



CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

A Voice for Washington's Children, Youth & Families

2015 Legislative Agenda

End Childhood Hunger

Here in Washington, 1 in 5 children lives in a household that doesn't have enough to eat. Hungry kids can't learn—smart anti-hunger strategies can help close the opportunity gap facing children of color and children in low-income families. **Fully restore State Food Assistance and promote educational success with healthy school breakfast by passing the Breakfast after the Bell bill.**

Invest in Early Learning

High quality early learning is a targeted investment that reaps huge returns: proven outcomes in school and in life. Every child deserves the opportunity for a great start. **Pass the Early Start Act with culturally relevant care provisions and funding needed to close the opportunity gap.**

Secure Health for All Kids

All children should have the health care they need for lifelong health. Yet too many kids—especially children in low-income families and children of color—are suffering needlessly from lack of access to preventive dental care. **Authorize dental therapists to bring quality care to children, families, and communities who are currently in need.**

Revenue

Our state's outdated, upside-down tax system is endangering our children's future. **Close outdated and unnecessary tax preferences and adopt new sources of revenue.**