A Planning Team is established; invests more than a year to develop a foundation for a sustainable network of parent organizations.

Planning Team’s first education summit for 150 parent leaders and organizations provides networking and training opportunities. Feedback from over 20 parent organizations helps develop parent engagement and school reform recommendations.

Second Parent Summit “Connecting and Strengthening Parent Voices” officially launches PON. Over 300 parents and advocates generate regional momentum for a county-wide collaborative.

PON’s third summit, “Divided No More,” attracts 400 parent and community leaders and highlights need for multi-ethnic parent movement in Los Angeles. PON develops and adopts Parent Engagement Standards to hold schools/districts accountable, and partners with LAUSD to develop District’s Strategic Plan for Parent Engagement.

PON Standards officially become part of LAUSD Parent Engagement and Involvement Plan. PON is invited to participate on LAUSD’s Parent Engagement Steering Committee to develop an implementation strategy and tools for the District’s newly-developed Plan.

PON rolls out “RESPECT for Parents” Campaign to train low-income parents to increase engagement in their child’s school which decades of research and reason show is critical for student success.

PON hosts its fourth county-wide parent summit “Bridging the Parent-School Gap” for approximately 350 parent and community leaders.

PON hosts its fifth county-wide summit, the second event of three PON Learning Series, “Bridging the Parent-School Gap, Part 2” for approximately 125 parent and community leaders.
Parents can and must be strong advocates for their children. They can and should partner with public schools to ensure a high quality and equitable education for all children. This is what drives the Parent Organization Network and why the organization’s work is so important today. Formed in July 2005, PON’s mission was to provide a place and space for parents to improve educational outcomes for students from low to moderate-income communities of color in Los Angeles County. The parent perspective on parent engagement continues to be missing from so many conversations about schools and academic achievement. This collaborative of independent parent organizations promotes and supports parents, helping them find and build their voice to help their kids succeed.