



Equal Voice Action (EVA) is a national family-led membership organization focused on building the political power of poor and low-income people.

We seek to change the policies and attitudes that adversely affect people in poverty, and to foster equal voice and opportunity for all.

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF EQUAL VOICE ACTION?

Our mission is to engage, connect and build power among poor and low-income families to influence policies that improve the economic and social well-being of all families.

WHAT DOES EQUAL VOICE ACTION BELIEVE?

Equal Voice Action believes that:

- No family should live in poverty
- Every issue is a family issue
- Families should have an equal voice in shaping policies that affect their communities
- Families can lead movements and bring about lasting change to improve the well-being of all families
- Strong families make America stronger
- A unified coalition representing the diverse voices and needs of families can change public attitudes and perceptions about poverty in America

WHAT ARE THE CORE VALUES OF EQUAL VOICE ACTION?

Equal Voice Action values:

- A society in which everyone is treated fairly and equitably
- A political process that is accessible and accountable to all members of society
- Dignity and respect for all families
- Elevating the voices of poor people
- Working together through collective action to make change
- Honoring diversity and confronting racism and discrimination

WHY IS EVA A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION?

Politicians respond to identifiable, organized voting blocs. The best way to challenge organized money is with organized power. The more people who are members of Equal Voice Action, the more power our members will be able to wield through EVA.

WHY IS EVA A MEMBER-LED ORGANIZATION?

Change is driven from the ground up. Individuals and families are the experts on what solutions are needed to lift them and their communities out of poverty. Equal Voice Action engages and empowers those who are typically left out of the political process, and our intentional focus on families challenges and influences the public perception of poor people and their families.

CAN ANYONE BE A MEMBER OF EQUAL VOICE ACTION?

Yes, anyone who supports our mission can join to amplify their voice and grow our shared power.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP?

Connections: Get to know members and organizations in your area that represent your issues

Community: Meet, connect and mobilize with other like-minded people in your community and across the country

Resources: Access knowledge, data, training, coaching, mentoring and other tangible benefits as membership grows and develops

Advocacy: Make your voice heard through collective action campaigns and representation in local, state and national issues

HOW DOES EVA, AS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, BENEFIT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS?

As a national platform, EVA can amplify the work of local organizations by:

- highlighting and supporting local campaigns and initiatives
- building their capacity to scale and advance their work
- forging new national networks and alliances across issues
- increasing their national influence and political power

HOW IS EQUAL VOICE ACTION STRUCTURED?

Equal Voice Action is a 501(c)(4) organization. This means that EVA can engage in more advocacy and lobbying than a 501(c)(3). 501(c)(4)s can lobby for legislation and engage in other political and legislative activity. People can donate to EVA, but the donations are not tax-deductible.

WHERE IS EVA LOCATED?

EVA is a national organization. Its board members live and work across the country, and its Executive Director lives and works in the Chicago area.

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