

Pathways to Parent Leadership

Ten Steps to Success

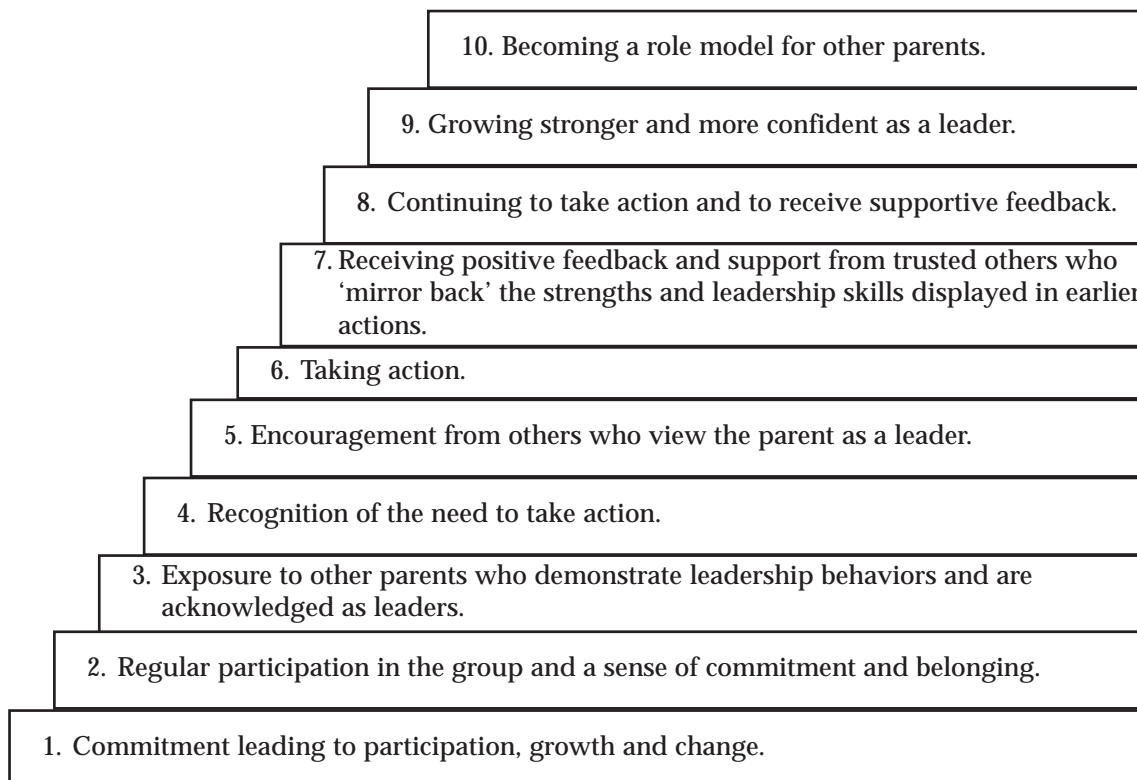
The model below describes the steps many Parent Leaders experience as they move along their personal pathways to identifying and building their leadership skills and taking on leadership roles. This process usually is not linear, and Parent Leaders may move up and down the steps based on their personal life situations, commitments and activities. Parent Leadership is fostered by supporting parents wherever they are along this path of growth and development.

The key elements of this model include:

- Connections with other Parent Leaders in leadership roles
- Opportunities to take on leadership roles, however small at first, and to practice them in a safe setting
- A relationship with another person the Parent Leader respects and trusts and who provides them with important feedback and support
- A sense of belonging to the group or organization where their leadership skills are put into practice.

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