



# PARENTING EDUCATION:

Pathways to healthy children, strong families,  
and safer and more prosperous communities

## PARENTS

- All parents can benefit from parenting education.
- Parents are primarily responsible for raising healthy, competent, responsible, contributing members of society.
- Parent-child relationships provide the foundation for lifelong health and well-being.



LIBRARY



HOSPITAL



SCHOOL



## EMBEDDED IN THE COMMUNITY

Parenting education is delivered by trained professionals and paraprofessionals in person, online, and in print.

- Classes, workshops, conferences in the community
  - Hospitals and health care
  - Government and community organizations
  - Early care and education programs
  - Faith organizations
  - Schools
- Home visits
- Therapy and counseling
- Websites, blogs, webinars
- Books, magazines, newspapers



COURTHOUSE

## POSITIVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT

- Human and financial capital can be saved as a result of supporting parents and communities.
- Fewer dollars are needed for educational remediation, health interventions, and incarceration in communities that support parents and parenting education.



PRESCHOOL



## We Are



**Non-profit, volunteer-led professional organization providing leadership for parenting education since 1995**

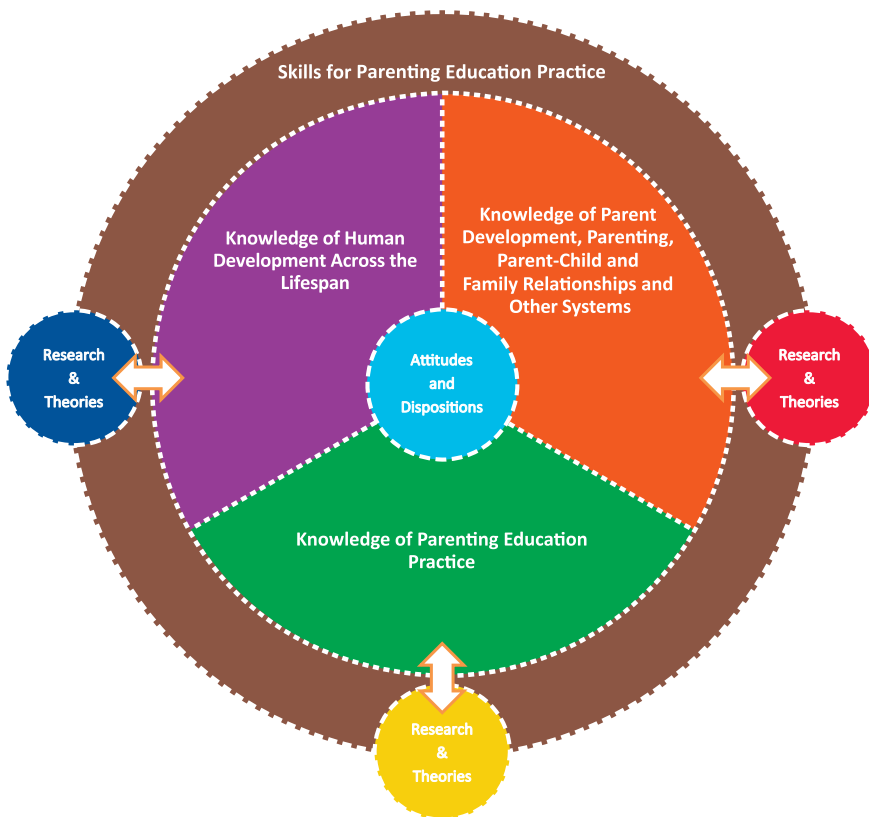
- A source for information sharing, professional development, networking, advocacy, and leadership opportunities for parenting educators.
- An inclusive and diverse membership of professionals and paraprofessionals.

## NPEN Presents

# PARENTING EDUCATOR COMPETENCIES

<https://npen.org/professional-parenting-educator-competencies>

### NPEN Parenting Educator Competencies Model



### A 35-page comprehensive resource of the

- knowledge,
- practice skills, and
- attitudes and dispositions for effective practices in parenting education.

### The competencies can be used to:

- identify areas of professional development needs.
- plan professional development opportunities.
- identify qualifications for job descriptions for parenting educators.
- develop resources for parenting educators.
- develop career ladders and credentials.
- guide and support networking and collaboration.