



Dear PEPS Community,

*"In every stage of parenting, you need someone who's going through it at the same time — someone to hold your hand, to have your back."*

A PEPS parent shared that with me this week. Her words stayed with me because they capture what your support makes possible.

So far this year, nearly 2,000 parents have found that kind of connection through PEPS. And because of you, it's not just support — its momentum to bring connection and community to more families.

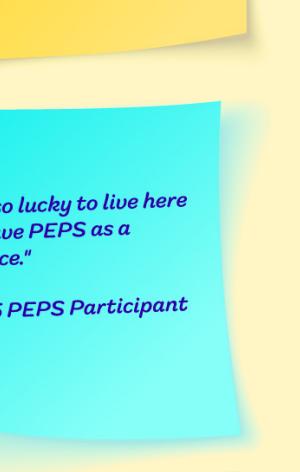
As we reflect and plan for what's ahead, I keep coming back to this truth: PEPS exists because of people like you. People who believe in the power of community and choose to invest in it.

In the first half of 2025, we've built on [our work in 2024](#). We've expanded programs, deepened partnerships, and continued to push for systems change to better support families. Together with staff, Group Leaders, advisors, ambassadors, board members, partners, and funders, we've developed and adopted a bold new 10-year vision for PEPS, along with clear goals and priorities to guide our work over the next three.

Now, we're laying the foundation to bring that vision to life. In the months ahead, we'll be inviting you to help power this next chapter, because PEPS is more than a program. It's a movement. And we're so glad you're part of it.

In Community,

Dana Guy  
PEPS Executive Director



## 2025 Midyear Report

**In the first half of 2025**, 1,952 parents have participated in 172 PEPS Groups.

The impact of our work is clear: 99% of participant respondents reported finding others who understand what they're going through.

Read more in our [Outcomes Report](#).

*"Honestly, PEPS was a lifeline for me while I was struggling being home alone with baby and feeling isolated...knowing I wasn't alone in how I was feeling made all the difference."*

*—2025 PEPS Participant*

**Beyond PEPS Groups**, we supported parents through 12 workshops and events.

These gatherings included topics specific to parents of adolescents, grandparents, working moms, and LGBTQIA+ parents. We covered topics including adolescent stress, financial planning, and social connection.

*"I feel so lucky to live here and have PEPS as a resource."*

*—2025 PEPS Participant*

**The PEPS staff and board reflected on and [evaluated our 2020-2024 strategic direction](#)** and, along with community stakeholders, have developed our next strategic direction.

Stay tuned for details this fall!

*"In this plan I really see the fingerprints of so many people, including my own."*

*—Polly, PEPS Partnership Manager*

## Stories of Change

Through connection, partners, and advocacy, we strengthen families and communities.

### Bringing Parents Together

In a world that often feels divided, PEPS is building something different: connection.

⦿ Hear from PEPS parents [Olivia and Everett](#)

### Collaboration

Through our partnerships with [Community](#) and [Network](#) Partners, PEPS programming is offered in culturally relevant ways and across the country.

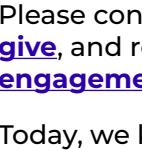
⦿ Listen to Alma and Sandra, from PEPS Partner [NISO Programs](#)

### Advocating for Change

PEPS advocates for policies that strengthen families because we recognize that many challenges families face stem from structural barriers that require policy solutions.

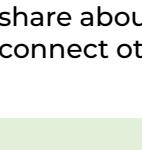
⦿ Check out this message from Gabriela of the [Economic Opportunity Institute](#)

## Staff Reflections



### [The Evolution from Office to Gathering Space](#)

Cari Morales, Operations Director



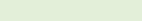
### [Network Partners from Hawaii to North Carolina](#)

Polly Jirkovsky, Partnership Manager



### [Empowering Families through Community Partnerships](#)

Gloria Martinez, Bilingual PAT Outreach Manager



### [Relationship-Centered Fundraising](#)

Marion Mohrlok, Development Director



### [A Reimagined Board](#)

Dana Guy, Executive Director

**Talk About It. Grow Connection.**

Please continue to [spread the word](#) about PEPS in your communities, [give](#), and reach out with ideas, questions, and inquiries about [further engagement](#). Perhaps now is a good time for you to [lead a PEPS Group](#)?

Today, we know connection isn't just helpful, it's essential. When you share about your PEPS experience, and what PEPS is doing today, you connect others to this movement of support in community. Thank you!



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