

## **Looking for The Lawrence Parent Network?**

**We're (Re)New(ed) and Improved and On-line!**

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After three years of exponential growth – from 30 to 80 to 300 families - core members of the Lawrence Parent Network (LPN) have joined with members of the Lawrence Regional Prevention Center at DCCCA to form The New Tradition Coalition (NTC.) The NTC is now a self-sustaining, diverse group with representation from parents, schools, businesses, law enforcement, social service providers, community advocates, faith-based organizations and the media.

Since 2005, you depended on the LPN for support, information and communication. We held monthly meetings in the Lawrence junior highs and high schools to deliver those mission-essential products to Lawrence-area parents. We created a 300-member parent directory of safe homes, and we scheduled guest speakers, question & answer sessions, summer book discussion groups, community forums and town meetings. As we offered these critical services, we heard from many of you who could not fully participate in person, but wanted and needed the ability to network with other parents.

We think going on-line has solved this problem. Our “Ask Diane” column, book reviews, articles, and blogspot maintain all of those LPN services and provide a direct link to anyone who wants to participate when their schedule permits.

The planning group meets monthly on the 1st Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. (brown bag lunch) at DCCCA, 3312 Clinton Parkway, in Lawrence, KS. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to join in the discussion or to become a member of the coalition.

Or, at your convenience, join us in the larger community forum by going to:  
<http://www.thenewtraditioncoalition.blogspot.com/>