

The ACCOUNTABILITY DIALOGUES



Summary of Recommendations for Congress

In the Fall of 2021, Futures Without Violence, Latinos United for Peace and Equity, The National Center on Violence Against Black Women (Ujima, Inc.), and Women Transforming Families, a project of Ujima, came together with survivors of domestic violence who were impacted by the child welfare system, along with state, tribal, and federal policymakers in the *Accountability Dialogues*. The Accountability Dialogues created a platform that elevated the voices of survivors and provided an opportunity for survivors, policymakers, advocates, and judges to listen to one another and advance policy solutions that would prevent further injustice to adult and child survivors of domestic violence. These recommendations and policy solutions offer a new framework: work diligently with care and compassion, and without bias, to keep families together; robustly support survivors and their children, in their community and with the resources and supports that they have identified, to meet their family's needs; and invest in communities and culturally responsive, community-based organizations to help families thrive.

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1. Expand the scope and the prevention funding available under the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) to allow states to use federal funds to provide economic and community supports for families, collaborate with domestic violence (DV) programs, co-design a new Family Assistance Pathway with and for families, and support innovative, community-based solutions.
2. Increase federal resources to serve Native American children and families and rural children and families, who are disproportionately impacted by the child welfare system.
3. Pass legislation and generously appropriate federal funds that help families achieve safety and economic security through a permanent, monthly, fully refundable Child Tax Credit along with a robust childcare, healthcare, housing, transportation, and family leave package. Increase accessibility and benefit levels for all federal social safety net programs.