



The Colorado Children's Campaign serves as the leading voice for kids at the state Capitol and in communities across the state. In our 33-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 to improve the lives of children and families when we work together.

As the 2018 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

- Improving access to, and affordability of, quality early care and education opportunities for children and families.
- Investing in our early childhood workforce by better recruiting, retaining, and rewarding early childhood educators.
- Promoting alternatives to the use of expulsion and suspension of children in preschool and the early elementary grades.
- Advancing two-generation strategies that improve children's behavioral health and support parents.

CHILD HEALTH

- Protecting quality, affordable health insurance coverage options for kids and families that provide access to physical, behavioral, and oral health care services, including preventive health services and maternity care.
- Advancing initiatives that ensure every child gets a healthy start in life, including access to health services, ample amounts of nutritious foods and safe water, and access to healthy and safe places to live, learn and play.
- Ensuring that all women have access to the most reliable and effective birth control methods so that they can finish their education and chart their own futures, giving their children the best possible chance for success.
- Protecting the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey, and other ways we track the well-being of Colorado's youth, so local and state leaders and policymakers can identify concerning trends and track the success of public services.

K-12 EDUCATION

- Advocating for a modernized, equitable school finance formula that targets investments to meet the needs of all students, especially children living in poverty, living in rural areas, learning English, or struggling to read.
- Advocating for a public revenue system that reduces property taxpayer inequality and reverses the unsustainable reliance on state (over local) revenue for education.
- Removing barriers to school lunches.
- Continuing and expanding access to a rigorous and robust set of course choices for all high school students, especially those in rural schools.

BUDGET

- Renewing the Colorado Child Care Contribution Credit. This credit is critical in providing quality child care options for children across Colorado, and in particular kids in families facing the most barriers to economic security.
- Ensuring public school students have equal access to public school funds, no matter what public school they attend, by equalizing funding for Charter School Institute (CSI) schools that do not receive mill override revenues from their local school districts.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Colorado Children's Campaign's Lunch and Learn Series

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

Ten Trends in Child Well-Being: What every policymaker should know about kids in 2018

8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Jan. 23 in the West Foyer and Rotunda of the Colorado State Capitol.

Budget and Policy Opportunities for Kids: Bipartisan ideas to improve child well-being in 2018

Lunch, noon to 1 p.m., Feb. 15 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 to Angelique Smith at 303-620-4533 or Angelique@coloradokids.org.

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Speak Up For Kids at the Capitol

Our annual advocacy day will be held March 14, 2018 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 3,600 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 representing 53 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.

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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