You all received the message about Sarah and I coordinating the implementation of Parents Cafes Statewide, and we want you to know that we are very excited at the prospect of growing Parents Cafes across Iowa!
It does not matter if you are new to Parent Cafes or have running a program for several years; ALL input is valuable as we begin this process.
Please reply to both Sarah and I with your comments, additions, questions, etc. by Monday, March 11th. We would appreciate your use of bullet points to list your suggestions. This will make it much easier for us to compile feedback.
**Joe and Sarah’s Role**

* Make start-up of new Parent Cafes and continuing them easier
* Assist sites in developing financial strategies for Parent Cafes (start up and on-going)
* Create more uniformity statewide, but recognize that each area is unique.
* Develop a network of individuals across the State to assist in challenges associated with Parent Cafes
* Give you an important voice in the creation of the Parent Cafes state wide manual (this will be your guide. Our role is to put it together.)
* Be your sounding board for all suggestions, information and challenges going forward

 **Attachments and links to this Email**
Web site link below ( #4) will take you to the Parent Cafes web site where you can do online research about the program.
**1.**       **Parent Café Manual Table of Contents Outline**
If you are just exploring Parent Cafes or are already running one, your input is very valuable. Please take 10 to 15 minutes to go over this outline for the future “living document” Statewide Manual. We may have missed something, or you may see everything you need. Let us know as Sarah and I will be basing our future manual development meetings on your feedback.
Also, how would you like this provided to you? Is an online living document OK that you can print from our web site or do you need hard copies in binders (keeping in mind this will be a constantly changing document)?
We will be following up with a phone call to get more in depth information from you on this very important document.

* 1. **Parent Café Survey**

We are working to compile a list of who is doing what, where and how. This survey  will also help determine topics for our future statewide conference calls. So, any information you can provide to assist with this process will be helpful. In the future, we envision utilizing this survey to gather information from each of you yearly. This will help complete a portion of the statewide Parent Cafe report.  What are we missing? Is there something you'd like to see added to this survey?

* 1. **State Parent Cafes Panel Questions-March 27th from 11 to 11:50am**

If you are able, you will all want to attend our Statewide Panel, “OK so I’ve started a Parent Cafes now what?,” discussion. Everything about starting and maintaining a Parent Cafes will be discussed at this panel, so sign up early! If you don't see a topic you'd like to have addressed at the panel on the attached document, let us know! We want this panel to be as helpful to you as possible.
 Remember, everyone will have a different perspective and all your comments and questions are valuable!

* 1. **Parent Café Web Site Link**

[**https://www.bestrongfamilies.org/parent-cafes**](https://www.bestrongfamilies.org/parent-cafes)

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