

Who We Are

The National Center for **P**arent **L**eadership, **A**dvocacy and **C**ommunity **E**ngagement


We are a national non-profit organization committed to helping family-led organizations and individual families acquire the knowledge and skills needed to effectively "sit at the table" and influence the policies and decisions that impact the lives of children, youth, and families, including families that face the greatest challenges due to disability, special healthcare needs, poverty, and discrimination.

We are a coalition of non-profit family-driven organizations. National PLACE is operated by a volunteer Board of Directors who are advocates with extensive experience in educating and supporting the participation of stakeholders, especially parent organizations.

Founding Members:

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center
MATRIX Parent Network and Resource Center
Parent to Parent of Georgia, Inc.
PEAK Parent Center
Statewide Parent Advocacy Network, Inc.
Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training, and Support

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There are many notable national groups working diligently and having a powerful impact on specific causes or disabilities. These existing networks can be strengthened by joining together, eliciting input from constituents, and coalescing and collaborating with other committed groups, to form a voice that cannot be minimized or ignored by policy-makers.

The parent voice is critical to the work of many national organizations, we need to help keep that in focus. National PLACE has one priority: serving as a single site where effective parent engagement is nurtured and promoted to support diverse family leaders in advocating to improve all the systems that serve children and families, from education to healthcare, from child behavioral health to juvenile justice, from child welfare to family support.



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Ensuring a Place at the Table for Every Family

Our Mission

Empowering families and family-led organizations to advocate for enhanced, meaningful parent involvement and leadership in all policy decision-making that impacts services for children and families





Frequently-Asked Questions

1 Why is it important to gather together?

Decisions are being made at national and state levels that can positively or negatively impact the lives and well-being of our nation's children and families. Whether it's reducing funding for children's mental health, proposing to weaken parent rights in special education, or watering down requirements for measuring parent involvement in Maternal and Child Health programs for children with special healthcare needs, there is a trend that parent advocates cannot afford to ignore! The voice of family organizations and family leaders is desperately needed to reverse this trend and ensure that national, state, and local policies recognize the value of having diverse family leaders at every decision-making table!

2 Why you should join?

If you know that systems can only be effective if they are strongly influenced by parent voices, if you believe that services for children and families are under threat, if you see the parent voice fading away or being ignored, then you need to join our collaborative effort! If you are an experienced parent organization or parent leader who has significant skills in successfully navigating family-serving systems, we need you! And if you want to learn to be more effective in bringing the family voice to those decision-making tables, we can help!



3 How to get involved

Join us today. You will become part of a powerful, united voice that promotes family and family-organization leadership. And your experience in helping families navigate complex systems, understand their rights, and build on their strengths, will help us bring the vision of National PLACE to life across our nation!

Spread the Word!

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”

Helen Keller

We are **unique**

We are **collaborative**

We know **the united voice of families** is absent in policy development

We can build on the existing networks and **create a strong voice that will be heard**