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!

TCA Board Member Guest Columnist for D&C: Invest in Children Earlier

Rev. Marvin McMickle, PhD, TCA Board Member and President & Professor at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

Jeffrey Kaczorowski, a pediatrician and Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Rochester, has long been making the argument that 90 percent of a child's brain development occurs before they are five years old. However, as The Children's Agenda of Rochester has repeatedly pointed out, our state and our nation invest 90 percent of their spending on programs that involve students that are five years old and older. In other words, we are spending most of our money at a point when it does less good, than if that same money were to be spent on that same child just two or three years earlier... _read more_

TCA's Advocacy Network for Friends & Families

Sometimes taking action for kids is as simple as adding your signature, sharing a message or attending an event. By signing up for our _Advocacy Network_ you'll be notified of

Upcoming Events

Empowering and Celebrating Parents
Friday, March 3 - Saturday, March 4

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Fest
Saturday, March 4

AQE's People's March for Education Justice
Saturday, March 4

RCSD Attendance Blitz
Thursday, March 16

The System is Flawed, Our Kids Are Not - A Parent Engagement Forum
Saturday, March 18

In the News

ROC the Future Unveils New App ReadyRosie
News 10 WHEC

Bill to Raise the Age of Criminal Responsibility Passes Assembly
News 10 WHEC

Governor Cuomo Announces New York's Paid Family Leave Law
News 8 WROC

opportunities to raise your voice for the vulnerable. The Children's Agenda does not share network information with any other organizations. Invite family and friends to join TCA's Advocacy Network today!

Here are some upcoming opportunities to take action: National R-Word Day on Wednesday, March 1; Day of Empathy on Wednesday, March 1; Raise the Age Lobby Day on Tuesday, March 7.

ROC the Future Gets A Facelift

ROC the Future's website has a new look with bold colors, new photos and user-friendly interfaces. The content has been reorganized under a new menu bar for easier navigation. Updated information on the work of the CANs (Collaborative Action Networks) can be found under the *Cradle to Career* link and the homepage now includes links to ReadyRosie and StriveTogether.
Check it out now!

Did you know?

March 1 is national Day of Empathy in which millions of Americans march to generate empathy for those impacted by the criminal justice system.
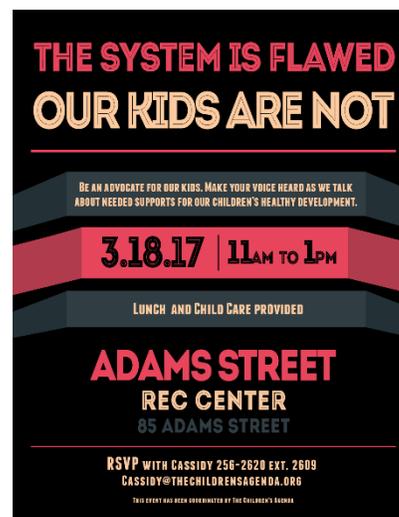
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Catching Up with RYCE
City Newspaper

Helping Young People in Crisis, One Text at a Time
RWJF

Be an advocate for our children's healthy development. With our collective power, we have the ability to demand systemic change. Make your voice heard. Join us March 18th at the Adams Street R-Center 11:00AM - 1:00PM as we come together to determine what we, as a community, are willing to fight for.

Don't forget to visit thechildrensagenda.org. Here, you can find out what's happening, review featured articles, and download e-updates.

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