

WHERE TO FIND LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY UPDATES

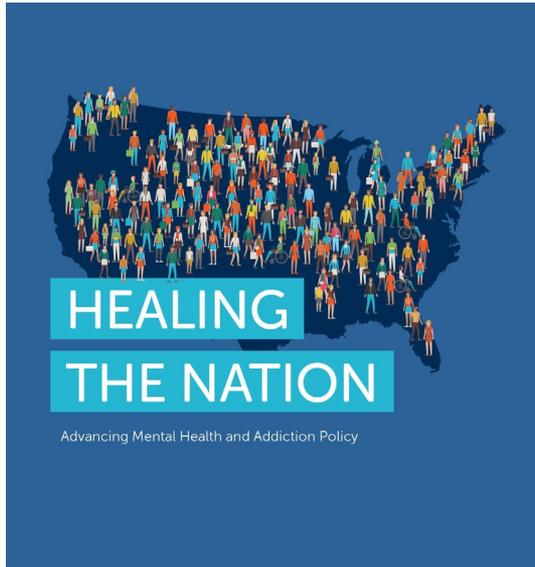


*National Federation of Families
for Children's Mental Health*

NATIONALLY



ABHW



Advancing Health Care Policy
for Mental Health and Addiction

www.abhw.org/advocacy



American Academy of Pediatrics



DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN™

For Advocacy Issues



<https://services.aap.org/en/advocacy/>

State-Focused Advocacy



<https://services.aap.org/en/advocacy/state-advocacy/>



AMERICAN **BAR** ASSOCIATION

Center on Children
and the Law



The Center aims to improve children's lives through advances in law, justice, knowledge, practice and public policy.

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/child_law/



Campaign for Youth Justice - Raise the Age

www.campaignforyouthjustice.org



Get a national snapshot of current legislation being introduced that removes children from the adult system here: [Weekly Legislative Roundup](#).

Keep up with the latest here: [Federal News and Legislation](#).



State Budgets and Tax Issues
<https://www.cbpp.org/topics/state-budget-and-tax>

TANF in the States
<https://www.cbpp.org/topics/tanf-in-the-states>

Medicaid and CHIP
<https://www.cbpp.org/topics/medicaid-and-chip>

SNAP Basics
<https://www.cbpp.org/topics/snap-basics>



Child Trends is the nation's leading research organization focused exclusively on improving the lives of children and youth, especially those who are most vulnerable.

<https://www.childtrends.org/>



ChildFocus connects people, programs and policy to support non-profits, philanthropy and government as unrelenting champions for children, youth and families.

<https://www.childfocuspartners.com/>



children's
defense fund
Leave No Child Behind®

The Children's Defense Fund Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

<https://www.childrensdefense.org/activism/advocacy/speak-up/>



The Child Welfare League Of America (CWLA) is a powerful coalition of hundreds of private and public agencies that since 1920 has worked to serve children and families who are vulnerable. Their expertise, leadership and innovation on policies, programs, and practices help improve the lives of millions of children across the country.

<https://www.cwla.org/>

<https://familyfirstact.org/>



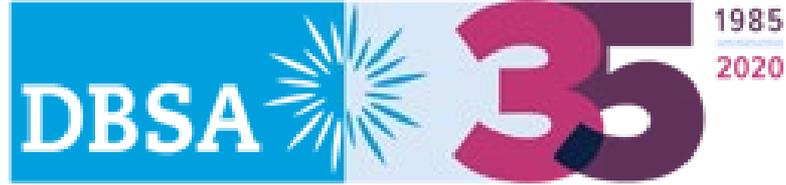
Kids involved with the child welfare system should grow up in safe, stable and secure families.

Take part in the historic reform of the child welfare system. Learn more at

[FamilyFirstAct.org](https://familyfirstact.org)

Kids should grow up in safe, stable and secure families who support their long-term well-being. Research makes clear — growing up in a family is essential for all kids, especially those who have experienced abuse or neglect. Family First is an opportunity moment that offers exciting possibilities for us to be responsive to the specific needs of children, teens and families.





**Depression and Bipolar
Support Alliance**

Building on a long history of championing personal advocacy, DBSA also advocates for placing peers at the forefront when determining needs and best practices for mental health services. They support both policy and media related advocacy at national and state levels, ensuring the needs and concerns of peers are front and center in policy, service delivery, and treatment decisions.

<https://www.dbsalliance.org/get-involved/advocacy-center/>



Families USA, a leading national, non-partisan voice for health care consumers, is dedicated to achieving high-quality, affordable health care and improved health for all. Their work is driven by and centered around four pillars: value, equity, coverage, and consumer experience. They view these focus areas - and the various issues unique to each area - as the cornerstones of America's health care system.

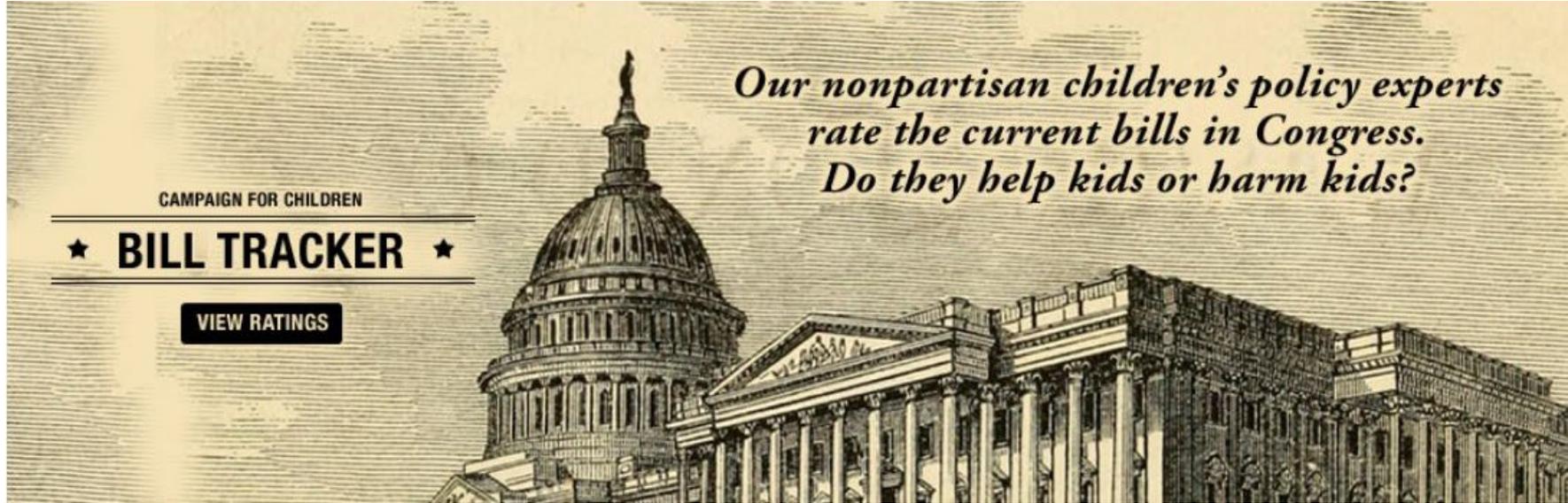
<https://familiesusa.org/act/>



Family Focused Treatment Association

In 1988, the Foster Family-based Treatment Association, now Family Focused Treatment Association, (FFTA) was founded to develop, promote and support treatment foster care. Over the years, they've grown to become the only national, nonprofit association representing treatment foster care programs across North America.

<https://www.fftta.org/page/Advocacy>



CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN

★ **BILL TRACKER** ★

VIEW RATINGS

*Our nonpartisan children's policy experts
rate the current bills in Congress.
Do they help kids or harm kids?*

The First Focus Campaign for Children is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization affiliated with First Focus, a bipartisan children's advocacy organization. The Campaign for Children advocates directly for legislative change in Congress to ensure children and families are a priority in federal policy and budget decisions.

<https://campaignforchildren.org/about-us/>

generations united[®]

Because we're stronger together[®]

Generations United believes that public policy should meet the needs of all generations and that resources are more wisely used when they connect generations rather than separate them. They promote an intergenerational approach to framing public policies that impact children, youth and older adult issues.

<https://www.gu.org/what-we-do/public-policy/>

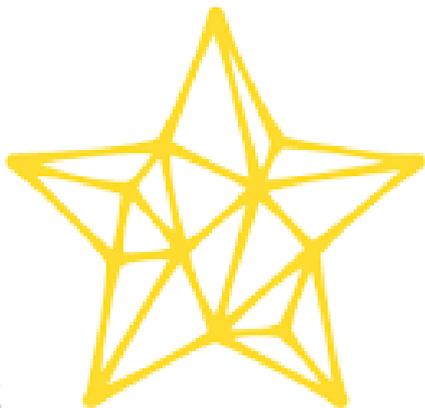
Juvenile Law Center

advancing the rights and
well-being of children in jeopardy

Juvenile Law Center advocates for rights, dignity, equity and opportunity for youth in the child welfare and justice systems. Founded in 1975, Juvenile Law Center is the first non-profit, public interest law firm for children in the country. Through litigation, appellate advocacy and submission of amicus (friend-of-the-court) briefs, policy reform, public education, training, consulting, and strategic communications, they fight for children who come into contact with the child welfare and justice systems.

<https://jlc.org/>

The Kennedy Forum seeks to transform the way mental health and substance use disorders are treated in our health care system by advancing:



THE
KENNEDY
FORUM

PARITY

QUALITY &
TRANSPARENCY

INTEGRATION

TECHNOLOGY

BRAIN HEALTH &
FITNESS

<https://www.thekennedyforum.org/>



Mental Health America takes a unique approach to policy. MHA believes policy should ask people what they need to live the lives they want and support them in getting there. Recovery is founded on the principle that people can take on meaningful roles in the community despite mental health challenges, when they receive the support they need. MHA's goal is recovery for all. There is nothing more important than allowing everyone, and those they care about, the chance to live the life they want with meaningful roles in the community.

<https://mhanational.org/policy-issues>



National Alliance on Mental Illness

Take Action

https://nami.quorum.us/action_center/

State Fact Sheets

<https://www.nami.org/Advocacy/State-Fact-Sheets>

Policy Priorities

<https://www.nami.org/Advocacy/Policy-Priorities>

Public Policy Reports

www.nami.org/Support-Education/Publications-Reports/Public-Policy-Reports

NAMI's Federal Advocacy

<https://www.quorum.us/spreadsheet/external/WQymilirtkqgyATOehgR/>

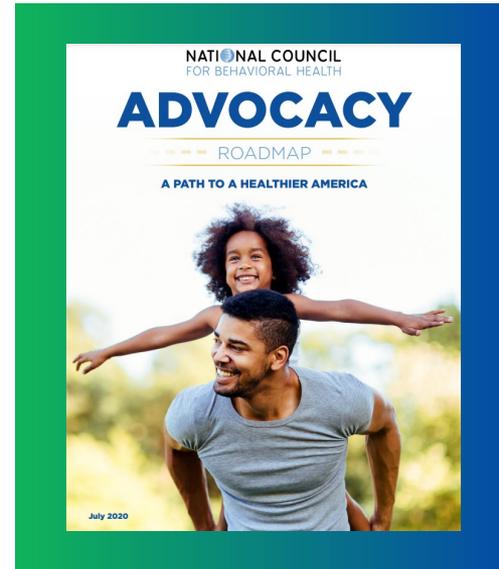
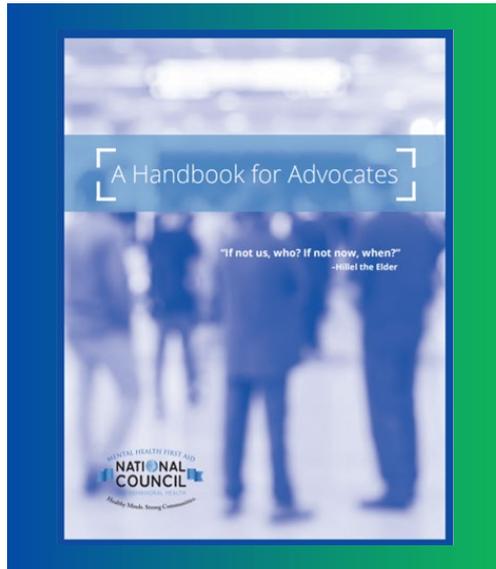


NARMH
National Association for
Rural Mental Health

The National Association for Rural Mental Health seeks to promote the linkage of the diverse voices of rural mental health, through its activities as a membership organization. As a national organization, NARMH provides a forum for rural mental health professionals, advocates, and consumers to identify issues and problems, share innovative solutions and model programs, and speak with a shared voice on issues of rural mental health concern.

<https://www.narmh.org/index.php/legislative/>

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



<https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/>



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

WWW.NCJFCJ.ORG

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is the oldest judicial membership organization in the country and provides all judges, courts, and related agencies involved with juvenile, family, and domestic violence cases with the knowledge and skills to improve the lives of the families and children who seek justice.

<https://www.ncjfcj.org/>

Parity is about fairness. Americans with behavioral health conditions often have more difficulty getting the treatment and services they need when compared to individuals seeking other medical care. Explore parity-related information at the federal level regarding legislation, statutes, and regulatory actions since the Federal Parity Law was passed in 2008.

[Federal Parity Reports](#)

[State Parity Reports](#)



PARTNERSHIP FOR AMERICA'S **CHILDREN**

Connecting, strengthening, and inspiring
state and local child advocates

The Partnership for America's Children's mission is to support its network of state and community child advocacy organizations in effective advocacy. The Partnership connects its members to peer expertise and national resources and facilitates interstate collaborations to deepen the level of impact of child advocacy within and across states. It fosters policy expertise, advocacy skills, and strong organizations.

<https://foramericaschildren.org/content/about-partnership>



Partnership to End Addiction

The Partnership to End Addiction partners with families, professionals and other organizations to end addiction in this country. Theirs is a public health approach, rooted in science and compassion.

<https://drugfree.org/advocate-for-change/>



Within Our Reach

Within Our Reach is an office established within the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities to further the recommendations of the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities.

<https://www.alliance1.org/web/within-our-reach/about-within-our-reach.aspx>

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FAMILIES

Bringing Lived Experience to Family Support



IN YOUR STATE



The mission of Voices for Alabama's Children is to speak for the well-being of Alabama's children through research, public awareness and advocacy.

<https://alavoices.org/issues/>

ALABAMA



<https://www.alaskachildrenstrust.org/focus-areas>

ALASKA





ARIZONA

<http://azchildren.org/>

Take Action



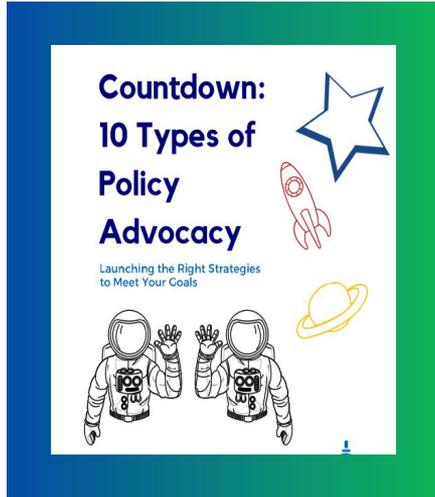
<http://azchildren.org/elections>

District Fact Sheets



<http://azchildren.org/2013-legislature/state-legislative-district-fact-sheets>

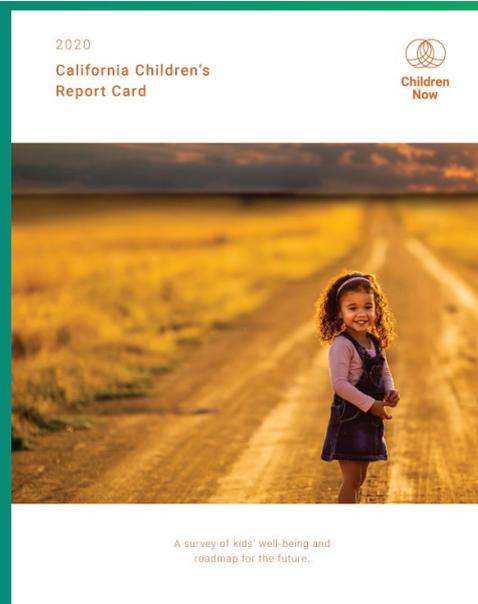
ARKANSAS



<https://www.aradvocates.org/issues/be-an-advocate/>

Children Now

<https://www.childrennow.org/about>



CALIFORNIA

The 2020 Pro-Kid Policy Agenda for California is the comprehensive roadmap at the state level to ensure that all children have the necessary supports to reach their full potential.



The Children's Partnership

[https://www.childrenspartnership.org/
about/how-we-work/legislation/](https://www.childrenspartnership.org/about/how-we-work/legislation/)

CALIFORNIA



2020 Policy Priorities



The Children's Partnership works with local, state, and national partners to advance solutions that provide all children, no matter their background, the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

California is home to 9 million children, of which three in four are children of color and half have at least one immigrant parent. Across the state, families have a variety of needs, ranging from economic, education, and health care, to housing, nutrition and transportation, and all of which have impacts on the health and wellbeing of children. By bringing advocates together to build a shared equity agenda, we can establish a "California for All" that meets the needs and values the assets of children and their families.

Through community engagement, research, and advocacy, The Children's Partnership is focused on the following 2020 policy priorities for children in California:



Strengthen coordination of services for child wellbeing

- Build capacity for partnerships between legal, health and early childhood services to support child and family health at the community level
- Enroll every eligible child into coverage through streamlined enrollment strategies between WIC and Medi-Cal, such as Express Lane Eligibility
- Advance a model of "whole person care" for all Medi-Cal children to address impacts of social factors on physical, behavioral and oral health outcomes for children



COLORADO
CHILDREN'S
CAMPAIGN
Every Chance for Every Child

COLORADO

<https://www.coloradokids.org/advocacy/>



Capitol Updates - Each week during sessions of the Colorado General Assembly, Colorado Children's Campaign tracks important bills related to the well-being of Colorado's children.

CONNECTICUT
VOICES
FOR CHILDREN

CONNECTICUT

<https://ctvoices.org/advocacy-news-events/>

Issues Campaign



<https://ctvoices.org/issue-campaign/>

Legislative Blog



<https://ctvoices.org/advocacy-news-events/our-voice/voices-from-the-capitol/>



<https://www.delawarepublic.org/programs/legislative-update>

DELAWARE



THE CHILDREN'S CAMPAIGN

<https://iamforkids.org/>

FLORIDA

- [Legislative and Policy Agenda 2020](#)
- [Action Alerts](#)
- [Key Issues](#)
- [Legislative Center](#)



The Family Cafe "Let's Talk" Legislative Conference Call Series during Florida's legislative session will keep you up to speed on everything happening in Tallahassee.

[Advocacy Toolkit](#)

FLORIDA

<https://familycafe.net/>



<https://georgiavoices.org>

GEORGIA

- [Weekly Legislative Updates](#)
- [Join the Action Network](#)
- [Polly's Two Minute Takes](#)
- [Ten Tips for Talking to Lawmakers](#)
- [Advocacy Made Easy](#)



Hawai'i Children's Action Network

Building a unified voice for Hawai'i's children

Hawaii Children's Action Network is committed to advocating for children. They address the root causes of poverty and inequity and develop public policies that help children and their families.

<https://www.hawaii-can.org/advocacy>

HAWAII



Idaho Voices for Children champions policies that help kids and families thrive. They serve as a voice for children in policymaking conversations and drive change in the areas of health, child safety and well-being, education, school readiness and family economic security.

<https://www.idahovoices.org/policy/>

IDAHO



ILLINOIS

<https://www.voices4kids.org/>

Get Updates



<https://voices4kids.salsalabs.org/signuptoreceiveupdatesfromvoices/index.html>

Legislative Priorities



<https://www.voices4kids.org/2019-legislative-priorities/>



Illinois Children's
Mental Health
Partnership

ICMHP takes a broad look at children's mental health by using a public health approach. They know that a comprehensive children's mental health system must be built on a foundation of quality prevention, promotion, early intervention/identification and treatment services and supports.

<https://www.icmhp.org/>

ILLINOIS



The mission of MCCOY is to champion the positive development of youth through leadership on key issues and support of the youth worker community.

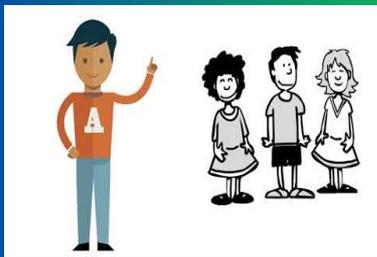
<https://mccoyouth.org/advocate/>

INDIANA



Child & Family POLICY CENTER

Guiding Principles
for Iowa's Medicaid



A podcast about all-
things child
policy in Iowa



IOWA

<https://www.cfpciowa.org/en/advocacy/>



Shaping policy that puts children first

- [Weekly Legislative Blog](#)
- [Policy Priorities](#)

<https://www.kac.org/our-priorities/>

An infographic titled "INTRO TO ADVOCACY" with a small "1" in a blue box at the top left. The title is in a white banner with a dashed border. Below the title is the subtitle "How you can be an effective voice for children at the Kansas Statehouse". The main text explains that advocacy is the foundation for democracy and provides three examples of successful advocacy: Child Care Licensing and Regulation, Children's Health Care, and Funding for Early Childhood. Each example is accompanied by a circular callout box with a yellow border and a blue background. The infographic is set against a green and blue background.

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INTRO TO ADVOCACY

How you can be an effective voice for children at the Kansas Statehouse

Advocacy is the foundation for our democracy. It's an attempt to influence public policy, by a person or group, in a way that brings about legislative action or change.

Child Care Licensing and Regulation:
Facilitated complete overhaul of child care licensing to ensure every child care facility in Kansas is inspected and licensed.

Children's Health Care:
Addressed the fastest-growing group of uninsured children in Kansas -- those living between 200 and 250 percent of poverty -- by extending the eligibility level of the Children's Health Insurance Program.

30 YEARS OF SUCCESS
Kansas Action for Children has partnered with legislators and other advocates to achieve a number of successes over the past 30 years, including:

Funding for Early Childhood:
Ensured that the Children's Initiatives Fund remained the cornerstone of early education and health in Kansas.

It's up to us to speak on behalf of those with little or no political voice of their own, such as children. State legislators look to their constituents to bring important information to their attention and let them know how they want to be represented.

When you're passionate about an issue and ready to take action, it's important to understand the legislative process. Additionally, you should be strategic in the relationships you develop and tools you utilize to effectively communicate your position or cause.

KANSAS

Kentucky youth Advocates



Action Alerts

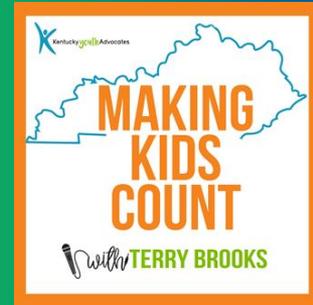
Be the first to know about ways you can take action on behalf of our kids!

Kentucky General Assembly Bill Tracker

The Bill Tracker will continually be updated as bills are filed and move.

KENTUCKY

Features conversations
with policymakers,
community leaders and
youth



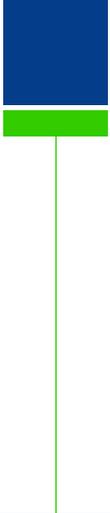
<https://kyyouth.org/>



Agenda for Children was founded to make Louisiana a state in which all children can thrive, by ensuring that the basic needs of children and families are met, that our children are nurtured and well taught, beginning in the early years and continuing through adolescence.

<http://agendaforchildren.org/>

LOUISIANA



Maine
Children's
Alliance



Maine Children's Alliance works to inform, empower and inspire parents and providers, practitioners and organizations, and advocates and policy makers to make Maine a better place to be a child. .

<http://mekids.org/>

MAINE



ADVOCATES

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

MARYLAND

<https://www.acy.org/>

Advocacy Alerts



<https://www.acy.org/advocate/advocacy-alerts/>

Bill Tracker



<https://www.acy.org/policies/where-we-stand/>



MASSACHUSETTS
ADVOCATES
for CHILDREN

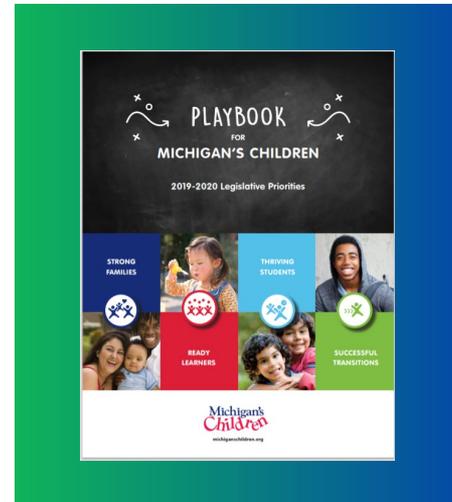
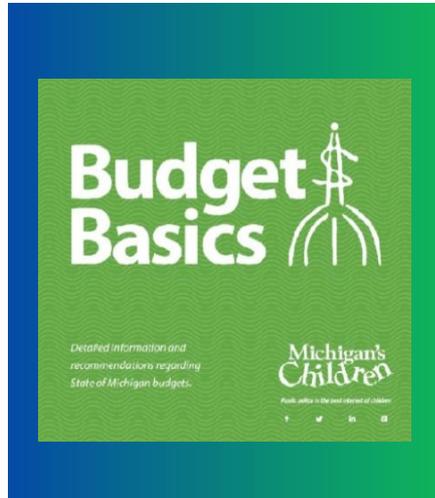
The mission of Massachusetts Advocates for Children is to remove barriers to educational and life opportunities for children and youth.

<https://www.massadvocates.org/>

MASSACHUSETTS

Michigan's Children

*Public policy
in the best interest
of children*



MICHIGAN

<https://www.michiganschildren.org/>

The logo for Michigan Alliance for Families features the organization's name in red, bold, sans-serif font, centered within a circular graphic composed of several overlapping, light-colored rings. Below the name, the words "Information", "Education", and "Support" are stacked vertically in a smaller, italicized, black font, all contained within a light gray rectangular box.

Michigan Alliance for Families

*Information
Education
Support*

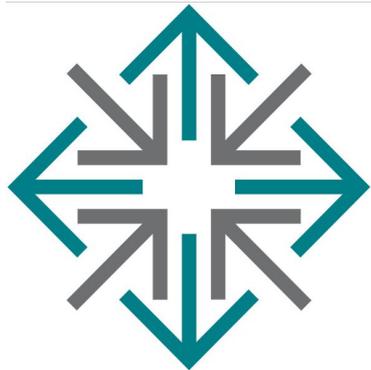


www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org

Michigan Alliance for Families is a statewide resource that connects families of children with disabilities to resources to help improve their children's education.

<https://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/>

MICHIGAN



MINNESOTA
CHILDREN'S
ALLIANCE

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MINNESOTA



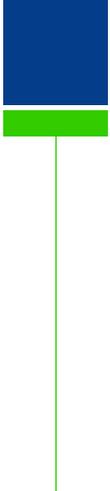
DISABILITY RIGHTS MISSISSIPPI
Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Disabilities

<http://www.drms.ms/>

MISSISSIPPI



<https://childadvocacymss.org/legislation>



MISSOURI

KIDSFIRST

Ending Child Abuse Now

<http://www.missourikidsfirst.org/our-work/policy/>

MISSOURI



<https://voicesforchildren.com/>

NEBRASKA

- [State Policy Agenda](#)
- [Pro Kid Policy Plan](#)
- [Pro-Kid Legislative Recap](#)



Children's Advocacy ALLIANCE

an independent voice
for nevada's children **20 YEARS**

Children's Advocacy Alliance serves as an independent voice to advocate on behalf of Nevada's children and families, as well as those providing services on their behalf, regarding policy changes, resources and crucial community support necessary to ensure safe, stable and healthy families.

<https://www.caanv.org/>

NEVADA



NH Children's Behavioral Health Collaborative

Creating a unified system of care

The Children's System of Care (CSOC) Advisory Council is a multi-disciplinary initiative fixing barriers and improving behavioral health outcomes for children, youth and their families in New Hampshire. The Advisory Council is made up of New Hampshire child and family organizations and agencies focused on mental health and substance use disorders for children, youth and families.

<https://nh4youth.org/>

NEW HAMPSHIRE



Giving every child the chance to grow up safe, healthy and educated. The mission of Advocates for Children of New Jersey is to identify children's needs through research, policy and legal analysis, to raise awareness of those needs through strategic communications, and to work with elected officials and other decision-makers to enact effective responses..

<https://acnj.org/>

NEW JERSEY



The mission of New Mexico Voices for Children is to improve the status, well-being and racial/ethnic equity of New Mexico's children, families, and communities in the areas of health, education, and economic security by promoting public policies through credible research and effective advocacy.

<https://www.nmvoices.org/>

NEW MEXICO



The Schuyler Center for Analysis is a nonprofit, policy analysis and advocacy organization working to shape policies to improve health, welfare and human services for all New Yorkers, especially the poor or vulnerable.

<https://www.scaany.org/>

NEW YORK

TheChildren'sAgenda

Smart Choices. Bold Voices.

<https://thechildrensagenda.org>

NEW YORK

REVIEW OF THE FY20-21 ENACTED NEW YORK STATE BUDGET



4/23/2020

TheChildren'sAgenda

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TheChildrensAgenda.org



WESTCHESTER **CHILDREN'S** ASSOCIATION



Children's Champions Since 1914

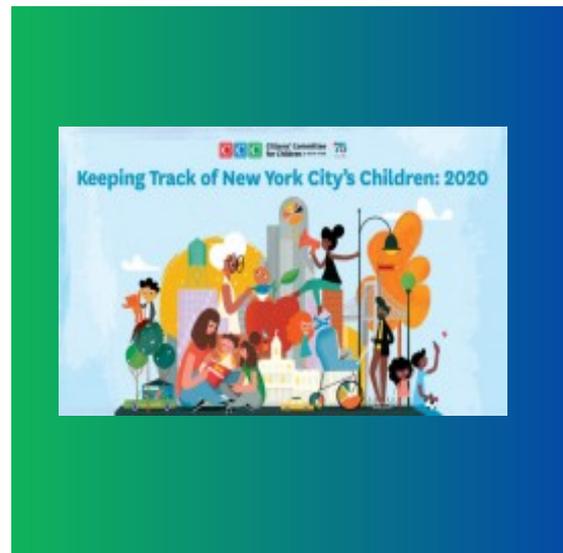
The mission of Westchester Children's Association is to improve the lives of Westchester's young people by shaping policies and programs to meet their needs and by keeping their well-being at the top of the public agenda.

<https://wca4kids.org/>

NEW YORK



**Citizens' Committee
for Children** *of* NEW YORK



ISSUES & CAMPAIGNS

CCC's advocacy focuses on the wide range of issues that impact the lives of children and families. We leverage our data resource and policy and budget expertise to organize campaigns and coalitions that call attention to these issues and advance policies, programs and budgets that ensure that every child is healthy, housed, educated and safe.

COMMUNITY & CHILD WELFARE 	EARLY CARE & EDUCATION 	FINANCIAL & FOOD STABILITY 
HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH 	HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS 	JUVENILE JUSTICE & YOUTH 

<https://www.cccnewyork.org/issues/>

NEW YORK



**NORTH
CAROLINA**

NC Child
The Voice for North Carolina's Children

<https://www.ncchild.org/>

Action Page



<https://ncchild.org/get-involved/take-action/>

**Weekly Legislative
Updates**



<https://www.facebook.com/ncchildorg/>



<https://www.ndkidscount.org/>

NORTH DAKOTA



Ohio Children's Alliance

Leading change for child and family service providers

Ohio Children's Alliance aims to ensure that Ohio's evolving public policies result in a system that is integrated, efficient, cost effective and beneficial to those who matter most - children and families.

<https://www.ohiochildrensalliance.org/>

OHIO



INSTITUTE
FOR **CHILD**
ADVOCACY

<http://oica.org/legislation/>

OKLAHOMA

- [For the Children Weekly Column](#)
- [Weekly Child Advocate Chat](#)
- [Legislative Score Card](#)



Children First
for Oregon

The mission of Children First for Oregon' is to empower communities to advocate for kids so all children in Oregon can thrive.

<https://www.cffo.org/>

OREGON



The mission of Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children is a strong, effective and trusted voice to improve the health, education and well-being of children and youth in the Commonwealth.

<https://www.papartnerships.org/>

PENNSYLVANIA



RHODE ISLAND

<http://www.rikidscount.org/>



Children's Trust

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The mission of Children's Trust of South Carolina is to strengthen families and lead communities to prevent child abuse, neglect and injuries in South Carolina.

<https://scchildren.org/>

SOUTH CAROLINA



Family Connection South Carolina changes lives by making connections, raising awareness and promoting inclusion for those with disabilities and special healthcare needs.

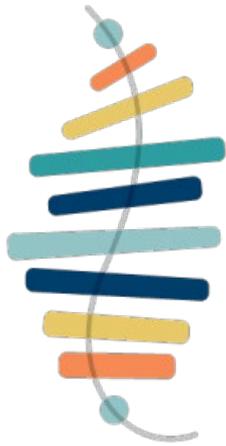
<https://www.familyconnectionsca.org/advocacy/>

SOUTH CAROLINA



SOUTH DAKOTA

<https://www.sdkidscount.org/>



TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON
CHILDREN & YOUTH

TENNESSEE

The mission of Tennessee Commission on Children & Youth is to lead systems improvement for all children and families through data-driven advocacy, education and collaboration.

<https://www.tn.gov/tccy/advocate-collaborate/tccy-ac-advlegis/tccy-ac-advocacy.html>



TEXANS CARE *for* CHILDREN

Texans Care for Children drives policy change to improve the lives of Texas children today for a stronger Texas tomorrow.

<http://txchildren.org/>

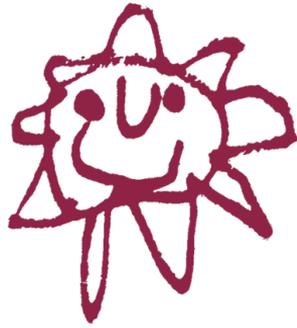
TEXAS



<https://www.utahchildren.org/>

UTAH

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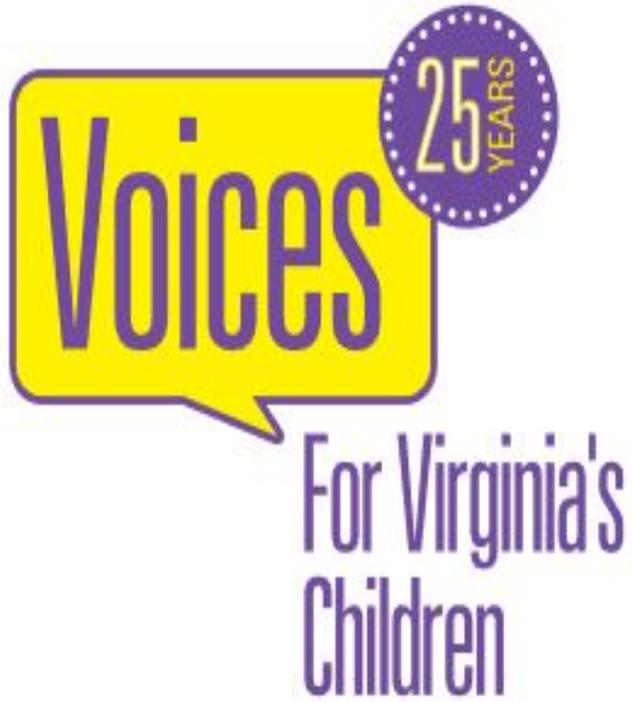


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