



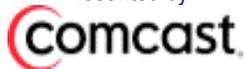
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Florida Children & Youth Cabinet to accept student nominations for new Youth Commission

Tallahassee, FL – Governor Charlie Crist and Lt Governor Jeff Kottkamp announced today that the Florida Children & Youth Cabinet will be accepting nominations from students across the state to become members of the newly formed Youth Commission.

The Youth Commission will be an addition to the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet. The 20-member Cabinet is comprised of government officials, policy makers, children's developmental and advocacy experts, and now a Youth Commission.

The new addition to the Cabinet will provide students the opportunity to have a voice on key policy issues facing Florida's children and families, and work together with the Florida Children & Youth Cabinet to address these critical issues.

The United Way of Florida is organizing the nomination process as part of Children's Week. The idea to have a Youth Commission actually sprung from the 2010 Children's Week Town Hall Meeting where students asked the Cabinet to have a student member participate on the Cabinet. The Cabinet is working with the United Way of Florida to open this process up to more than a dozen students from all across the state who will participate in an advisory role to the Cabinet on key issues effecting children and families.

Ted Granger, President of United Way of Florida said that "This is a great opportunity to have students become actively involved in civics and government".

Nominations are being accepted through the Children's Week website at www.childrensweek.org/townhallmeeting. Twelve students will be selected by the Florida Children & Youth Cabinet to become Youth Commissioners and participate in the "Teens Only" Town Hall Meeting during Children's Week, and Cabinet meetings across the state.

Students can be nominated by a parent, teacher or organization to join the Youth Commission. The nomination deadline is February 1, 2011. For more information on how to nominate a middle or high school student, please contact Jason Zaborske, Children's Week Statewide Coordinator at 850-251-7274 or e-mail info@childrensweek.org

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