

PARENTS TOOLSHOP® CONSULTING, LTD.
GROUP FACILITATOR CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
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To apply for the Parents Toolshop® Group Facilitator training program, please print and complete this form, then send with all other requested documents to Parents Toolshop® Consulting by mail or fax. See last page for contact information.

PTC OFFICE ONLY

Parent Skill Assessment _____
Leader Skill Assessment: _____
Advisor Certificate Number: _____

All fields are required.

If you are applying *simultaneously* for Advisor and Group Facilitator Certification, please use our Combined Application:
[http://www.parentstoolshop.com/HTML/ComboApp2009\(Print\).pdf](http://www.parentstoolshop.com/HTML/ComboApp2009(Print).pdf)

Name (as you want it to appear on your certificate): _____

Nickname, or other name you want to be called by: _____

HOME Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Social Security Number: _____

We ask for your SSN so we can 1) pay leaders affiliate and speaker fees, and 2) file 1099 forms with the IRS if we pay leaders more than \$600 per year. You can also fax a W-9 form with your SSN to Parents Toolshop® Consulting at 937-748-4620. Get the form at: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>

1. Professional Credentials

List your degrees (please submit a copy of your current resume/vita):

List any professional certifications/credentials you have (please spell out abbreviations you list)

7. The Texas Registry of Parent Educator Resources (Texas ROPER) has developed a booklet called “Core Knowledge for Parent Educators and Professionals Who Work with Families” (© 2000). In it, they identify 77 content areas they believe all parent educators should know. The Parent’s Toolshop® pre-certification and instructor certification training *directly* teach 58 of these areas. For each of the remaining 19 content areas listed on the next two pages, please assess your level of knowledge/expertise by doing the following:

- a. In the center column, *rate* the level of knowledge/expertise you have in that content area – “Poor,” “Fair,” “Good,” or “Excellent” – by *writing in* one of these options.
- b. In the right column, please *circle* one or more of the following “codes” to indicate the source of your knowledge/expertise.

- ED I have received advance training or education in this area.
- EX I have professional experience in this area.
- IR I have learned this information from independent research or personal experience.
- RE I do not have this knowledge or cannot provide this service, but know community service providers to whom I can refer parents.
- NO I have no knowledge or expertise in this area.

Content Area	Level of Expertise	Source of Knowledge
Culture, gender, language, and family influences on human growth and development		ED EX IR RE NO
Principles, from the latest research, of adult behavior, growth and development		ED EX IR RE NO
Ongoing development of adult life skills, such as literacy, job skills, relationship skills, and others		ED EX IR RE NO
Developmental stages of parenting and family life		ED EX IR RE NO
Ways that culture and language impact child-rearing practices and relationships in the home		ED EX IR RE NO
Impact of work and employment on family life		ED EX IR RE NO
Role of family systems and life span development in parent education and family support		ED EX IR RE NO
Different areas of involvement and types of parent education and family support		ED EX IR RE NO
Characteristics and needs of parents, children and families at risk for abuse and neglect		ED EX IR RE NO
Impact of abuse on family members		ED EX IR RE NO
Cumulative effect for children exposed to violence in the home, community, schools and the media		ED EX IR RE NO
Impact and effects of media on children and families		ED EX IR RE NO
Roles families play in the early learning of children		ED EX IR RE NO
Knowledge of financial and human resources to support families in communities		ED EX IR RE NO
Methods to help families identify and access financial and human resources for themselves		ED EX IR RE NO

Specific needs and characteristics of diverse family systems, including:					
Teen parents		ED	EX	IR	RE NO
Parents who have physical, emotional, or developmental disabilities		ED	EX	IR	RE NO
Family members who are substance abusers		ED	EX	IR	RE NO
Economically challenged parents		ED	EX	IR	RE NO

1. When was your last coursework/workshop on cultural diversity? If you have experience, how many years?

2. What did you learn from this survey and how will you use the results?

Additional Comments and Notes

**PARENTS TOOLSHOP® GROUP FACILITATOR
PRE-CERTIFICATION TRAINING
AGREEMENT**

Training Applicant's Name (print): _____

If the Parent's Toolshop® Standards and Practices Committee (S&P Committee) accepts/approve me to participate in the Parents Toolshop Group Facilitator Instructor Training process:

PTC AGREES TO:

- √ Notify me of my acceptance within 30 days of receiving this application and signed training agreement.
- √ Assign a liaison, within seven (7) days of my training kit purchase, who will support me throughout the pre-certification training and review my material submissions.
- √ Provide the agreed training materials, support and other service/resource provisions as outlined in the *S&P Manual* currently posted on-line.

I AGREE TO: (put a checkmark in EACH box)

- Submit payment for the training materials within 30 days of receiving approval to participate.
- Accept responsibility for notifying PTC if I have not received my materials within 14 *business* days of my kit purchase date.
- Complete the training program **within six months of the training kit's purchase date. PTC will state this deadline in a confirmation letter I will receive upon paying for my kit.** If I do not complete the training by this deadline, I agree to apply and pay for any required extension fees as stated in the *S&P Manual* which I have read.
- Use the copyrighted training materials for my own personal use. I agree not to copy, share, show or distribute them to anyone else without the expressed *written* consent of Ambris Publishing.
- Pay for any communication fees (long-distance phone charges, postage, fax) to participate in interviews or support calls from my Group Facilitator Certification Liaison or to submit my training materials.

I understand I can cancel my request to participate in the Group Facilitator pre-certification training within 30 days of the kit's purchase date — for any reason. If I do this, I will promptly return a printed training kit in resalable condition and will receive a full refund from PTC. If I cancel after this deadline, I understand my training fee is non-refundable.

If I decide after 30 days, but before the six-month deadline, to discontinue this training, I will contact PTC or my liaison and explain my reasons. I understand that anyone who drops out of this training and avoids contact with PTC or fails to inform PTC of such a decision in a timely, open, honest, responsible and professional manner will jeopardize any future attempt to become a certified instructor.

My signature below confirms that I am completing this pre-certification training program with the intent of moving on to complete the final GF certification training and am not taking this training program for the *sole* purpose of advancing my knowledge of parenting (which I would take the "Home Study" course to do)

Name: _____

Date: _____

Please sign and send this application to: Parents Toolshop Consulting, P.O. Box 343, Springboro, OH 45066.
Fax#: 937-748-4620. Questions: call 937-748-4541 (Dayton/International) or 1-866-PARENTS (US Toll-Free)
or email: spcommittee@parentstoolshop.com