



Washington Parenting Education Network (WAPEN)

Values

WAPEN's values provide guidance in setting priorities and making decisions.

WAPEN members believe that:

- Parenting education supports families in giving children the opportunity to grow up safe and healthy and able to reach their full potential.
- Raising compassionate, responsible, caring children can improve our world, and parenting education is important in helping parents with this vital mission.
- All parents deserve to experience joy and competence in raising children.
- Honoring, respecting, and supporting the strengths and unique qualities of all families and cultures is necessary when working with families.
- A diverse offering of affordable, high-quality parenting education classes and materials provides options to meet the varying needs of families.
- Training and utilization of research-based information and best practices improves the effectiveness of parenting education.
- Strong and effective programs involve families and parenting educators as learning partners within a respectful environment.

