



AGENDA FOR CHILDREN

A VOICE FOR LOUISIANA'S CHILDREN

Fact Sheet

Mission

To make Louisiana a state in which all children can thrive, by ensuring that the basic needs of children and families are met; that our children are nurtured and well taught, beginning in the early years and continuing through adolescence; that they are protected from harm; and by acting in ways that combat racism and other forms of oppression.

Strategies

Agenda for Children works to make government work better for Louisiana's children. This means we keep track of laws, policies, and decisions that affect children and families. This involves child protection, family economic security, child care, health care, child support, education, juvenile justice, housing, and other public services. Agenda for Children also works with individual children and families, organizations and institutions, service providers, and the media. We provide information, training, resources, and technical assistance. Sometimes we just get involved as partners.

Programs and Initiatives

Child Care Resources works to expand the availability of quality child care for young children and families through several initiatives:

- ***Child Care Resource and Referral*** helps families find and choose quality child care. Our trained parent counselors provide parents with child care referrals that are tailored to meet their specific needs.
- ***Positive Steps*** provides training and workshops for child care centers and family child care homes.
- ***Child Care Technical Assistance*** offers on-site technical assistance to Class A child care centers and family child care homes that receive Child Care Assistance.

Louisiana Covering Kids and Families is a statewide coalition that works to increase the number of children who benefit from LaCHIP and Medicaid. The coalition's New Orleans area outreach program at Agenda for Children identifies and assists families that are eligible for Medicaid or LaCHIP but not enrolled.

Louisiana Kids Count produces the *Data Book on Louisiana's Children*, which presents parish-by-parish profiles of children's educational, social, emotional, and economic well-being. Part of a national effort funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Louisiana Kids Count also distributes the national *Kids Count Data Book*, which tracks child well-being at the national and state levels.

If you would like to volunteer, become a member, or get involved contact us at (504) 586-8509 or information@agendaforchildren.org.

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