

# WHERE TO FIND LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY UPDATES

## 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**



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

**ALABAMA**



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

**ALASKA**





Children's  
Action Alliance

**ARIZONA**

<http://azchildren.org/>

**Take Action**



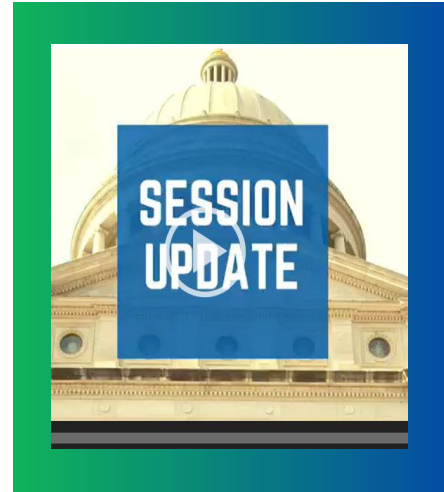
<https://Azchildren.org/advocacy-and-outreach>

**District Fact Sheets**



<https://azchildren.org/advocacy-and-outreach/legislative-district-fact-sheets/>

# ARKANSAS



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



# Children Now

*2022 California Children's Report Card*, 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>

# CALIFORNIA





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/>

**CALIFORNIA**



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://iamforkids.org/>

**FLORIDA**

- [Legislative and Policy Agenda 2022](#)
- [Action Alerts](#)
- [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](#)
- [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 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



**Kids' Voice of Indiana**

**Advocate. Educate. Protect.**

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/>

**INDIANA**



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.

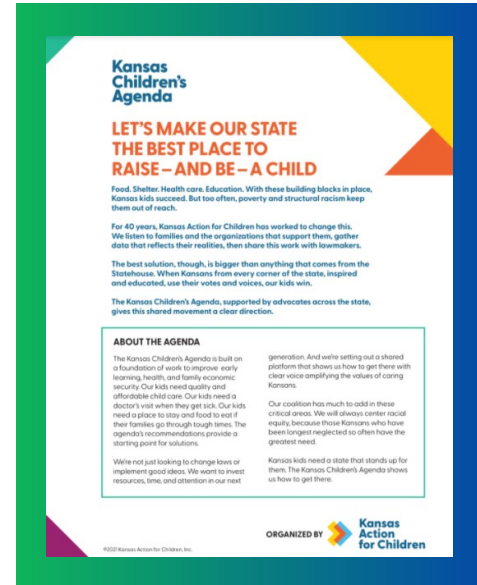
IOWA

<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.

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



KANSAS



# Advocacy Toolkit

*Learn how to advocate on behalf of Kentucky kids!*

TAKE ACTION



# KENTUCKY



<https://kyyouth.org/>



# Agenda for CHILDREN

*...a voice for Louisiana's children and families*

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**



MARYLAND  
FAMILY  
NETWORK

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>

MARYLAND





# 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



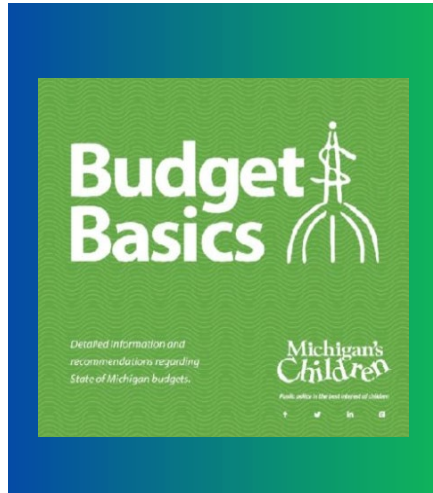
A statewide network that advocates for policy, systems, and practice solutions to ensure all children in Massachusetts have access to resources to prevent, diagnose, and treat mental health issues in a timely, effective, and compassionate way.

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

**MASSACHUSETTS**



*Public policy  
in the best interest  
of children*



**MICHIGAN**

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

The logo features the text "Michigan Alliance for Families" in a bold, red, sans-serif font, centered within a circular graphic composed of several concentric, light gray rings. Below the main text, a gray rectangular box contains the words "Information", "Education", and "Support" stacked vertically in a smaller, italicized, black font.

# Michigan Alliance for Families

*Information  
Education  
Support*

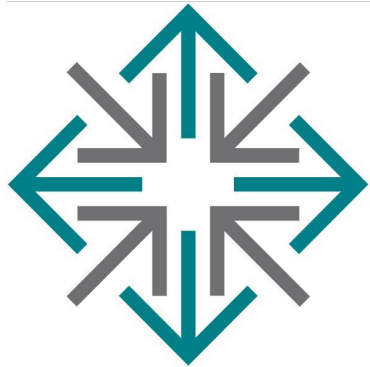


[www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org](http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org)

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

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>

# MINNESOTA



**DISABILITY RIGHTS MISSISSIPPI**  
Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Disabilities

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

# MISSISSIPPI



<https://childadvocacymss.org/legislation>



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>

**MISSOURI**



<https://mtchildprotectionalliance.org/our-impact/legislative-advocacy/>

**MONTANA**





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.

**MONTANA**



<https://voicesforchildren.com/>

**NEBRASKA**

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



Children's  
Advocacy  
ALLIANCE

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**



Alliance for Early Success advocates to advance positive policies for children and families in New Hampshire.

<https://earlysuccess.org/new-hampshire>

**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**



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

<https://thechildrensagenda.org>

**NEW YORK**





# 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



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>

**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

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/>

**OKLAHOMA**



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/>

**OREGON**



PENNSYLVANIA  
PARTNERSHIPS  
FOR CHILDREN  
A VOICE FOR KIDS SINCE 1992

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.

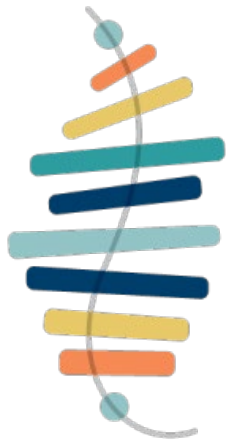
<https://www.familyconnectionsouthcarolina.org/>

# 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/>

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.

**TENNESSEE**



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



# 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



# Hogg Foundation *for* Mental Health

The Hogg Foundation for Mental Health's mission is to -  
**Transform how communities promote mental health in everyday life.**

<http://hogg.utexas.edu>

# TEXAS





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

# UTAH

- [State Policy](#)
- [Federal Policy](#)
- [2022 Legislative Bill Tracker](#)



**Voices**  
for Vermont's Children

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/>

**VERMONT**



For Virginia's  
Children

**VIRGINIA**

The mission of Voices For Virginia's Children is to champion public policies that improve the lives of Virginia's children.

<https://vakids.org/>



# CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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/>

# WASHINGTON



<https://wvkidscount.org/>

# WEST VIRGINIA



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/>

**WISCONSIN**



Wyoming  
Education Association

<http://wyoea.org/legislative-updates/>

**WYOMING**

# WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR LEGISLATIVE UPDATES?



Please let us know where you  
get the legislative news  
for your state.



Send additional organizations  
and resources to  
**[Mcovington@ffcmh.org](mailto:Mcovington@ffcmh.org)**



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**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FAMILIES**

*Bringing Lived Experience to Family Support*



**FAMILY VOICE MATTERS.**

**NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US.**

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

# THANKS FOR YOUR ADVOCACY