

**The Children's Leadership Training Institute (CLTI)**  
A component of Bridgeport PLTI

The goal of the CLTI is to enrich the power of children to become change agents, assume leadership roles and increase their capacity to develop and carry out projects to impact the community, fostering continued community service. This is accomplished through a literacy based curriculum that parallel's PLTI. Participants of CLTI are the children of the selected parents for the current PLTI class.

**Children will:**

- Discover & Develop Leadership Skills
- Learn about Civics & Democracy
- Implement Community Projects

**FREE 20-week classes include:**

- Literacy based classes
- Dinner & Snack
- Homework Help
- Receive 1 Book each week

**PEP Community Projects for 2018**

*Graduates organized, gave 50 large care packages and fed the needy under the bridge at 490 John Street in Bridgeport, CT.*

**CLTI Community Projects for 2017**

*\$100 donated to Tiwali Center for Women in Malawi, Africa  
\$400 donated to BPT Fire Station Engine Co. #16  
15+ bags of non-perishable goods and toiletries given to the Center for Family Justice Center shelter*

**PLTI Community Projects for 2017**

*\*Safety awareness training \*Fund raising for a playground  
\*Info session on educational rights \*Teaching children empathy \*Advocating for patients \*Autism awareness  
\*Bridging education & awareness \*Supporting children of trauma \*Resource guide about environmental exposure  
\*Supplying classroom school supplies \*Diverse messages of love & liberty from parent leaders and \*Providing essentials to the homeless winter, spring, summer & fall.*

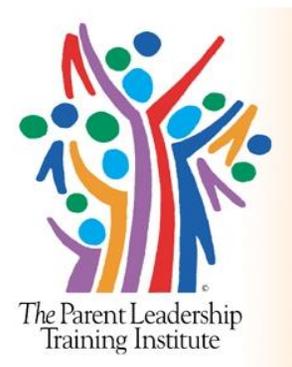
**2017 PLTI Graduates – Journey of Hope**

*Traci Audena, Haneefah Burrell, Kristy Mascia, Jocelyn Miller-Hayes, Jennie Muniz, Stephanie Nieves, Chaila Robinson, Brenda Rosado, Shannon Shlash, Wanda Simmons, Donna Thompson-Bennett & Tonya Whitley*

**The Bridgeport Parent  
Leadership Training Institute**

PLTI is a family civics initiative of the Connecticut  
Commission on Women, Children & Seniors

**Helping parents who *care*  
Become parents who *lead***



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**Saturday PLTI Retreat –February 2, 2019**

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## Mission Statement:

The Parent Leadership Training Institute enables parents to become leading advocates for children. Parents' opinions are often unheard. They lack advocacy skills, but not the motivation or will to change their children's lives. PLTI teaches parents, who wish to improve the lifelong health, safety and learning of children, how to become practiced change agents for the next generation.

The Parent Leadership Training Institute offers a stimulating program, which will boost parents' leadership skills to address issues of concern such as accessible child and health services, quality and accountability in education and other systems and neighborhood safety. Participants will learn to become a strong voice for the next generation.

### Who Should Apply?

Parents and other caring adults who want to make a difference in the lives of children and families by getting more involved in their neighborhoods, schools and communities.

### Selection Process

Candidates will be selected from a pool of diversified applicants. The selection Committee will select parents from the Bridgeport and surrounding area who have an interest in developing leadership skills within a group of diverse parents. Interviews will start in November.

### Training:

The training is offered at no cost to you; your contribution is your time and commitment. The training includes: Dinner, Class Materials, the Children's Curriculum (CLTI), and a National recognized curriculum.

## PLTI Curriculum

Retreat/ Week 1: Creating a caring community for children

Week 2: Thriving with diversity in the group process

Week 3: The change process

Week 4: Parents as change agents

Week 5: How to define a problem and work toward a solution

Week 6: The intentional use of language, context and frameworks

Week 7: Learning how a community works

Week 8: Networks

Week 9: The power of the media and how to use it

Week 10: Using your voice

Week 11: Life cycle of the child & functions of the family

Week 12: Social & economic trends affecting children & families

Week 13: What is law & public policy?

Week 14: How does state government work?

Week 15: How does local government work?

Week 16: Budgets: from wallets to state

Week 17: Evaluation, Outcomes & Accountability

Week 18: The magic of unexpected alliances

Week 19: Putting it all together

Week 20: Local Graduation

Retreat/Week 1 is **mandatory**. Breakfast & Lunch included. **No childcare** will be provided on this day.

There will be a local graduation and a statewide graduation after the completion of the 20-weeks.

*Please return this application as soon as possible.  
When this office receives this form, you will be scheduled for an interview.*

## Bridgeport Application

Name:

Address:

Cell Phone:

Home Phone:

E-mail:

Number of Children:

Ages of Children:

Schools:

Will you need CLTI? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Will you need transportation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Ethnic/Racial Background:

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?

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