



Who we are:

We are parents, experienced community leaders who are passionate about children and families. The United Parent Leaders Action Network (UPLAN) brings us together, to give us a national voice. We are a network of parents and organizations who understand that the real-world experience of parents needs to be at the table to shape programs and policies that matter to families.

Fighting for our children's future:

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

Our most immediate policy focus areas are: 1) calling for a new federal *Office of Parent Engagement*, 2) increasing resources for and affordability of early care and education, 3) protecting immigrant families, and 4) implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in a way that supports these goals.

UPLAN's founding vision and policy platform for children and families

We believe:

- Parents know best what works for their communities and should be meaningfully involved at all levels of policymaking and creation in any policy that has an impact on children and families.
- Every family should have access to affordable early care and education, including childcare.
- Families shouldn't be torn apart by broken immigration policies. Children who were brought here to this country deserve a chance to make it as successful youth and adults in the only country they have ever known.
- Each child deserves a quality public education, including adequate resources and supports for diverse learners, bilingual education, and equitable and just funding so that students in low-income and communities of color have access to all the support and resources that they need.
- No family should live in poverty and all families should have access to resources that they need for success. We seek economic justice and security for all families. For children and families to be successful and healthy, we must work to end poverty and the racial and gender income and wealth gap.
- All children should be able to be raised in safe communities and no parent should have to fear for the safety of their children, based on the color of their skin, religion, or other reasons.
- No child or family should go hungry. All families should have equal access to affordable, healthy foods and assistance programs that give them the tools to make healthy living a reality.
- All individuals have a right to a living wage, family leave, paid sick days, and safe working conditions.
- All families should have access to safe and affordable housing
- All families should have access to clean environments, including safe and drinkable water and air free of pollutants.

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