

# TheChildren'sAgenda

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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!



The Children's Agenda is excited to be moving to our own suite on April 1st. For 13 years, The Children's Agenda has been fortunate enough to share space with esteemed partners (first, the Rochester Area Community Foundation, and for the past 4 years, the Center for Governmental Research). The Children's Agenda will be located in suite 120 in our current office building at 1 South Washington Street in downtown Rochester. We'd like to thank all of our supporters who have played a role in making this possible, including a special thank you to The Davenport-Hatch Foundation, Bivona Child Advocacy Center, and St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, who have contributed directly to our move. We are still welcoming donations of gently used, high-quality furniture and equipment: Sofa; bookshelves; floor lamps; coffee tables; chairs of many types; kitchen appliances. All donations are tax-deductible. Please contact us via e-mail at [info@thechildrensagenda.org](mailto:info@thechildrensagenda.org) for more information and donation coordination. We plan to hold an Open House to celebrate soon; stay tuned for more information. **Please note that while our new suite number is 120, all other contact information will remain the same.**



## Upcoming Events

[The Raising of America: Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation documentary series](#)

Monday, April 4

[Presidential Primary](#)

Monday, April 19

[Parent Leadership Training Institute](#)

[4th Annual Graduation](#)

Monday, April 25

[National Council of Jewish Woman -](#)

[Woman of the Year Brunch](#)

Sunday, May 1

## In the News

[Letting Rochester take the lead](#)

Democrat & Chronicle

[Discussing the impact of paid family leave](#)

WXXI Radio

## TCA Welcomes New Board Members



During our March annual meeting and retreat, we welcomed new board members Erin Budd Barry, Director of Provider Relations at [Finger Lakes Performing Provider Systems](#), Fran Weisberg, President & CEO at [United Way of Greater Rochester](#), and Hank Rubin, Vice President of the [Rochester Area Community Foundation](#). We are thrilled to have Erin, Fran, and Hank join our Board of Directors to build fruitful and lasting alignment of our community's efforts for greater progress for children and youth. We also acknowledged board members Kathy Nixon and Ed Doherty, whose terms have recently expired. We thank Kathy and Ed for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to The Children's Agenda. Both Kathy and Ed will continue to be involved in committee work as well as TCA's ongoing advocacy.

## Jacque Cady: A Champion for Children

The Children's Agenda salutes Jacque Cady on being named a [2016 Champion for Children](#). The NYS Association for the Education of Young Children (NYS AEYC) recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding and inspirational work in the field of early childhood education. Jacque has been a founder and leader of the Early Childhood Development Initiative for over 20 years. She has led the fight for increased funding for child care assistance to low income families in Monroe County for a decade, and has

[Discussing the impact of paid family leave](#)



LWV on Youtube

[Monroe County to replace human services head](#)

Democrat & Chronicle

[State budget analysis addresses child abuse reports, poverty in Monroe County](#)

Penfield Post

[Can Cuomo put all the budget pieces together?](#)

City Newspaper

strengthened the quality and coordination of services as part of the Monroe County Day Care Advisory Group. Jacque has been a leader and advocate in our community for universal pre-Kindergarten, succeeding in achieving exceptionally high enrollment rates for Rochester city school children. She has helped lead successful advocacy for increased access to summer learning programs for pre-K students, and helped ensure that early elementary grades use appropriate practices. We are deeply grateful to have Jacque's counsel as a member of our Policy Committee, as well as an esteemed colleague and great personal friend to us. This "Champion for Children" award couldn't be more deserved.

### Local Focus, National Impact



This month [StriveTogether](#) held its third annual Exploring Communities Convening in Chicago, IL. ROC the Future Alliance Director Jackie Campbell was present to connect with other community leaders from across the country who share a common vision to improve educational success for all students. Leaders exchanged ideas and experiences, participated in coaching sessions, and together created more concrete ideas on how to advance the cradle to career collective impact work. Also attending from New York State were Tammy Dunkley of SUNY Cradle-to-Career, and Maggie Schustack of the Yonkers Alliance.



Executive Director Larry Marx has been elected Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Partnership for America's Children, along with Elizabeth Burke Bryant, the Executive Director of Rhode Island Kids Count. [The Partnership](#) is a federation of 56 member children's advocacy organizations in 44 states.

Larry is also being awarded the [2016 Hannah G. Solomon Humanitarian Award](#) by the [National Council of Jewish Women \(NCJW\)](#) in a May 1st brunch at the Irondequoit Country Club. The NCJW is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who strive for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms. The award, named for the late [Hannah G. Solomon](#)—social activist and founder of the NCJW—is presented annually to a person who has helped to change and expand the role of women, families, and children in areas of community life, and whose leadership has motivated others to fight for change.

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