



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR VISION AND MISSION



OUR VISION

We envision a world where hate has no home and no home is blindsided by hate. A world where connection, care, and early support protect what matters most.

We stand with every person harmed by hate. We don't take political sides. We take the side of human dignity, moral clarity, and consistent compassion.

OUR MISSION

We were founded by parents, siblings, and survivors of radicalization. We've felt the fear, pain, and helplessness that come with watching someone you love spiral into extremism. At Parents for Peace, we deliver innovative, effective, and evidence-based interventions to prevent extremism and provide hope, building stronger individuals, families, and communities.

OUR STORY

Parents for Peace is national nonprofit founded in 2015 by families, survivors, and experts to prevent extremism across all ideologies. What began as a grassroots support group is now a national helpline and intervention network. Our team of former extremists, family members, specialists, and public health professionals works together to prevent radicalization with compassion and expertise.

We help individuals disengage from hate and equip families, schools, and communities with tools to prevent violence and support early intervention. Guided by a public health approach, we replace fear with compassion, prevention, healing, and hope.



Founding families of Parents for Peace, with Founder Melvin Blesoe in the center

We continue to honor the life of Founder Melvin Bledsoe who passed in August 2025. After his radicalized son carried out an attack, Melvin made a choice to turn his pain into purpose. With courage and compassion, he founded Parents for Peace so that no other parent would feel alone in the face of extremism. His vision created a lifeline for countless families, giving them support, hope, and strength. Melvin's legacy is one of love stronger than hate, and his impact will continue to guide our mission for years to come.



LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Partners,

In 2025, Parents for Peace marked a decade of impact, ensuring that families never have to face hate, extremism, or antisemitism alone. Over ten years, we have grown into a national leader in family-centered prevention and early intervention. Yet we are also confronting a deepening crisis. Young people, especially boys, are increasingly being pulled into radicalization online.

Ten years ago, I helped found Parents for Peace on one simple belief: no one should have to face this alone. At the time, many believed radicalization was rare or distant. Today, we know better.

This year, we honor the life and legacy of our co-founder, Melvin Bledsoe, who passed away on August 21, 2025. After his son carried out a deadly attack in Little Rock in 2009 following his radicalization, Melvin transformed his family's pain into purpose. He dedicated his life to ensuring other families would not endure the same devastation. His courage and compassion remain at the heart of our mission.

Across the country, young people struggling with isolation and belonging are being drawn into extremist content at younger ages. In 2025, we saw concerning trends, including rising antisemitism across ideologies, the emergence of 764 and other forms of nihilistic violence, and the normalization of hate in online spaces. Parents often notice the warning signs first, yet many suffer in silence, unsure where to turn. This is why Parents for Peace exists.

We champion a public health approach, standing alongside families in early intervention and recovery. Our work helps families recognize warning signs, interrupt harm, and guide loved ones back toward connection and hope. We remain intentionally apolitical and grounded in respect across differences.

In 2025, our helpline received 821 inquiries. We conducted 190 intervention sessions, supported 40 individuals and their families, delivered 78 trainings, and gave 51 talks nationwide. Behind each number is a family seeking hope.

As one parent shared, "Parents for Peace was a lifesaver in our darkest hour. They helped me reach my son. Today, he is back with us."

As we look ahead, our vision remains clear. Preventing extremism is not only about what we stand against, but what we stand for: accountability, belonging, safety, and transformation.

We are deeply grateful to the families who trust us in their most difficult moments, and to the supporters and partners who make this work possible. Your belief in this mission, your generosity, and your willingness to stand with families facing the unthinkable are what allow us to show up, every day, with compassion and resolve.

Together, we can ensure that no family faces this alone.

With gratitude,
Myrieme Churchill



OUR SOLUTION

Working with Individuals & Families

- **Confidential Helpline** – We answer the call when families and individuals are in crisis. Our trained staff provide specialized guidance and support.
- **Professional & Peer Support** – We provide individually-tailored and trauma-informed services to radicalized individuals and their families.
- **Support Groups** – We create safe, non-judgmental spaces to break isolation, share resources, and build hope.



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Parents for Peace was literally a lifesaver during a very dark time for our family. My son was in a mental health crisis & I discovered he was engaging with extremist and dangerous content online. Finding providers that truly understood his situation and how to help was challenging. Parents for Peace knew exactly what to do.

*They helped me put together a care team, secure the support he needed, and gave me the tools to advocate for him. **Today, I have my son back.** I don't know if our story would have had a happy ending without the expertise of Parents for Peace.*

-Parent

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OUR SOLUTION

Supporting Communities

- **Training & Education** – We teach skills to professionals, schools, and communities to prevent violence and build resilience.
- **Public Awareness & Outreach** – We foster societal engagement via talks and media engagements to educate the public about the underlying causes of extremism.
- **Advocacy** – We shape the development of policies that treat radicalization as a public health issue—not just a criminal one.



2025 IMPACT



821 intervention sessions

Our Exit Interventionists facilitated 821 intervention sessions in 2025, including sessions with individuals of concern and the families of those individuals.



190 individuals supported

Our team worked with 190 individuals in 2025, from individuals of concern to parents and family members of the radicalized individual.



51 talks

Our team members participated in 51 talks or speaking engagements in 2025, furthering the awareness and reach of Parents for Peace prevention tools and resources.



40 trainings

Our team members facilitated 40 trainings to professionals in the field to provide them with the tools and insight to address extremism in their communities.



60+ countries

From social media to our website, people in over 60 countries engaged with our content online, showcasing the world wide reach of our programming and advocacy.



20 mil+ people reached

Across all digital platforms across social media and our website, talks, press, articles, and media mentions, we reached over 20 million people in 2025.

IN THE NEWS



Myrieme on CBS News Confirmed

Segment about how everyday people can fall into online radicalism



Arno x Montana Tucker Video

Arno & Montana spoke to people on Holocaust Remembrance Day



P4P on ABC News Extremism Segment

Founders Monica & Melvin Bledsoe speak about founding P4P



Featured on WBZ News Radio

P4P was featured in a segment about the Mass. Teachers Association



Arno Featured in Business Insider

Segment about "How US Neo-Nazism Actually Works"



Journal of Human Behaviour

Dr. Miri Bar-Halpern featured in a journal about social behavior



P4P Featured in CBS News Article

Dr. Miri Bar-Halpern quoted in article about antisemitic attacks



Mubin in Channel 12 Segment

Exit Peer Specialist Mubin Shaikh was featured in Channel 12 News segment



Melvin Bledsoe Passes in August

WREG Memphis & Yahoo! News report about Mr. Bledsoe's founding of P4P



POLITICS, IDEAS, AND CIVIC LIFE

Myrieme in Commonwealth Beacon

Exec Dir Myrieme Churchill published an article in Commonwealth Beacon



Commission on Combating Antisemitism

Arno, Mubin & Myrieme presented at the Massachusetts State House

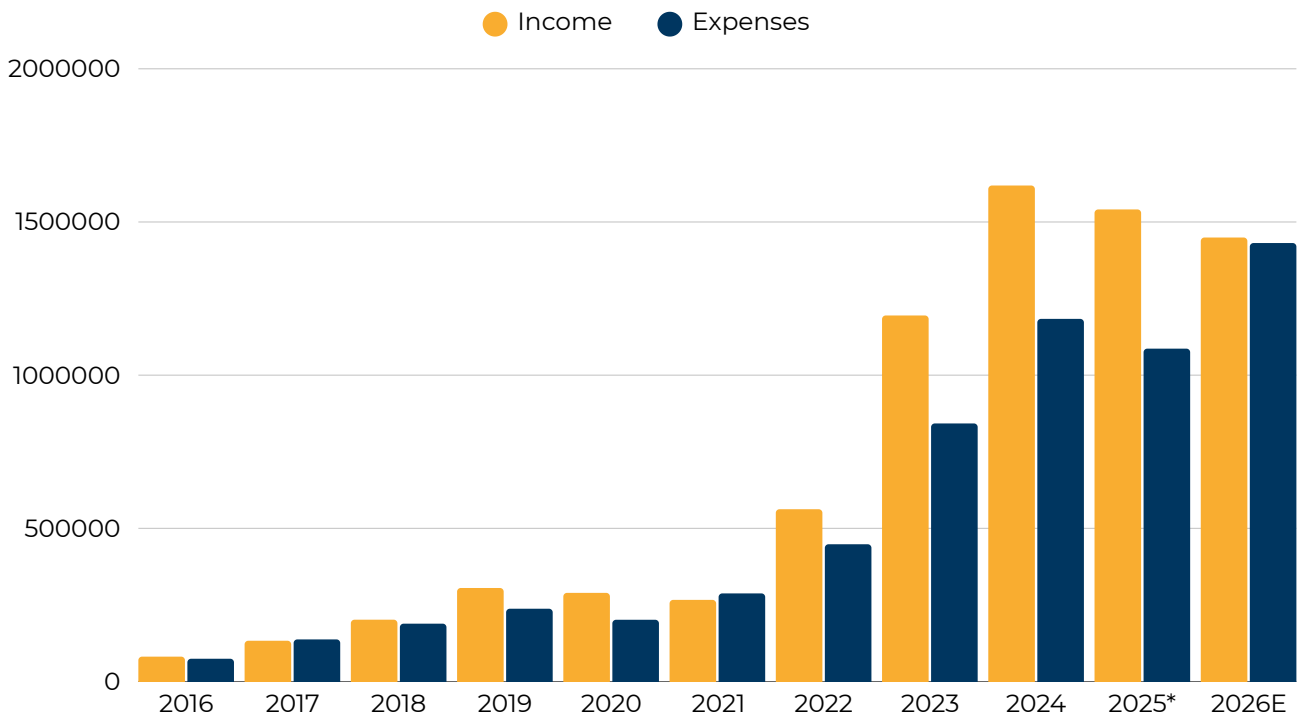


P4P at the Eradicate Hate Summit

Our team participated in panels, talks, breakout groups, and a table

FINANCIALS

Year	Revenue	Expenses
2018	\$201,740	\$188,744
2019	\$305,200	\$237,519
2020	\$289,262	\$201,481
2021	\$266,460	\$187,523
2022	\$532,000	\$378,000
2023	\$1,052,350	\$782,466
2024	\$1,504,486	\$1,478,149
2025*	\$1,435,113*	\$1,110,233*



*2025 Figures are unaudited as 2025 audit is not yet complete

A DECADE OF VISIONARY IMPACT

Over the past decade, our financial growth has told a story that reaches far beyond numbers on a page. It reflects a journey defined by perseverance, innovation, and an unwavering belief that violence and extremism are preventable.

From the beginning, Parents for Peace has stood at the forefront of this work as the only national organization providing early interventions and preventions to intimate bystanders and radicalized youth, pioneering a field that did not yet exist. What began as a bold and urgent vision was carried forward by a small but determined community of volunteers, family members, and professionals who refused to accept violence as inevitable. With virtually no funding, we built a new model rooted in supporting families and preventing harm before it takes hold, laying the foundation for a safer and more resilient future.

This progress would not have been possible without visionary donors and foundations who recognized the promise of this work early on. They understood that prevention is not only necessary, but transformative. By investing in an untested idea and believing in our mission, they helped turn a pioneering vision into a proven national approach. Their leadership has been essential, and their example continues to invite others to join this growing movement.

Today, while our budget has grown, our purpose remains the same. We continue to operate with focus and discipline, ensuring that every resource is directed toward meaningful impact. For ten years, we have shown that investing in families and prevention works, and that the pioneers who believed in this mission from the start were right to do so.

Every dollar entrusted to us represents more than financial support. It is a commitment to stopping violence before it begins, strengthening communities, and ensuring that no family is left to face these challenges alone.

To the donors and foundations considering this work today, we invite you to join the pioneers who helped make this vision real and help shape the future of prevention.

OUR TEAM



Myrieme Nadri-Churchill
Executive Director



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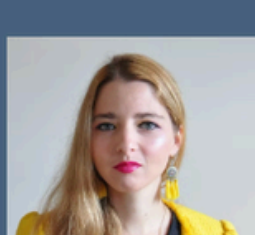
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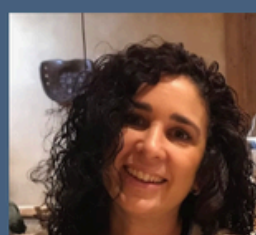
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Exit Interventionist

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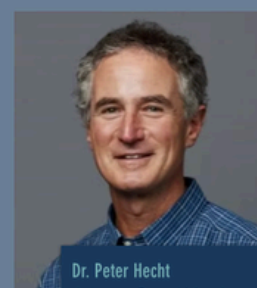
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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many individual and anonymous donors whose generosity sustained and strengthened our work throughout 2025. Your partnership and trust have enabled us to expand our impact and bring hope, support, and solutions to those who need them most.



The Carob Trust

GET INVOLVED

FOLLOW & SHARE

Follow Parents for Peace on social media so you can stay up to date with our latest news.

Share any of our highlights, updates, insights, and press mentions so you can help us spread awareness about our mission.

Instagram & Facebook: @parents4peace
LinkedIn: Parents for Peace

DONATE

The need is urgent. Your donation provides essential services to deter potential attacks and create safer communities.

Join Parents for Peace in building a future grounded in empathy, connection, and collective courage.

www.parents4peace.org/donate



VOLUNTEER

You can support our work by volunteering your time and expertise to support our ongoing interventions, trainings, or helpline monitoring.

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