

Children's Week Committees

Children's Week wouldn't be possible with the time and support from our hundreds of volunteers. To help make Children's Week a success and pay attention to important details, we have committees take charge of the main events of Children's Week. We are always looking for volunteers who share the vision and passion of Children's Week. Below is a list of our committees and a brief description. If you are interested and have the time to help out, please send an email to Jason Zaborske, Statewide Coordinator at jz@childrensweek.org

Partnership

The partnership committee helps develop the 2009 Children's Week Partnership Packet and reaches out to non-profit, corporate, philanthropic, faith based, state agencies and organizations to build partnerships that help impact the lives of children and families in Florida. The partnership committee has helped Children's Week grow to more than 80 partners.

Media

The media committee organizes and oversees all promotional and advertising aspects of Children's Week. They handle all forms of media communication, including developing and distributing TV, newspaper, and radio ads statewide. The Media Committee will also help design and approve all promotional materials including flyers, press releases, and oversee press coverage of local events and events taking place at the Capitol.

Local Events

The local events committee combines the efforts of Children's Week, Step Up, Florida!, Winds of Change and the Association of Early Learning Coalitions to organize events and activities designed to promote the health, safety and well-being of children and families. The local events committee identifies local coordinators and helps organize events and activities in all 67 Florida counties including local proclamations/resolutions, press conferences, Capital Steps for Kids walks/activities, fitness activities, town hall meetings, lunches/dinners, parades, fairs and civic education forums.

Children's Activities at the Capitol

This committee will help to organize and facilitate the "Children's Capitol for a Day" on Tuesday, March 31 in the state Capitol Rotunda and the Capitol Courtyard. "Children's Capitol for a Day" hosts thousands of children, parents, advocates, community leaders and policy makers from throughout the state gathering for a day of educational and interactive events and activities. This Committee will help organize the luncheon, guided tours of Capitol, interactive booth set up and courtyard entertainment and stages.

Advocacy Dinner and Reception

On Monday, March 30 Children's Week Partners will host a series of statewide association meetings throughout the day in Tallahassee which will culminate with a dinner and networking reception that evening to honor and recognize Children's Week partners and non-profit organizations who dedicate their lives to children's issues. The winner of the Chiles Advocacy Award will be announced. This committee will help organize the dinner and reception which

includes selecting the dinner site, menus, securing speakers for the dinner, promotions, invitations and registration.

“Kids Only” Town Hall Meeting

This committee helps to organize and facilitate the “Kids Only” Town Hall Meeting. This meeting is designed to “give kids a voice” in the political process. Students will have the opportunity to have a dialogue with the Florida Children & Youth Cabinet on Tuesday, March 31. The committee helps set the guidelines for the student panel, moderator and host committee members. They also select the students from across the state who will participate on the 12 student panel. After the students are selected, a student host committee will help guide the students through the process.

Chiles Advocacy Award

The Chiles Advocacy Award committee sets the guidelines for nomination and selection of the Chiles Advocacy Award. This committee reviews all applications and makes recommendations for final approval. The top recommendations chosen will then go to the independent Southeastern Evaluation Association for final decision.