

Children's Week activities in full force today

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It's all about children today at the Capitol.

It's the children's time to have legislators hear what they have to say about issues that directly affect them.

"Supporters know that if critically important services for children and families are not maintained or improved, our children will not be prepared to join tomorrow's workforce, become productive citizens or serve

their country," Children's Week organizer Tricia Thomas said about the importance of the activities.

The events include a Kids Only Town Hall Meeting, where children will ask questions directly to the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet, chaired by Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp, about the state of children's issues and services. The 12-member student panel represents students from across the state.

Other events at the Capitol today include legislators reading to children in the courtyard, the announcement of the winners of the Newspaper in Education Civics essay contest sponsored by the *Tallahassee Democrat* and a youth advocacy workshop to teach students how they can make difference in their communities and in legislation.

For a full listing of the events this week visit childrensweek.org.