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Parent Leadership Training Institute Celebrates 2025 Graduates

FAIRFIELD, CA – The Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) of Solano proudly celebrated the graduation of 11 dedicated parent leaders at a special ceremony held on March 19, 2025, at the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District (FSUSD) Office. The event marked the culmination of a 20-week leadership training program designed to empower parents with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to advocate for children and families in their communities.

The 2025 PLTI cohort, a collaboration between FSUSD and the Children's Network of Solano **County**, completed a 20-week program focused on leadership, civic engagement, and advocacy. Participants engaged with local leaders, including elected officials and community advocates, to learn how to influence policy and develop strategies to drive meaningful change at local and state levels. Graduates presented capstone projects advocating for issues they were passionate about, applying their leadership skills to address real-world challenges within their communities.

“The Parent Leadership Training Institute provides a unique opportunity for parents to develop the skills necessary to make a lasting impact in their communities,” said **Ronda Kogler, Executive Director of the** Children's Network of Solano **County**. “We are incredibly proud of this year’s graduates and their commitment to strengthening families and advocating for meaningful change.”

“Many of our graduates take on leadership roles within our school district and community, becoming advocates for children and families,” said Holly Collins, Coordinator of Parent & Family Engagement **for Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District**. “We are excited to see how they apply their leadership skills to drive meaningful change and ensure parent voices remain a vital part of shaping the future of our schools and communities.”

During the ceremony, graduates were recognized for their dedication and presented with certificates of completion. Special guest speakers included representatives from FSUSD, city officials, and past PLTI graduates who shared inspiring stories about the program’s impact on their advocacy efforts.

PLTI is a family civics initiative of the Connecticut Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity. The program empowers parents with the skills and confidence to advocate for children and drive meaningful change in their communities.

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