parent Cafes, parent cafes have been adapted by many others for use across the country. Building on the lessons learned in Illinois in the more than 1000 Love Is Not Enough parent cafes that have been held here and through parent and community cafes across the nation, Be Strong Families (which is staffed by the original Strengthening Families Illinois team) offers this Parent Café Training Institute “Parent Cafes: Using World Café Process to Advance the Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors Framework

Description:

The Parent Café Training Institute is a two-day experiential and highly interactive training that prepares parents and providers to convene and conduct parent cafes and serve as table hosts at parent cafes. Participants learn the basic structure and elements of the World Café process. By the end of the training, participants will know the anatomy of a parent café, the philosophical foundations and research underlying parent cafes as a parent education and parent engagement strategy, how to create an ambiance conducive to maximizing the effectiveness of the parent café process, and how to build on the parent café experience to enhance programming for parents. In addition to this institute, Be Strong Families also offers the following half-day modules:

- 1) Developing Powerful Questions
- 2) Maximizing Attendance at Parent Cafes
- 3) Hosting 201 – Deepening the Conversation
- 4) Harvesting the Wisdom from Parent Cafes

Capacity: 24 participants

Training Costs: \$6000.00 (includes onsite facilitation and materials) plus Reasonable Travel expenses which may include transportation, meals, and lodging.

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