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STATE ADVOCACY

Find resources and information about advocating in your state.

Let's Go >
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 Arise is a statewide, member-led organization advancing public policies to improve the lives of Alabamians who are marginalized by poverty.

https://www.alarise.org/
ACT works towards policies and services that strengthen families and communities, promote healthy child and youth development, and prevent child abuse and neglect before it happens.

https://www.alaskachildrenstrust.org/
Children’s Action Alliance (CAA) is an independent voice for Arizona children at the state capitol and in the community.

- [http://azchildren.org/](http://azchildren.org/)
- Legislative Scorecard
ARKANSAS

https://www.aradvocates.org/issues/

The mission of Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families is to ensure that all children and their families have the resources and opportunities to lead healthy and productive lives and to realize their full potential.
2024 California Children’s Report Card, is the state’s most comprehensive report on children’s health, education, and well-being. This year’s Report Card grades California on 32 key children’s issues, from prenatal to age 26.

https://www.childrennow.org
The Children’s Partnership (TCP) is a California advocacy organization advancing child health equity through research, policy, and community engagement.

https://www.childrenspartnership.org/news/
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.

https://www.coloradokids.org/advocacy/
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/
Voices for Children Coalition tracks policies that affect child-wellbeing. Use the Fast Democracy platform to stay up-to-date on these policies. Visit their website to explore the bills they are tracking by category.

https://voicesforchildrendelco.org/fast-democracy/
Florida’s leading nonpartisan voice for all children at the state capitol and in local communities.

- [https://iamforkids.org/](https://iamforkids.org/)
- Action Alerts
- Key Issues
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.

- [https://familycafe.net/](https://familycafe.net/)
- Advocacy Toolkit
GEORGIA

- Weekly Legislative Updates
- Ten Tips for Talking to Lawmakers
- Advocacy Made Easy

https://georgiavoices.org
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
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.idahovvoices.org/policy/
Children’s Advocates for Change is an independent advocacy organization committed to the well-being of every Illinois child. They champion those policies and investments children need so that they are educated, healthy, and thriving.

https://childrensadvocates.org/
ICOY champions the safety, well-being, and success of all Illinois’ children, youth, and families by connecting and strengthening the organizations that serve them and by being a collective voice for policy and practice.

https://www.icoyouth.org/
The Kids’ Voice of Indiana houses the Derelle Watson-Duvall Children’s Law Center that serves Indiana attorneys, judges, and child service providers by providing education and training on juvenile and family law topics; legal assistance and resources; and best practice and policy recommendations.

https://www.kidsvoicein.org/
Common Good Iowa is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization built on a collective 50 years of experience of two respected Iowa organizations – the Child and Family Policy Center and Iowa Policy Project. Their team of policy advocates and researchers leverage reliable data, solid analysis and collaborative relationships to craft people-centered policy solutions for Iowa’s most pressing issues.

https://www.commongoodiowa.org
Kansas Action for Children’s mission is to shape health, education, and economic policy that will improve the lives of Kansas children and families.
Kentucky youth Advocates

https://kyyouth.org/

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Advocacy Toolkit
Learn how to advocate on behalf of Kentucky kids!

TAKE ACTION
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/
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. They provide profiles on each county.

http://mekids.org/
The mission of Maryland Family Network is to ensure that young children have strong families, quality early learning environments, and a champion for their interests.

https://www.marylandfamilynetwork.org/for-advocates
The mission of Massachusetts Advocates for Children is to remove barriers to educational and life opportunities for children and youth.

https://www.massadvocates.org/
A statewide network that advocates for policy, systems, and practice solutions to ensure all children in Massachusetts have access to resources to prevent, diagnose, and treat mental health issues in a timely, effective, and compassionate way.

https://www.childrensmentalhealthcampaign.org/advocacy/
Michigan's Children

Public policy in the best interest of children

https://www.michiganschildren.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/
The Alliance works with multidisciplinary teams and their communities to strengthen the systems meant to keep children safe with ongoing training, research, and advocacy efforts.

https://minnesotachildrensalliance.org
MISSISSIPPI

http://www.drms.ms/

https://childadvocacymss.org
Missouri KidsFirst successfully advocates at the state and federal levels for policies and funding for programs that protect children from abuse and prioritize their safety and well-being.

http://www.missourikidsfirst.org/our-work/policy
Montana Child Protection Alliance seeks to engage all stakeholders, including families, community members, and other service providers, in the process of effective advocacy. They work closely with legislators to introduce bills that seek to help keep children safely with their families when possible and avoid the traumatic experience of entering foster care.

https://mtchildprotectionalliance.org/our-impact/legislative-advocacy/
The Montana Association for the Education of Young Children (mtaeyc) is an organization of early childhood professionals working to solve local, state, and national issues that affect children and families.

https://mtaeyc.org/
NEBRASKA

- State Policy Agenda
- Pro Kid Policy Plan
- Take Action

https://voicesforchildren.com/
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/
The Alliance for Early Success works with early childhood policy advocates at the state level to ensure that every child, birth through eight, has an equal opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

https://earlysuccess.org/new-hampshire
NEW JERSEY

Giving every child the chance to grow up safe, healthy, and educated. Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ) works with local, state and federal leaders to identify and implement changes that will benefit New Jersey’s children. Their work results in better laws and policies, more effective funding and stronger services for children and families.

https://acnj.org/
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/
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

The Children’s Agenda advocates for effective policies and drives evidenced-based solutions for the health, education, and success of children. They are especially committed to children who are vulnerable because of poverty, racism, health inequities, and trauma.

https://thechildrensagenda.org/advocate/
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/
Citizen’s Committee for Children is the leading child advocacy organization in New York City. Foundational to their work are the three pillars: Public Policy, Research and Data, and Civic Engagement.

https://www.cccnewyork.org
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 Advocacy Updates**
https://ncchild.org/what-we-do/can-update/
NORTH DAKOTA

https://www.ndkidscount.org/
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
OICA was established to create a strong advocacy network that would provide a voice for the needs of children and youth in Oklahoma, particularly those in the state’s care and those growing up amid poverty, violence, abuse and neglect, disparities, or other situations that put their lives and future at risk.

http://oica.org/
The mission of Children First for Oregon is to empower communities to advocate for kids so all children in Oregon can thrive.

https://ourchildrenoregon.org/our-work/policy-advocacy/
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/
RHODE ISLAND

http://www.rikidscount.org/
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/
Family Connection South Carolina changes lives by making connections, raising awareness, and promoting inclusion for those with disabilities and special healthcare needs.

https://www.familyconnectionsc.org/
SOUTH DAKOTA

https://www.sdkidscount.org/
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.

TJC advocates for Tennessee’s most vulnerable families and children, so that all Tennesseans can enjoy the dignity, security, and opportunity that is every person’s right.

https://www.tnjustice.org/
Texans Care for Children drives policy change to improve the lives of Texas children today for a stronger Texas tomorrow.

http://txchildren.org/
The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health’s mission is to transform how communities promote mental health in everyday life.

http://hogg.utexas.edu
UTAH

- State Policy
- Federal Policy
- 2024 Legislative Bill Tracker

https://www.utahchildren.org/
The mission of Voices for Vermont’s Children is to promote public policy that enhances the lives of children and youth in Vermont.

https://www.voicesforvtkids.org/
The mission of Voices For Virginia's Children is to champion public policies that improve the lives of Virginia’s children.

https://vakids.org/
The mission of Children's Alliance is to improve the well-being of children by effecting positive changes in public policies, priorities and programs.

http://www.childrensalliance.org/
The Legislative Action Team actively monitors pending legislation affecting children and families and advocates for those policies and legislative proposals that benefit children. The Team meets weekly on Mondays during the WV Legislative Session.

https://teamwv.org/legislative-action-team/
The mission of Kids Forward is to inspire action and promote access to opportunity for every kid, every family, and every community in Wisconsin. They envision a Wisconsin where every child thrives.

http://kidsforward.net/
WYOMING

https://betterwy.o.org/advocate/
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https://www.facebook.com/NationalFederationLegislationAdvocacy
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