

Get Involved! Parents as Advocates in Your Communities



Families lead, kids succeed.

Important decisions that affect you, your children, your family and your community are being made every day.

- Should early education programs be expanded?
- How are school funding priorities in California changing and how do they affect my family?
- What are the unmet health needs of children and youth? How should the local school address and celebrate diversity?

You have unique expertise on these issues.

- You are the expert on your own experience and that of your family. You are your child's first and most important teacher, mentor and advocate.
- You have a unique voice to bring to the discussion based on your own experience
- You know how different systems work, such as schools, community programs and health clinics. You understand what is working well in your community to support children. You also understand what isn't working and what needs to be strengthened to help all children and families thrive.
- You have skills and talents that will benefit your community. Whether you are good with people, good with numbers or good at organizing and planning, your abilities can help build a better community.

Your voice is needed as part of the local decision-making process.

- Many different planning groups and advisory bodies have been set up in your community to address these issues.
- Your involvement will help your community make important decisions about things like early education, health and wellness, schools, and other services that families need.