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**Parent Leadership program enrolling for 2023**

**Missoula, MT – The Missoula County Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI)** is seeking parents to participate in its nationally-recognized program in spring, 2023. PLTI, a free, 20-week program in civics, democracy, and leadership skills, is designed for parents who want to make a difference in their communities, for the benefit of children. Parents in the program receive meals and child care during the sessions, along with transportation assistance if needed, and 1:1 support from a dedicated Site Coordinator.

Nationally, PLTI's thousands of graduates have gone on to write letters to the editor, testify before local and state government, start nonprofit organizations, and even run for office. Graduates of Missoula's first PLTI cohort in 2022 have pursued community projects, from creating a clearinghouse listing summer camp opportunities to establishing peer-to-peer mentoring for parents of teens with mental health challenges.

Brent Hildebrand, 2022 participant, shared, "It really is an awesome program. I learned a ton about our state, county, and state systems, as well as the nonprofit and coalition world, and what change-making in Missoula looks like." Participant Tony Swartz added, "It's not about left or right... It's about making the community better for our kids."

Grace Decker, Coordinator of United Way of Missoula County's Zero to Five Initiative, explained, "Parents, especially parents of young children, can be incredibly powerful advocates, and community leaders want to know what children and families need to thrive. PLTI empowers parents who care, to become parents who lead."

Registration is now open for the 2023 PLTI cohort. This free program takes place Wednesday evenings, 5:30 – 9 PM, at Missoula Public Library, starting January 11. Registration is online at <https://forms.gle/v7cBvcx672zckC9e6>.

**Additional contacts available for background or quotes on request –**  
Organizers, facilitators, parent participants, community leaders who support PLTI

National PLTI: <https://parentswholead.org/>

*Missoula County PLTI Graduates (and facilitators), Spring, 2022*



Caring for kids changes your world.

**The Parent Leadership Training Institute will help you CHANGE THE WORLD... for them.**

**Enroll now for 2023!**

**Free Program.**

Helping Parents Who Care...  
Become Parents Who Lead

**Participants receive**

- Meals
- Child care
- Transportation
- 1:1 support
- Connections with parents
- Guest speakers

**ZERO TO FIVE**  
Missoula County, Montana