

## New Friends for a New Beginning

No one understands the unique challenges and joys of single parenting like other single parents. That's why no matter how or why you became a single parent, CAPWP is for you. CAPWP is the Triangle's largest incorporated social and support group for single parent families. From fun family activities to adult socials, we offer new friends and new beginnings.

### What is CAPWP?

Parents Without Partners was founded over 50 years ago in New York City and has since spread nationally and internationally. The Triangle has had local chapters since the 1970s; in the 1990s these chapters merged to become the Capital Area Parents Without Partners, which was incorporated as a non-profit in 2003.

Today, CAPWP has about 75 adult members (with children over 200 total). Our members' ages range from 21 to 60-plus with the largest group between 35 and 50 years old. Members' children range from toddler to college-aged and beyond with a large percentage being elementary and teen-agers. As a group, 60-70% of members are women and 30-40% are men. CAPWP is not a dating service and Chapter and International policy prohibits alcohol consumption at events where minor children are present.

### Who are CAPWPers?

Your neighbor...the person next to you in the store....your co-worker. In short, single parents are everywhere.

The one thing EACH of the members share is that we are all single parents regardless of the whys. Whether due to separation/divorce, never married, spousal death (widow, widower), or adoption—we're all in it together. The how's and why's of your situation, including custody arrangements, are not a factor.



Let's take a walk together...

### Where are CAPWPers?

Our members live throughout the Triangle—from Johnston County to Alamance County—Today, our members reside 40% in Cary/Apex, 30% in Raleigh/Wake Forest, 20% in Durham/Chapel Hill, and 10% in surrounding cities and towns. Regional Teams help to welcome members and initiate events in each locale.

### What do CAPWPers do?

At CAPWP, we have events that are targeted for families and others that are for adults only. Many events are member-sponsored, so the diversity of the events rests upon the involvement of each member. The Chapter sponsors a Mothers Day and a Fathers Day picnic amongst other events. Some events are educational, others are purely social, and some are solely focused on the kids. Some examples are:

- Chapter-sponsored picnics
- Supper Club at local restaurants
- Dinner-Movie-Dancing Adult Night Out
- Camping trips
- Horseback riding
- Canes/Bulls games
- Game night
- Teen Skate Night
- Farm/vet school tours
- Park/museum/zoo trips
- Private house parties
- And many, many more.

CAPWP Event Breakdown Summary						
Month	Parent Activity		Family Activity		Advice Posts	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
January	3	10	2	7	11	31
February	6	8	9	7	31	14
March	6	8	8	14	30	17
April	7	6	14	18	23	23
May	10	7	11	9	29	16
June	8	16	9	10	37	9
July	11	8	9	9	29	10
August	16	4	13	9	80	16
September	16	4	15	10	42	16
October	9	8	10	10	50	26
November	12	4	9	16	30	10
December	6	13	8	10	18	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>205</b>

We offer support, friendships, guidance and listening ears from people who can understand your life's path. We communicate through a member-only email posting loop on issues far ranging from child rearing and custodial situations to regular-life advice of 'does anyone know a plumber?' We do not share the membership roster externally or internally.

### What if I want to be a CAPWPer?

We are always welcoming new members and membership inquires. New members are required to submit application with references and pay the annual dues. Prospective members can temporarily join the CAPWP online forum to learn of upcoming events—<http://singleparents.meetup.com/591/>

So, if you are a single parent and desire more information see our web page [www.capitalareapwp.org](http://www.capitalareapwp.org)