

PARENTS ORGANIZE

POWER-PAC is a cross-cultural, cross-community membership organization of COFI-trained parents whose mission is to build the voice and power of low-income, immigrant and working families by uniting parents across race and community around issues of importance to children and families. The numbers below tell the story of their successes.



10,445
children referred
to Head Start



**Won discipline
code changes**
that reduced
suspensions
by **35%**



**Streamlined
Ready
To Learn
preschool
enrollment**
for **22,873**
families



Got recess reinstated
for **266,000+** elementary
students



150 **community
schools**
opened in Chicago

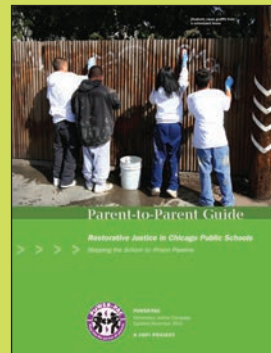


**Expanded SNAP
(food stamps)**
to **40,000** more
Illinois families

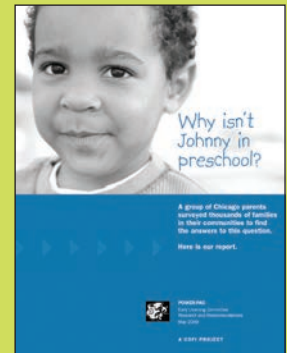


REPORTS WITH PARENT-DRIVEN RESEARCH AND RECOMMENDATIONS

POWER-PAC parents are deeply connected in their own communities and able to do research that outsiders can't. They knock on thousands of doors, host community forums, and collect information that results in incisive reports which can be accessed at www.cofionline.org/publications/reports.



**Parent to Parent Guide:
Restorative Justice**
Background on POWER-PAC's Elementary Justice Campaign and their work to end "zero-tolerance" policies and bring restorative justice to the schools.



**Why Isn't Johnny in
Preschool?**
Parent interviews of over 5,000 parents and caregivers in low and moderate-income communities found that 40 to 64 percent of preschool-aged children were not enrolled in preschool or Head Start.