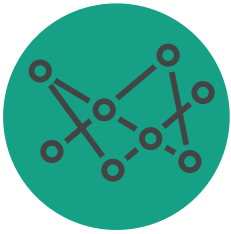


## GET INVOLVED



### #1 STAY CONNECTED

We want to stay connected with the people who are reimagining how our society cares for children, families, and communities. Review what the upEND Movement commits to accomplishing and [add your name to the growing network of supporters by signing our pledge](#). Follow us on Twitter [@upENDmovement](#) and use our hashtags #upEND and #upENDmovement. Lastly, we want to know what you are doing to upEND systems and create alternatives to the existing child welfare system. Share with us any organizing, strategies, practices, etc. that you or your organization has done/is doing by emailing us at [info@upENDmovement.org](mailto:info@upENDmovement.org).



### #2 HELP US TO DISRUPT THE NARRATIVE

For too long negative, racist narratives about Black and Native families have been used to justify the policies and practices that surveil and separate children from their families. Changing the narrative about children and families is a central element to questioning the current system, having honest conversations, and charting a new path. Whether on social media, in dialogue with others, or in your writing and/or research commit to telling the real stories about communities and parents, challenging racist research and ideas, and centering the voices of those with experiences in the child welfare system.



### #3 COMMIT TO ONGOING LEARNING

The work of upENDING the child welfare system will require all of us working together, learning from one another, deepening our analyses, and sharing our knowledge. Help us to make the case that there is a better way to support and protect children and families. Share the information and data that you have—both qualitative and quantitative—that supports this effort. In particular, we invite you—when possible—to share stories about the experiences of children and families who have been involved with the child welfare system—what has been helpful, what has been harmful, and what we can collectively imagine that could be better.

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### #4 CONTRIBUTE TO LOCAL EFFORTS

Change is needed in communities, at the state level, and nationally. We ask you to seek out and join local efforts that are working to dismantle family policing, develop alternative community supports for children's safety and well-being, and build new policies and programs to address root causes of family need. If you are already connected locally, we invite you to share the work of upEND with your networks.



### #5 BUILD THE MOVEMENT WITH US

Over the next months, we plan to hold additional convenings for those who are interested in conversations and workgroups centered around identifying the road to abolition. While our agendas are not yet firmed up, we are currently brainstorming and would love feedback from you. Reach out to us at [info@upENDmovement.org](mailto:info@upENDmovement.org) if you are interested in joining this more in-depth, collaborative work.

