UPLAN National Gathering – Workshop Descriptions and Schedule

Sunday May 15; 9:00-10:00am; Session One

How to Use Your Personal Story to Create a Movement **Room: Garfield**

Hustle Mommies; Ariel Rainey, Jasmine Taylor, Charee Taylor

"Your Story Has Power" is a workshop designed to help our parent activists learn how to take their stories and position them to create movements that impact policy, educate the masses and create real change. This workshop will include real life stories of moms who have been impacted by inner city gun violence and hood trauma who will share their stories of strength while also giving a breakdown of the Hustle Mommies REP Method of activism which is REALNESS. EDUCATION. PARTNERSHIP. This will also be a space where others are allowed to share their stories and coached on how to use that story to get political support.

Systems of Oppression – Child Care History **Room: Hunter A**

Parent Voices; Jennifer Greppi, Blake Hofstad, Candy Duperroir, Lou Hernandez, LeShay Burks, Lily Marquez, Gladys Soto, Belia Rivas, and Eva Sanchez

We don't know where we are going unless we know where we came from. We stand on the shoulders of many sisters and brothers who fought before us, join us for this powerful workshop to learn more about the systems of oppression in our country that have held families back for far too long!

Black Maternal Health and Why It Matters **Room: Hunter B**

Washington State Parent Ambassadors; Maya Ewings, April Messenger

This workshop provides basic information on black maternal health, why it matters, the historical factors and current events that bring this topic to the forefront of headlines as well as ways to advocate for systemic change in the healthcare system and informing parents of their rights.

How can funders better support parent-led organizations? **Room: Hunter C**

Rosazlia Grillier, Sara Morrison, Muna Hussein, Carolyn Lee-Davis

The system of philanthropy is rooted in histories of power, where things are "done to," not "with" community. Hear from parent leaders about the Parent-Funder Learning Community that is striving to reimage a future of equitable partnership between funders and parent-led organizations. This interactive session builds upon *The Philanthropic Self-Reflection Tool for Equitable Parent Partnership*, a resource for funders and parent-led organizations who want to partner to center families in the design of systems that impact them and their children. Learn tangible ways to navigate power dynamics and build equitable partnerships with the communities you are trying to impact.

Sunday May 15; 10:15-11:15am; Session Two

Do you know yourself? Bringing Self-Awareness to each parent advocate **Room: Garfield**

Ohio Head Start Association Parent Ambassadors; Charis Davis, Alecia Murray, Garret Thompson, Amanda Yancey

Learn how to engage parents within your organization with interactive activities to boost their self-confidence and demonstrate how their unique abilities can become an asset for your organization which will create more parent leaders. The topics of Brain Dominance; Myers Briggs, Who Am I poster have been incredibly effective in creating/uplifting strong ambitious parent leaders, especially in our context working with parents of young children on advocacy for early education access. Let us show you how to create these ambitious parent leaders with the current parents you have within your organization. Everyone has the potential to be a parent leader with the right encouragement and training!

Parents' Successful Advocacy for Policy Change on Family Economic Security **Room: Hunter A**

Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI) / POWER-PAC; Rosazlia Grillier, Graciela Suarez, Mamie Cosey, Lettie Hicks, Liliana Olayo

This workshop introduces participants to The COFI Way of Family Focused Organizing and talks about COFI/POWER-PAC IL parent leaders work addressing poverty and changing policies to build family economic security. The work builds on years of sustaining, engaging and organizing parents. Facilitators will share interactive tools, thoughts and learnings from the parents' Stepping Out of Poverty Campaign addressing Economic Security issues in Illinois. The workshop will include storytelling and engaging participatory activities, highlighting recent accomplishments and victories.

Leading from Decision Making Councils **Room: Hunter B**

Collaborative Parent Leadership Action Network (CPLAN); Ivelisse Caraballo, Karla Walker, and Elsa Flores

This workshop is designed to share parent advocacy strategies on decision making bodies to build strong, effective, parent-driven and student focused parent councils working to achieve equity in education. We strive to create thriving self-reliant parent advocates by building on their confidence and capacity through training, coaching, and community building. This presentation offers different levels of advocacy for parents with different skills, experience, and comfort levels to increase parent advocacy in all levels. We create opportunities for parents to step into their power to put all students on a path of success. Our goal is to create a parent leadership pathway to ensure that all parents, especially parents of color, are ready, willing, and able to lead towards systems change.

Nothing About Us Without Us: Youth Voice as a Strategy for Systems Change **Room: Hunter C**

Supporting Partnerships in Education and Beyond (SPEB); Regina Elmi, Muna Hussein, Hibaq Osman

Learn the value of centering youth voices to sustain youth engagement and strengthen programs. Youth Leader Hibaq will showcase a framework for proposing, developing, and advocating for practical solutions to longstanding systemic problems. In addition, SPEB staff will support Hibaq with reflections provided by parents, educators, and community leaders. This learning experience will support sustained youth engagement efforts and strengthen programs through a mini version of SPEB's Learning Institute.

Count with Me **Room: Daingerfield**

Abriendo Puertas / Opening Doors; Zully Rodriguez, Rosa Cardenas

In our daily lives – whether it is our everyday home routines, at the grocery store, visits to the park, as we are driving – every moment presents an opportunity to help our children learn essential math skills during the early years.