



Parent Voices is a 21 year old parent-led, parent-run grassroots organization fighting to make quality child care accessible and affordable for all families. We have chapters in seventeen counties, all building momentum with the belief that it is the parents who must ignite and fuel the process of change. To strengthen our advocacy, we, as parents, conduct trainings on strategic organizing, leadership development, advocacy skills, and relevant issues; send out policy updates and calls to action; build relationships with local, state, and federal elected officials as well as coalition partners; convene local parents to build a support network as well as to take collective action; and finally, we constantly share resources, ideas and challenges to weave together strong voices both locally as well as statewide to advance towards a more quality, affordable and accessible child care system!

Parent Voices has a membership of over 2,500 parents, the majority women of color, from low-income communities across California. Because we are housed in local child care resource and referral agencies, we are able to reach 20,000 households with information about upcoming events, actions, trainings, and other opportunities to be actively engaged in our campaigns.

Parent Voices current campaigns include:

- 1) Updating child care eligibility guidelines that have been frozen since 2007 so no parent has to turn down a raise or a promotion in order to maintain their child care subsidy.
- 2) Implementing 12-month eligibility for child care so that parents, children, and child care providers can benefit from stable, continuous services without the fear or threat of losing their subsidy and their economic progress.
- 3) Supporting parents who would like to take an ESL or GED class to be eligible for child care assistance.

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