



# PART

Practice And Research Together

## Link PARTners

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### Who are Link PARTners?

A Link PARTner is an individual who plays a **fundamental role** in ensuring the PART member organization maximizes the engagement of evidence-informed practice, with the primary purpose of **promoting a vibrant learning culture within the organization.**

### Why have a Link PARTner?

Link PARTners step into this role because they are confident they can make a difference in their organization. You know what the evidence-informed practice (EIP) priorities of the organization are, and are set to focus on these priorities. PART is the network you depend on to help you develop the services needed to address EIP.

Link PARTners also serve as a personal connection between their organization and PART.

### What is my role as a Link PARTner?

PART has been in place for 6 years feedback from current and past Link PARTners says that while this role can be challenging, it has mostly been empowering and rewarding.

The role you play depends on **YOU!** Your Link PARTner role gives you the opportunity to be a key leader in your organization's use of evidence and research, and to contribute to the development of an organization-wide dynamic learning culture.

As you know, the field of child welfare is a demanding one. There are many reasons why accessing the latest research or evidence can be difficult. Not to worry! PART is your quick and easy resource to access evidence and research when you need it. With your help, PART can stay in tune with the needs of your organization. YOU can help us help you.

### What are my responsibilities as a Link PARTner?

For you to be in the “know” of what is going on at PART, and the latest research evidence, here are some of the events that you will attend and coordinate:

Events coordinated by PART:

- Link PARTners Retreat
- Quarterly ‘Community of Practice’ or Zone meetings (online and in person)
- PART Annual General Meeting
- Participate in focus groups and opportunities to network with other Link PARTners

Events and activities for you to coordinate, with PART’s assistance:

- Organize the dissemination of PART materials/information
- Organize events within your organization to promote PART and EIP
- Engage in the ongoing program evaluation of the PART model
- Monitor and assess your organizational use of evidence

### What makes a great Link PARTner?

To be the best at what you do, here are some ideas of how you thrive as an LP:

- **Team up.** As a Link PARTner, you cannot be everything to everyone all of the time. We encourage you to have an assistant or co-Link PARTner depending on the size of your organization. Some large agencies have two or three Link PARTners. This can be particularly helpful in agencies with more than one site office.
- **Be known as the spoke person** for PART and EIP at your organization. Talk about PART, EIP, and evidence at staff meetings, social gatherings, lunch n’ learns, team meetings, etc. You will be viewed as the leader of evidence-

informed practice in your organization. You do not need to know everything about research, you just need to be willing to learn!

- **Promote** the PART website log-in details on your agency intranet site or publish them throughout your agency.
- **Encourage** your associates to log on to the PART website; let them know they have free access to all the tools as part of their membership. Demonstrate the use of each of these tools.
- **Engage** staff from all levels of the organization to join a “PART EIP Committee” at your agency. See attached for the Terms of Reference to start up a PART EIP Committee.
- Forward the webinar registration links to all staff when you receive them. Encourage attendance by booking the training room and send out invitations to participate in a group. **Target certain people or teams** who would benefit from webinars, PARTicles, Research Radio, etc.
- **Act as a moderator** to promote a discussion after a webinar. See our website for tips on how to moderate a webinar.
- **Get creative!** Have a PART and Popcorn Party once every quarter: watch an archived webinar, conference or storyboard and lead the discussion after the event.
- **Share relevant research.** Choose a current topic that is of current interest for your organization each month, and download PARTicles, journals or even webinars if available and circulate to the respective people or committees who might be involved. Send a weekly email on a particular topic to all staff on your intranet site and with attached PARTicles, journal articles, webinar links, and other PART resources available on the website.
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- Evaluate your organization’s use of EIP before and after you embark on this new role as Link PARTner. This would promote evaluation as an essential part of service development to improving outcomes and attesting to the benefits of your PART membership.

### Link PARTner Teams / EIP Committees

PART encourages you to “buddy up” with another LP in your zone or any PARTner that faces similar issues as your organization. Use this partnership to share ideas and brainstorm how to address agency challenges as opportunities to strengthen your use of EIP.

Alternatively, PART can connect you with another experienced Link PARTner who has already got PART up and running in the organization to see how it works for them.

## What's in it for you?

We know that effecting change at all levels in an organization is not an easy task. As a Link PARTner you have been empowered to bring about this change and it will be positive recognition for this agency wide advancement. Being a Link PARTner is work over and above your regular full-time position within the organization. PART would like to thank you for your continued support and all your efforts to promoting EIP and PART at your agency. We encourage you to attend the LP Retreat which is an event for you and to reward you for an amazing job. Support available to Link PARTners: PART staff, Community of Practice, other Link PARTners.

## What kind of resources can you promote as an LP?

Learning comes differently to different people, so to help your colleagues access and use research, PARThas developed a variety of resources to encourage learning.

- Guidebooks
- PARTiclesPARTcasts
- Research Radio
- Learning Events
- Webinars:
- E-library
- Storyboards
- Interactive Case Studies
- Ask a Researcher

For a description of each PART resource and corresponding guides for use, please visit the [PAGE](#).