What is the Rise Parents' Platform?

New Rise program launched in 2021

Our parent-led organizing team is developing a Parents' Platform, advocating for investments to:

• improve community conditions
• reduce family policing
• build new approaches to prevent and address harm

"We are uplifting parents' voices and providing a safe space and platform."
- Rise Parent Organizer

Program Highlights

• Centered perspectives of parents impacted by ACS in movement for affordable and accessible child care
• Campaign linked lack of child care to neglect reports and advocated to end ACS oversight of child care vouchers
• Partnered with Alliance for Quality Education in universal child care campaign; joined Empire State Campaign for Child Care
• Spoke at a press conference, attended rallies and tabled at events
• Raised awareness about child care as a family policing issue through our publications, parent stories and social media and letter-writing campaign
• Built parent power through training on advocacy and organizing

"I really value all the ways in which parent perspective has informed my work."
- Rise Parent Organizer

Accomplishments

• Completed a participatory action research project, published report, An Unavoidable System, and led a webinar on our findings and recommendations
• Deepened parent engagement to guide our advocacy:
  ○ Organized 8 community report-back sessions
  ○ Identified Rise’s first-ever policy priorities: child care, mandated reporting and community-led mental health supports, including peer support
  ○ Conducted a survey about child care, engaging 60 NYC parents/caregivers
  ○ Hosted a Virtual Town Hall to share survey findings and calls to action
• Held meetings with 4 City Council Members to introduce our recommendations
• Successfully advocated for NYC to prioritize 17 low-income Black and brown districts in child care voucher distribution