



**UNITED  
PARENT LEADERS  
ACTION NETWORK**

## The real-world experience of parents

Shaping policies and programs that matter to families

### We are a mighty mix of parents.

Most of us are parents of color; many of us are immigrants; more than a few of us are grandparents, raising another generation. Some of us live in big cities and some in small towns.

### We are United Parent Leaders,

coming together from across the country to speak out for families and children, especially families with young children. We are fired up about working together for a national impact.

We know firsthand what a difference it makes when we are part of the creation, implementation, and evaluation of public policies and programs that affect families. We are committed to working with national policy makers and professionals who are willing to hear our stories, and understand issues from our real-life perspectives.

## You can be part of this!

We are passionate and experienced parent leaders in our children's schools, our communities, our cities, our states, and now nationally, who are leading change to make life better for all children and families.

**The idea is simple:** parents know what would make day-to-day life better for our families. You may have a story of your own about what happens when parents' real-life, practical experience is in the equation as decisions are made. As *United Parent Leaders* we get our voice into the mix, and we hope you will be encouraged to explore what we can offer to you or your organization.

If you talk with people who know us, they will tell you we know what we are talking about, and we know how to make our voices heard. We invest in parents' leadership. We build each other up and learn from each other, and one another's organizations.

UPLAN convenes parent leaders and groups to share the best of leadership development and organizing. We offer training about how to be a leader, how to organize with other parents, and how to inject parents' perspective into policy issues. We know that parent leadership has a far-reaching and lasting impact toward achieving equity for children and families.

## Bring your experience! Join us!

Parent leadership and organizing groups, as well as individuals, can be members. Fill out our interest form, call us, or visit [unitedparentleaders.org](http://unitedparentleaders.org).

### "When parent leaders speak out, their voices carry the authority of lived experience.

They understand how gaps in social, health, and educational services limit their children's future in critical ways. When elected officials and policy-makers listen to parent leaders, they become more aware of how their actions affect children and families, especially those who lack income or education, or who are marginalized by race, language, and culture."

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"As a parent leader and a change agent that advocates for my family and community, I know that parents are crucial stakeholders in the decision making process. There should be no decisions made for our families and community without us being at the table and not just on the menu."

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