



Dear Advocate,

Here's the latest news and items of interest from *The Children's Agenda*. We also invite you to visit [our website](#) and let us know how we're doing. We'd love to hear from you!

2016 Children's Interfaith Weekend



Each year, more than 100 local congregations participate in [Children's Interfaith Weekend](#). The Weekend, which is planned by a group of interfaith leaders and staffed by The Children's Agenda, is an opportunity to pray, learn about, and act on troubles facing children in our community. Rochester continues to have the highest rate of extreme poverty and the highest child poverty rate in the nation, as indicated by ACT Rochester's and the Rochester Area Community Foundation's updated [Poverty and Self-Sufficiency Report](#). As with each year, the Interfaith Collaborative will focus on an important issue facing children and use The Weekend as an opportunity to engage congregants in advocacy for children. Children's Interfaith Weekend is happening Friday, October 14th - Sunday, October 16th. Our kids need our prayers and our voices. [Register your congregation!](#)



Upcoming Events

[Children's Interfaith Weekend](#)

Friday, October 14 - Sunday, October 16

[RCSD Attendance Blitz](#)

Thursday, October 20

[4th Annual ROC the Future State of Our Children Address & Report Card Release](#)

Tuesday, October 25

In the News

[Child care subsidies as a business investment](#)
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[Why businesses should be investing in ROC kids & film shows how art confronts poverty in ROC](#)
WXXI

[Brigit Hurley talks about The Children's Agenda & the Interfaith Collaborative](#)
Rochester Free Radio

[Pre-K program making Urban-Suburban a two-way street](#)
News 13 WHAM

[Partnership launches adult mentoring program](#)
Rochester Business Journal

Investing in Rochester Means Investing in Kids



Chris Wiest, Bob Thompson, Larry Marx, Sandy Parker, Bob Duffy

On September 7th, local leaders gathered for the Investing in Rochester: Early Childhood Education is Economic Development event. Guest speakers included Rob Grunewald, Economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, and Sandy Parker, former President and CEO of the Rochester Business Alliance, who presented on the direct link between early childhood education and economic development. Check out the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce's brief [video recap](#) of the event, and learn more about the significant impact that high quality early child care has on economic development in this follow-up interview: [Child Care Subsidies as a Business Investment](#).

[New evidence that summer programs can make a difference for poor children](#)

The Washington Post

[Mental health in schools: a hidden crisis affecting millions of children](#)

NPR



Are you registered to vote? NY residents can register through the [online voter registration portal](#). Let your voices be heard. The voter registration deadline is Friday, October 14, 2016. [Register now!](#)

TCA Rises Up for Education Excellence



Last week, CEO Larry Marx, along with [ROC the Future Alliance](#) Director Jackie Campbell and Communications Specialist Jessica Lewis, joined other cross-sector partners in Memphis, TN for the annual [Strive Together Cradle to Career Network Convening—Rise Up: Education Excellence for Every Child](#). StriveTogether is a movement to improve

education success for every child by bringing together cross-sector partners around a common vision. The annual Convening allows partners to report on improved educational outcomes, such as high school and college readiness. Partners from San Antonio, TX reported an increase in the number of student-filed FAFSAs (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) over the past year. Similarly, partners from Tulsa, OK saw an increase in the number of 8th grade students participating in summer learning experiences. The positive impact that StriveTogether has had on Rochester students via ROC the Future will be revealed at the [4th Annual ROC the Future State of Our Children Address & Report Card Release](#) on Tuesday, October 25th. [Register now!](#)

Did you know?

ROC the Future is a community cradle to career framework for children in the city of Rochester, NY based on the data-driven StriveTogether framework from Cincinnati.

Larry Marx to receive James M. McCuller Award for Excellence



Please join us in congratulating our CEO, Larry Marx, on his James M. McCuller Award for Excellence. The award, established in honor of [James M. McCuller](#), former Executive Director of Action for a Better Community, is presented annually to those shown to demonstrate similar interests as McCuller within the community. Larry will be formally recognized and honored for his commitment and dedication

to building a stronger community at ABC's [13th Annual Signature Luncheon](#) on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

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