

Rise Parents' Platform 2022 Program Report

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