POWER OF PARENTS

It's not only our staff who go to Albany and influence legislators. Our parent leaders and people from throughout the community are a force to be reckoned with as well!

This winter we organized two trips to Albany in coordination with our partners in the Empire State Campaign for Child Care and the Kids Can't Wait campaign. Our efforts included 69 parents and community members. On child care, they joined with 200+ more people from around the state.

From boarding the bus at 6am to arriving back home after 7pm, their energy never lagged. They are driven by a deep passion for children.

In meetings with legislators, they spoke from the heart about their experiences as parents, grandparents, teachers, child care providers, pediatricians, occupational and speech therapists...and some of their children spoke for themselves!

When constituents directly engage with their representatives in government, it builds power -- and power leads to change!

See our **current action alerts** and add your voice!

An early morning pick-up doesn't stop these parents!

Advocacy Coordinator Sushmitha Madaboosi sharing tips for talking with legislators on the way to Albany

Service providers from Western New York about to meet with Assemblymember Jon Rivera about Early Intervention

Very Invested Parents Dianne Tanner, Tiffany Howard and Lynn Mordenga