Welcome!

The 2020 Virtual Quality Parenting Initiative National Conference

Sustaining a Relationship-Based System in Uncertain Times
The **Quality Parenting Initiative** is a strategy of the **Youth Law Center** to strengthen foster care by refocusing on excellent parenting for all children in the child welfare system.
In order to thrive, all children and youth need excellent parenting. They must have loving, committed and skilled care based on child development research, information and tools.
is an approach, a philosophy and a network of sites that share information and ideas about how to improve parenting as well as recruit and retain excellent families.
#1) Excellent parenting is the most important service we can provide to children and youth in care. Children need families, not beds.
Five Core Principles

#2) Child development and trauma research indicates that children need constant, consistent, effective parenting to grow and reach their full potential.

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#3) Each community must define excellent parenting for itself.
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#4) Policy and practice must be changed to align with the community’s definition of excellent parenting.
#5) **Participants** in the system are in the best position to **recommend and implement** change.
is an effort to rebrand foster care, not simply by changing a logo or an advertisement, but by changing the expectations of and support for caregivers.
The Youth Law Center advocates to transform foster care and juvenile justice systems across the nation so every child and youth can thrive.

The Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) is a national child welfare system change initiative of the Youth Law Center. QPI is a relationship-based approach to foster care, based on the concept that every child needs excellent parenting everyday. QPI works to reform child welfare practice and policy to meet that goal by listening to and partnering with those who are directly impacted.