

## **ROLES FOR FAMILIES AS LEADERS**

Family support programs can offer parents a range of opportunities to become involved and build leadership capacity. Below are just a few examples of roles that families can play in designing programs and services.<sup>1</sup>

- Members of task forces
- Advisory board members
- Program evaluators
- Co-trainers for pre-service or in-service sessions
- Paid program staff
- Paid program or policy consultants
- Mentors for other families
- Grant reviewers
- Participants in the needs assessment process
- Reviewers of audiovisual and written materials
- Group facilitators
- Witnesses at hearings
- Community advocates
- Participants in focus groups
- Members of committees hiring new staff
- Fundraisers
- Members of boards of trustees
- Participants at conferences and working meetings
- Participants in quality improvement initiatives

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Jeppson, Elizabeth. Making Room at the Table Family Resource Coalition of America, 1997