



PARTNERSHIP  
FOR AMERICA'S  
**CHILDREN**

State and local child advocates working  
together for a better future



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Connecting, **strengthening**, and investing in a **national network** of policy **advocates for children**.

## LETTER FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Dear child advocates,

We're delighted to share an update with you on what the Partnership for America's Children accomplished in 2022 - focused on the hard-fought policy wins our members around the nation achieved for kids and families.

2022 was a year of transition and growth for the Partnership and our members. We said goodbye to a number of long-serving Executive Directors and welcomed many new leaders in our network. This included the Partnership's own founding Network Director Deborah Stein, who stepped down in October 2022. Deb's leadership over the past decade helped build the Partnership into the strong network it is today.

We are grateful to have an experienced Interim Director guiding the Partnership through this leadership transition - providing the Board

with time to thoughtfully and deliberately determine the organization's needs, and to conduct an intentional search for our next executive director. We are really looking forward to welcoming our next leader later this summer.

We live in challenging and polarizing times, in which the policies and programs that support our families' well-being are often being challenged and even eroded. This report speaks to the power of our 48-member strong collective action. In each of our state capitols, we are the torch-bearers for a vision of America where every child belongs, and every family has what they need to thrive.

Children are our sacred responsibility. We are grateful for your courage, your voice, for holding this bold vision with us, and of course for your support of the Partnership for America's Children.

Sincerely,



**Jenifer Wagley and Kimberly Perry, Co-Chairs**

## ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP

### Building a Future Where All Our Children Can Thrive.

The Partnership for America's Children is a national network of child advocacy organizations focused on state and local policy change. We advance public policies that enhance the health, education, financial security, and well-being of our nation's children and their families.

Together, our 48 member organizations work at the local, state, and national levels to ensure that every child, from every race, ethnicity, ability, and zip code, has the opportunity to thrive.

Working with our robust network of member organizations, the Partnership connects, strengthens, and funds child advocates who fight for policies that improve the lives of children from birth to adulthood. Together, we take a whole-child approach, working across multiple issue areas critical to children's well-being.



We're growing our local movement in Hawai'i, and being part of a national network of child advocates connects us directly to colleagues, ideas, and lessons learned to inform our work.



**-Courtney Velazquez,**  
Deputy Director, Hawai'i Children's Action Network

## To Support Our Members, We:



### **Connect.**

We bring together child advocates from around the country in a community of practice, strategy, inspiration, and mutual support. Peer-to-peer knowledge sharing activities include monthly Partnership Peer Exchange meetings, an annual retreat, affinity groups, and regular Race Equity Leadership meetings.



### **Invest.**

In 2022, the Partnership dedicated over 80% of its budget to re-grants to our members. Grants were focused on:

- Building family financial security
- Advocating for the Child Tax Credit
- Growing parent advocacy



### **Strengthen.**

The Partnership for America's Children supports executive directors of member organizations, and the development of a pipeline of leaders in the child advocacy sector. We facilitate communities of practice focused on child welfare policy (SPARC), Census Bureau policy & resources (Count All Kids), and federal policy solutions to improve opportunities and outcomes for youth who experience foster care (Journey to Success).



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### **Sparc Spotlight:**

Nearly 400,000 children and youth are in foster care in the US. SPARC's 46 member organizations connect and network with each other to strengthen advocacy efforts in their own states, improving the lives of children and families involved in the child welfare system.

# Transforming **Children's Lives** Through Public **Policy Solutions.**


Public policy has the power to transform the lives of our children and families. In 2022 our members won huge positive change for kids in their state legislatures and communities. This interactive map shows just a few of the many policy wins for kids and families that our members secured in 2022.

## Members' Victories for Kids in 2022:

Use the map below to view each member's victory

Best viewed with Adobe Acrobat Reader or Google Chrome



 Trouble using the map? See a list view of members' victories [here](#).

## By the Numbers:

73,566,433

US children under age 18

48

member organizations

38

states & localities

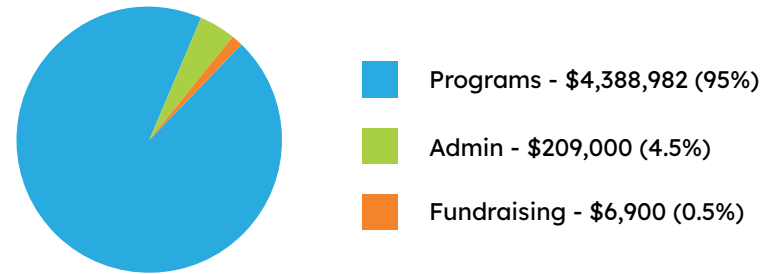
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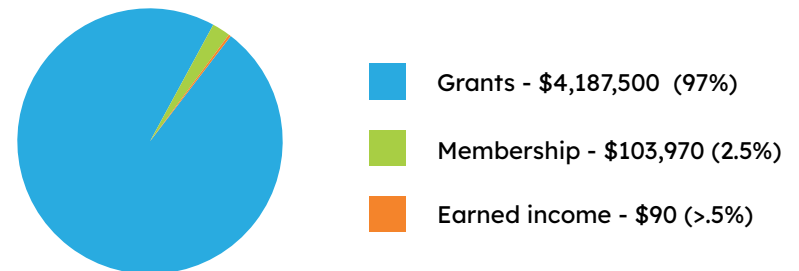
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in grants to members

## 2022 Expenses:\* \$4,604,882



## 2022 Revenue:\* \$4,291,560



\* Unaudited financials

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