

Centering Parent Voice in Policy and Advocacy

Our allies have shared resources on their journey in partnering with parents and organizing groups.

State	Resource	Description
Alabama	Alabama Parent Leadership Network (APLN)	A brief on Alabama's Parent Leadership Network.
Colorado	Clayton Community Ambassador Program	Overview and Objectives of Parent Ambassador program.
Iowa	Data co-interpretation to elevate the voices of Iowa families of color	Brief for community partners on the Child & Family Policy Center data co-interpretation project in which they take the data to the community and have them interpret the data and generate policy solutions.
North Carolina	New Parent Advisory Council members speak up for children's health Centering community voice in our legislative agenda setting process Caregivers in the Coverage Gap video featuring members of the Parent Advisory Council Parent Advisory Council Recruitment Announcement	<p>Introductory brief of the NC Child Parent Advisory Council and its members.</p> <p>Brief and examples on how to advocate for policies that reflect the priorities of NC's families.</p> <p>Email announcement sent out to communities and parents.</p>
Oregon	Podcast: Parent Advocacy, SB 236, and Changing the way we Talk About Young Children	This is the story (podcast episode) of Andrew Yoshihara, who is a member of Black Child Development PDX and founder and executive director of Bustin' Barriers , a nonprofit organization that serves kids with disabilities. He is also a parent advocate and has been involved with legislative advocacy in 2021, especially with the passage of SB 236 .
South Carolina	South Carolina Family Voice Council	Information about the SC Voice Council, which launched in August 2021 and recruited 11 members.
Washington	Parent Ambassadors Program - Overview	Introduction presentation of the Washington State Parent Ambassadors.

We welcome your thoughts on what else you'd like to learn from your peers. Are you partnering with parent organizing groups? Are you building the advocacy capacity of

parents? What about providers? We anticipate digging into some of these related questions in future huddles.

We define grassroots advocacy as “organizing, mobilizing, and engaging the public to advocate for themselves. The value of this form of advocacy is that it is driven by the people. It is grounded in the belief that people matter and that their collective voices are powerful in influencing elected officials and in shaping policies at all levels of government.” [\(1\)](#)