

Public comment from D. Mendoza

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Hello, Side by Side is submitting a public comment on how our partnership with United Parents has impacted our work for parents/caregivers.

Comment:

Our partnership with United Parents has significantly expanded and deepened Side by Side's work for parents and caregivers. Through this collaboration, we've been able to serve many more families, reaching parents and caregivers we may not have otherwise connected with through our regional workshops. This partnership allows us to prioritize support for special populations, offer essential resources, education, and advocacy, and empower parents to confidently advocate for their children's specialized needs. Together, we're building a broader, stronger community of providers dedicated to supporting families across the state and creating a more connected, informed, and empowered network of parents and caregivers.

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