

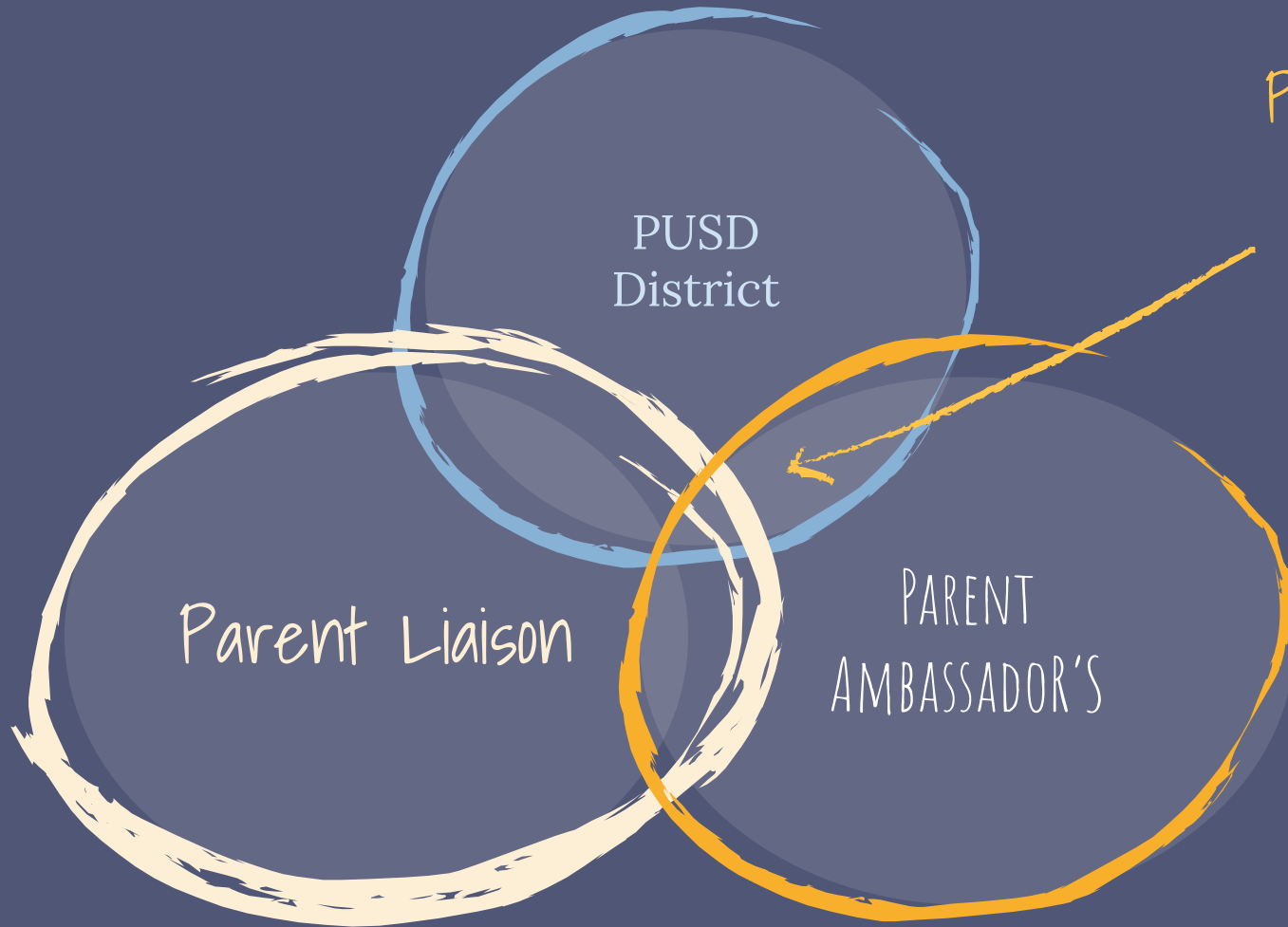
PARENT AMBASSADORS

"A light for each step"

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CAC Fall Parent Information & Education Night
Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Parents as
Partners





PARENT AMBASSADORS

PARENT AMBASSADORS ARE **mentors** WHO **support** AND **enlighten** FELLOW PARENTS OF STUDENTS WITH IEP'S AND THOSE SEEKING DIRECTION AS THEY CONSIDER SPECIAL EDUCATION. THEY BRING **experience** AND **perspective** AS PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES TO **encourage collaboration** BETWEEN PARENTS, STUDENTS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL.



PARENT AMBASSADORS

SUPPORTS PROVIDED BY PARENT AMBASSADORS MAY INCLUDE:

1. EMPOWERING OTHER PARENTS SO THAT THEY CAN FEEL EQUIPPED TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THEIR OWN CHILD'S IEP MEETINGS
2. GUIDING PARENTS TO RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE DISTRICT, COMMUNITY, STATE, AND FEDERAL LEVEL

Parent Ambassadors GUIDELINES

PARENT AMBASSADORS ARE:

- Parent volunteers
- Offer support, guidance and perspective based on our personal experiences
- A referral network for available school and community resources

PARENT AMBASSADORS ARE NOT:

- Special Education Advocates
- Crisis Counselors
- Medical Professionals

Kindly refer a parent to a trained professional or organization if necessary!

PARENT LIAISON ROLE



CAC FALL EVENT
NOV 6, 2021

WHAT IS MY ROLE?

AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE SPED DEPT AND PARENTS OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

- **Facilitate the development** of SpEd programs and resources to highlight parent connections and support.
 - A. PARENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
 - B. RESOURCES: WEBSITE, PUBLICATIONS, MEDIA DEVELOPMENT
- Enhances **family engagement** through peer-to-peer discussions
 - A. ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE
 - B. WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES
- Builds **community engagement**
 - A. ABILITY AWARENESS ACTIVITIES
 - B. EVENTS

PROGRESS...

How are we doing?

GOOD NEWS:

1. PA making progress at school sites:
 - PRINCIPAL MEETINGS
 - SPED STAFF MEETINGS - WHO'S WHO (COUNTRY)
2. Building resources for website
 - GET CONNECTED BUTTON ON WEBPAGE IS CONNECTING FAMILIES W/PA'S
 - WE ARE BUILDING OUR LIBRARY AND WILL HAVE SOME MORE RESOURCES AVAILABLE SOON!

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- BE A LIGHT LYRICS

WHAT'S NEXT?...

1. Ongoing website development of resource library
2. Coordinating parent workshops
3. Fill PA positions at:
 - Adobe Bluffs
 - Design 39
 - Los Penasquitos
 - Rolling Hills
 - Painted Rock
 - Stone Ranch
 - Sundance
 - Twin Peaks Middle
 - Poway High
 - Abraxas

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