

## **Tameka Henry, Parent, Las Vegas, NV**

Mrs. Tameka Henry is a mother of four, balancing two jobs, and caring for a disabled husband who is unable to work because of his chronic illness (he has gastro-paresis, which is caused by diabetes). She lost her job and had to find a different job when her husband became ill, and has constantly struggled to afford child care. She will explain that a national paid family and medical leave program would provide the chance for economic stability and would allow her to work towards retirement, and ease her fears about the future effect of chronic medical problems her children have.

Mrs. Henry is also a community activist. She is a founding member of RISE UP Nevada, a Board member of the Region IX Head Start Association, and an Ambassador with Make it Work Nevada.