



2024 IMPACT REPORT



raise political consciousness
about family policing
and state violence



bridge gaps between
movements to dismantle
carceral systems



promote abolitionist
approaches to
community safety

CORE STRATEGIES



BUILDING A WORLD WHERE FAMILIES STAY TOGETHER



We envision a society where communities can live without the threat of forcible separations and surveillance that targets Black, Indigenous, and Latine families. We believe liberation requires ending the intersecting carceral, capitalist systems that create violent state interventions in our lives.



Josie Pickens discusses abolition on an episode of the Texas CASA podcast.

upEND signs on to an amicus brief with the Family Justice Resource Center, the MJCF Coalition, and Mother's Outreach Network

Truthout publishes "Victims of Family Policing Are Leading a Movement to Abolish It."



upEND leads an introduction to family policing session at Socialism 2024 in Chicago.

2024



Alan Dettlaff gives an interview for the documentary "Broken."



The upEND team joins the Black Mothers March in DC.

7
new essays and articles
published by upEND

23
speaking engagements
given

6
features in
news articles

82
new academic citations
of our work

LET'S TALK ABOUT SOLIDARITY



In Fall 2024, we launched Season Two of the upEND Podcast which drew connections between movements to deepen our political education, build solidarity between organizers and activists, and bring new people to the fight for our collective liberation. As Maya Angelou said, “The truth is, no one of us can be free until everybody is free.”

6
new episodes
published in 2024

1,267
subscribers

8,742
total plays in 2024



We recorded a live podcast episode at the upEND Convening with Corey B. Best, Tanisha Long, Jennefer Canales-Pelaez, and Tarek Ismail.



We collaborated with over 36 different organizations in 2024.



Our 2024 Convening with keynote speaker Kelly Hayes drew 100 orgnaizers to Houston, TX for a two-day event. By building relationships with leaders across key social justice movements and centering impacted voices, wer’e reckoning with the reach of carceral systems and broadening our partnerships.



DREAM CREATE LIBERATE

A FUTURE WITHOUT FAMILY POLICING



We are thankful for everyone who submitted to our first creative publication! This was a leap of faith and so many excellent artists answered the call.

Through Afrofuturist-inspired visual art, poetry, and short works of fiction, we seek to weave together a tapestry of visions that transcend the limitations of our present reality. By tapping into the boundless creativity of artists, we hope to spark dialogue, inspire action, and pave the way for transformative change.

“Dream, Create, Liberate” features 10 poems, 3 short stories, and 5 works of art and interviews with the prize-winning artists. We hope it inspires you to imagine new worlds.



THE WORK CONTINUES

In 2025, we will release “Reclaiming Safety”, which is our highly anticipated anthology series that will answer frequently asked questions around family policing.

We are also looking forward to the premiere of our documentary “A Vision of Grace” which tells the story of our ongoing collaboration with youth at Montrose Grace Place in Houston, TX and highlights the intersections between family policing, housing insecurity, and LGBTQ youth.

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