

# Strengthening Families Maryland Parent Café Facilitator Training Institute

September 12 – 13, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Country Inn & Suites BWI, Linthicum, MD

Families already have the most important thing they need – love. Through Parent Cafés, parents can build other key factors that can help their families thrive. This FREE TRAINING, which will enable you to bring Parent Cafés to your community, is available to representatives of programs in Maryland which work with families of children birth through age five. Teams of three to four representatives are encouraged to attend together, and to include at least one program parent.

To register, go to [www.marylandfamilynetwork.org/events](http://www.marylandfamilynetwork.org/events)

Space is limited and expected to fill quickly. Please register by August 17, 2018 to ensure your space!

Should the Institute fill, representatives from Fort Meade and surrounding areas will be given priority to attend.

Parent Cafés are an opportunity to partner with parents in Maryland to help keep their families strong. An effective family engagement tool, Parent Cafés offer structured, meaningful conversations related to the five research-informed Protective Factors. Parent Cafés are successful in a wide range of programs and places where young children or their parents gather, providing opportunities for relationship building and parent leadership.

The Parent Café Facilitator Training Institute provides information and resources to enable you to offer Parent Cafés for parents of children birth through age five, and also qualifies your program to receive FREE resources and financial support for providing Parent Cafés.

Complimentary breakfast and lunch provided.

The first Head Start programs registering a program parent who attends will receive a FREE Parent Café kit valued at over \$200!

MSDE Office of Child Care Core of Knowledge (COK) training hours are available.

Strengthening Families Maryland Parent Cafés are coordinated by Maryland Family Network



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Training participants/teams will commit to providing three qualifying Parent Cafés for parents of children 0 – 5 in the six months following the training; details are available on the registration page.