

Quality Parenting Initiative – Minnesota

Introduction

Quality Parenting Initiative – Minnesota (QPI-MN) is a collaborative movement to improve foster care for all children, youth, and parents (birth, relative/kin, foster). Started in October 2017, it is a voluntary network of counties, community-based agencies, and individuals. Quality Parenting Initiative is currently in 10 states and over 80 jurisdictions. Learn more about QPI around the nation at www.qpi4kids.org.

Priority Areas

- Youth Voice
- Birth-Foster Parent Connection
- Kinship
- Racial Equity
- Systems & Policy Change

Current Focus

- Developing a recruitment toolkit for licensing agencies that includes the lived experience perspective from first contact point of a prospective foster family's journey into fostering.
- Youth creating presentations, trainings and educational materials for prospective families and actively licensed foster families.
- Increasing leadership of BIPOC youth and parents to enhance practices and policies that address system disproportionately.
- Expanding statewide network QPI-MN regional sites and members

Our Work

One core belief is that youth, parents, and caregivers are vital to QPI leadership and creating successful family outcomes. Our goal is to effectively address system barriers by using the collective wisdom of lived experience individuals, foster care agencies, county caseworkers, court staff, and community-based providers who support those involved in child welfare. Our committees and action work groups are open to all individuals and agencies interested.

QPI-MN Site or Network Member Commitments

