



The Colorado Children's Campaign serves as the leading voice for kids at the state Capitol and in communities across the state. In our 31-year history we've worked with policymakers from every corner of the state and every political perspective to improve the well-being of Colorado kids. Children's issues aren't partisan, and we've learned that we can develop innovative solutions when we work together.

As the 2017 session of the Colorado General Assembly begins, we've prepared the best available data and research on child well-being to help advocates and policymakers advance—and protect—policies and investments we know will provide the greatest benefits to kids. Our focus this session includes:

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Supporting our early childhood workforce with investments that help recruit, retain, and reward early educators.
- Addressing the disproportionate use of expulsion and suspension of children in preschool and the early elementary grades.
- Promoting access to quality, affordable early care and learning opportunities for children and families.
- Increasing access to evidence-based, voluntary home-based coaching and two-generation family support programs.

CHILD HEALTH

- Protecting quality, affordable health insurance coverage options that provide kids and families access to physical, behavioral, and oral health care services, including preventive health services and maternity care.
- Expanding pregnancy-related depression screening for mothers under a child's Medicaid plan to align with best practice recommendations endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Ensuring all women have access to the most reliable and effective birth control methods so they can finish their education and chart their own futures, giving their children the best possible chance for success.
- Supporting changes to Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) through the redesign of the Accountable Care Collaborative to encourage developmental and pregnancy-related depression screening, referral, treatment and support, integrated behavioral health care for children and families, and high-quality care for children and pregnant women.

K-12 EDUCATION

- Advocating for revenue and school finance formula changes that move Colorado closer to a school finance system that is equitable, sufficient and meets the needs of all students, especially children living in poverty, living in rural areas, learning English, or struggling to read.
- Ensuring Colorado centers equity in its state plan for implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act and any legislation required to align with the new federal law.
- Protecting and advancing the implementation of:
 - The Colorado Academic Standards.
 - Meaningful assessments that provide a full picture of student growth between grades 3-11.
 - Evaluations that improve and empower teachers and school leaders.
 - School and district accountability systems that give parents and educators information they need to improve schools.
 - Policies that ensure every student in Colorado has access to a high-quality public school option.



BUDGET

- Protecting the health, education and economic security programs that benefit all Colorado children by developing innovative, bipartisan solutions to Colorado's current budget challenges.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Colorado Children's Campaign's Lunch and Learn Series

Join our policy experts for our timely and informative explorations of the most pressing issues facing Colorado kids.

Progress for Colorado Kids:

Breakfast, Tuesday, Jan. 17 at the Colorado State Capitol

Colorado Kids in the Budget:

Lunch, Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Colorado Children's Campaign

Policy Opportunities for Colorado Kids:

Lunch, Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Colorado Children's Campaign

The Progress for Colorado Kids breakfast event will be held at the Capitol (HCR 0112) from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The second and third events will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at the Colorado Children's Campaign offices directly across Colfax Ave. from the Capitol at 1580 Lincoln St., Suite 420.

Complimentary breakfast or lunch will be provided for all attendees, and can be purchased for \$5 in compliance with Amendment 41. RSVP online at www.coloradokids.org/events.

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Speak Up For Kids at the Capitol Our annual advocacy day will be held March 22, 2017 in partnership with Children's Hospital Colorado and Clayton Early Learning. We'll provide training and coaching to help advocates speak up on issues they care about. For more information, contact Jacy Montoya Price at 303-620-4547 or jacy@coloradokids.org or visit www.coloradokids.org.

ABOUT US

The Colorado Children's Campaign is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization committed since 1985 to realizing every chance for every child in Colorado. We advocate for the development and implementation of data-driven public policies that improve child well-being in health, education and early childhood. We do this by providing Coloradans with trusted data and research on child well-being and organizing an extensive statewide network of dedicated child advocates.



It's About Kids

Bringing Colorado Communities Together

The **It's About Kids Network** is the Colorado Children's Campaign's statewide, grassroots advocacy network. It is comprised of more than 3,400 professionals, community and business leaders, policymakers, parents and other engaged citizens joined together by their concern for the well-being of Colorado's children.

The network is led by a dedicated group of 70 volunteer community leaders in 51 counties who provide guidance and direction to their communities and to the Children's Campaign in a variety of ways. To learn more about the It's About Kids Network, contact Katie Creedon at katie@coloradokids.org or 303-620-4532.

STAY INFORMED

Sign up at coloradokids.org for KidsFlash, our weekly e-newsletter, to stay up-to-date on the latest news on child well-being in Colorado. You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn and Pinterest.



For more information on the Children's Campaign's work at the Colorado State Capitol, contact Jennifer Corrigan, Government Affairs Director, at jennifer@coloradokids.org or 720-243-9511.



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Every Chance for Every Child