

# Children's Week "Kids Only" Town Hall Meeting

## Facts-at-a-Glance

### **Purpose:**

To empower youth in expressing their ideas, concerns, expectations and questions about issues that affect their life experiences.

To provide youth the opportunity to communicate directly and positively with members of the Children & Youth Cabinet to promote collaboration among agencies and advocates that serve children.

As a component of the annual Children's Week events, we believe that if given the opportunity, youth will address their issues earnestly, and members of the Florida Children & Youth Cabinet as well as other attendees, will be compelled to listen and follow through with action.

### **Featured Participants:**

A diverse representation of youth from all areas of Florida will serve as panelists

Youth from Leon County will serve as Town Hall Meeting hosts for the event

The *Florida Children & Youth Cabinet*, chaired by Lieutenant Governor Jeff Kottkamp

### **When:**


Tuesday, April 13, 2010

### **Location:**

Tallahassee, Florida- City Hall

### **Suggested Format:**

*Members of the Children's Week Town Hall Committee will guide the following process:*

  Students from across the state of Florida will be selected to serve as youth panelists

Youth panelists will develop and research their own questions

Youth panelists will select questions that represent a broad range of children's issues

Youth panelists will be assigned specific topics that they will present to the Children & Youth Cabinet as a voice for all children and youth on that particular issue

### **Issues to Address:**

Student Panelists will address the following issues:

Adequate Income and Support

Assessment Early Intervention and Treatment

Before & After School Programs

Early Childhood Education

Family Friendly Neighborhoods

Free From Abuse & Neglect

Health Care

Juvenile Justice Intervention and Treatment

Positive Youth Development

Pre-Natal Care

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Treatment

Youth Transitioning to Adulthood