

Funding the Next Generation in Napa County

A forum to explore how to create local sustainable funding measures for children, youth and families.

Monday, February 10th from 9:30 – noon

Napa County office of Education

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AGENDA

- **Welcome and Introductions**

Michele Grupe, Associate Director, Cope Family Center

Laura Keller, Director of Public Health Nursing, NCHHSA

- **Chet Hewitt, CEO Sierra Health Foundation**

The Time is Now.

The Importance of Increasing Local Public Funding for Children, Youth and Families:

Challenging the Status Quo as Service Providers, Advocates, Funders, and Community Leaders

- **Margaret Brodtkin, Founder and Director, Funding the Next Generation**

Collective Action Is Required.

Strategies for creating a dedicated funding stream for children, youth and families at the local level.

- **Dr. Karen Smith, Director of Public Health, NCHHSA**

The Needs Are Urgent.

What our Community Health Assessment tells us about the unmet needs of children, youth and families.

- **Creating a Bill of Rights for Napa's Children, Youth and Families**

- **Building Our Agenda Together**

- **Local Policy Leaders Respond**

- **Brad Wagenknecht, Napa County Board of Supervisors**

- **Howard Himes, Director of Napa County Health and Human Services Agency**

- **Wrap up/Next Steps**



Intended Outcomes for Meeting

- Educate key stakeholders about recent trends/history of local dedicated funding streams for children's services.
- Engage in first step to develop Children's Bill of Rights, Children's Agenda and Children's Budget.



History of Bill of Rights for Children & Youth

- Used as a guide to develop and implement policies and programs that impact children.
- 1979 – United Nations began process of developing Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).
- 1990 – Instituted into international law by 193 nations. *United States and Somalia only remaining two nations that have failed to ratify the convention.*



Bills of Rights for Children & Youth in California

- City of San Francisco
- San Mateo County
- State of California
- Merced County
- Santa Clara County
- Fresno County
- San Luis Obispo County
- Others?



Definition of a Children's Bill of Rights

Our VISION What we want for our children!



As the adults of San Luis Obispo County... One of our greatest hopes as a community is that our children grow up with healthy minds, bodies and spirits that enable them to maximize their potential.

As endorsers of the Children's Bill of Rights, we collectively pledge to work together toward this vision. May we, together, demonstrate daily that *our youth are our highest priority*, as evidenced by our collective commitment of time, money, sustained effort and unified support. May we cultivate our understanding of child development and use it to nurture, guide, challenge, and encourage our children along their many paths.

As the children and youth of San Luis Obispo County, may we each...

- 1** Live in a stable, comfortable home surrounded by parents, family and other caring adults who nurture us throughout childhood.
- 2** Eat healthy and plentiful meals every day.
- 3** Have the basics for our daily life – clothing, transportation, and supplies for school, outside interests, and activities.
- 4** Be and feel safe, everywhere we go.
- 5** Enjoy daily physical activity and time outdoors.
- 6** Visit a doctor, dentist or counselor when needed to help us stay physically and mentally healthy.
- 7** Learn and master ideas and skills in and out of school that inspire us, help us understand and be ready for our place in the world.
- 8** Explore a variety of experiences – in arts, nature, culture and music – that illuminate the world's natural beauty, richness and human creativity.
- 9** Make and keep healthy relationships with friends.
- 10** Know that adults and peers listen and support us as individuals while we grow, and respect our diverse cultures, backgrounds, circumstances, talents, sparks, and passions.
- 11** Have opportunities to contribute in meaningful ways to our community by voicing our ideas, sharing in decisions and offering service to others.
- 12** Be encouraged to dream big, to grow through challenge and mistakes, and to always live with hope and aspiration.



Definition of Children's Agenda

- Provides measurement of PROGRESS toward the VISION.

The Children's Agenda for Solano County

California's new leadership should pursue the following top ten high-priority, high-impact goals to improve children's well-being and rejuvenate the state. Further detail is provided for each in the pages that follow.

- 1 Adopting a comprehensive P-to-12 education revenue and reform package that establishes an equitable and adequate finance system, ensures transparency, enables greater local decision-making flexibility, and strengthens human capital and accountability.
- 2 Clarifying the state's role in the education system by focusing it on developing standards for student success and holding districts accountable for meeting those standards, including a greater emphasis on knowledge and skills in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.
- 3 Implementing a comprehensive, high-quality early learning and development system for all children from birth to age five to ensure children's life-long success, and improving the system alignment with early elementary through the use of such tools as a kindergarten readiness observation assessment.
- 4 Strengthening the state's afterschool infrastructure and building summer programs to deliver high quality expanded learning opportunities and to support the preparation of future teachers.
- 5 Establishing a comprehensive, longitudinal data system that connects early learning and development through higher education, health, juvenile justice, child welfare and other data in order to better track and address the educational outcome as long as the family can opt out and the well-being of children throughout their lives.
- 6 Better coordinating and streamlining the state's delivery of children's services, establishing a children's cabinet and promoting health homes as well as integrated, school-based health centers and other students supports to improve access, cost efficiency and effectiveness.
- 7 Providing every California child with affordable health coverage and access to quality care.
- 8 Decreasing the number of children with dental caries to achieve better health outcomes and improve school attendance and student achievement.
- 9 Significantly reducing obesity rates among California children by implementing a more coordinated, multivariate approach.
- 10 Providing children at risk of entering the child welfare system with the supports and services they need to remain safe and stable.
- 11 Ensuring all children who enter the foster care system find legal permanence and are supported to become thriving adults.

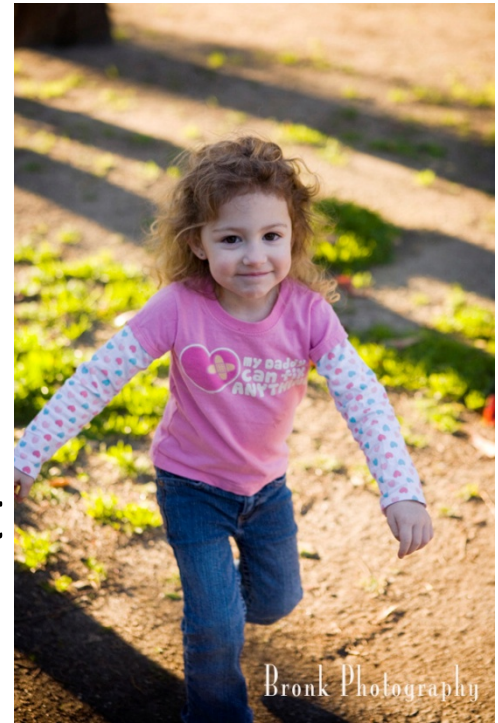
This agenda was compiled by Children Now and reflects the knowledge of the many children's health and education coalitions in which the organization is involved.

Definition of Children's Budget

Resource map of fiscal investments in children.

Benefits of creating a Children's Budget

- Align spending priorities
- Improve coordination of services
- Identify service gaps
- Maximize funding opportunities
- Evaluate balance of expenditures
- Maintain a Children's baseline budget
- Advocate for additional resources – e.g. money for prevention.



Source: Margaret Brodtkin Associates

Creating a Bill of Rights for Napa's Children, Youth and Families

- 1. Safe and Secure** (*housing, economic security, protection from abuse and violence*)
- 2. Nurturing parents and caregivers** (*family support, parent education, childcare*)
- 3. Healthy** (*access to physical and mental health, nutrition*)
- 4. Success in learning** (*access to early education, quality schools*)
- 5. Preparation for future** (*career, job and leadership opportunities*)
- 6. Opportunities for creativity and social development** (*recreational, ???*)

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*BE IT RESOLVED, we resolve to invest in
all children and youth so that:*

- They...
- Next item

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Wrap Up & Next Steps

- **Refine Bill of Rights, link** with LHNC CHIP strategies.
- **Sign up** to help on Funding the Next Generation Steering Committee
- Take Action **NOW!**



Help get the **Convention of the Rights of the Child** ratified by the United States! Write to our representatives and ask them to where they stand on the Ratification.

www.childrightscampaign.org

Congressman Mike Thompson

Field Representative: Melissa P

Senator Barbara Boxer

Field Representative:

Senator Dianne Feinstein

Field Representative:

