



Educator Advocacy Pathways

Professional Development and Skill-Building

Direct Instruction: learning education policy and advocacy can equip educators with the knowledge and skills to effectively advocate for change.

Advocacy Training: learning about the legislative process, how to communicate their message effectively, and how to build relationships with policymakers.

Building Relationships and Coalitions

Stakeholder Communication: effective communication with parents, community members, and other stakeholders to build support for advocacy efforts.

Networking: joining and forming coalitions with other educators, parents, and community members to amplify their voices and increase their influence.

Amplifying Voices and Sharing Stories

Personal Narratives: sharing stories to help decision-makers understand the impact of policies and practices on students and educators.

Research: using data to support advocacy for positions, policies and legislation.

Highlighting Best Practices: citing examples of successful experience can inspire others and demonstrate the potential for positive change.

Direct Engagement with Decision-Makers

School Boards: attend and participate in school board meetings, run for school board positions, and support candidates who advocate for their priorities according to Learning for Justice.

Legislators: contact state and federal representatives to express their views on education-related legislation.

Local Government: engaging with local government officials on issues like funding, resources, and community partnerships can also be impactful.

Focusing on Specific Issues

Identify Key Issues: adopt positions on specific issues to advocate for policies and practices that support optimal outcomes for public education and the students it serves.

Develop a Clear Message: crafting concise messaging that resonates with stakeholders and influences decisionmakers.

Advocate for Change: make direct communication with decision-makers, create public awareness, and engage the community in support for what is best for children.