

# 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!

## New York State FY2018 Enacted Budget

The final 2017-18 NYS budget includes significant gains for children and youth, including the passage of Raise the Age and college tuition assistance. Unfortunately, the budget also included damaging cuts to child care subsidies instead of the investment necessary to keep this critical support intact. These cuts are expected to cut subsidies for 900 children.

*"By reducing access to child care, we worry that children's well-being and life outcomes will be hurt, as well as parents' participation in the workforce. For the long-term outcomes we all want for kids, serious investment is called for."*

Carolyn Lee-Davis, Policy Director

Get the latest update on the State Budget [here](#).

## New York Raises the Age



Kalief Browder, [Time: The Kalief Browder Story](#)



## Upcoming Events

[Responses to Childhood Poverty: A Call to Justice](#)

Wednesday, May 3

[2017 Got Dreams? Celebration](#)

Wednesday, May 3

[RCSD Attendance Blitz](#)

Thursday, May 18

[Girls Night Out - Health & Medicine](#)

Wednesday, May 24

[Summer Meals Fest](#)

Saturday, June 10



The Children's Agenda advocated directly with legislators and staff, both locally and in Albany, in 2016 and 2017. This year, that included 8 visits with NYS legislators and multiple phone conversations with legislative staff. Our annual NYS budget analyses have raised the issue of [Raise the Age](#) for the past 4 years, with copies going to legislative offices, fellow advocacy groups, and [media](#).

On April 10th, State legislators created a new avenue for youth to exit the [Cradle to Prison Pipeline](#) and build productive adult lives. Although the [Raise the Age](#) policy is not perfect and has some provisions which should be reconsidered in the future, it is a major step forward and we want to celebrate this victory. The new policy, which begins in October 2018 and will be fully in place by December 2019, ensures that arrested youth, ages 16 and 17, will no longer be treated as adults in the criminal justice system... [read more](#)

## Ready by 21 Conference



Policy Analyst Brigit Hurley recently attended the [Ready by 21](#) Conference in Austin, TX. There, she participated in workshops led by professionals committed to improving positive academic outcomes for children. Ready by 21 is an organization with a set of innovative strategies developed by the [Forum for Youth Investment](#) that helps communities improve the odds that all children and youth will be ready for college, work and life. Topics at the annual conference included alternative local financing of children's services, promoting equity, increasing shared commitments and impact, improving program quality, and supporting social and emotional (SEL) skills.

## In the News

[Rochester Honored for Work to Eliminate Early Literacy Barriers](#)

Minority Reporter

[A Data Update Designed for Action](#)

Minority Reporter

[Social Emotional Learning in Elementary School](#)

RWJF

[How Child Care Enriches Mothers, and Especially the Sons they Raise](#)

The New York Times

[Ready or Not \(for Kindergarten\), Some Research Says, Enroll Anyway](#)

NPR

[Having Just One Black Teacher Can Keep Black Kids in School](#)

NPR

Are you a teen girl who has considered a career in the medical field but are wondering if you have what it takes?

Come to *Girls' Night Out!*

Hear from women who work within health and medical fields and learn how they became successful...

...Then stay for food, pampering services, and raffle giveaways!\*

Location:  
757 South Clinton Ave.  
(In the 51 bus line between Cooper and Hope. Bus seats available if you need a way home.)

Events:  
3:30 Welcome & Snacks  
4:15 Panel Discussion  
5:45 Food, Fun, & Raffle  
7:30 Wrap Up

(Open to girls, ages 14-19)

Please RSVP to Jess by 5/19/2017:  
(585) 279-4819  
Jessica\_Coleman@urmc.rochester.edu

MEMBER OF THE ROCHESTER DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Funding provided by the Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health

\*Chair message available. Parent permission slip must be filed out for those under 18.

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## April Anniversaries



Dr. Jeff Kaczorowski and Michelle Yale have been with The Children's Agenda since its inception in 2004. Jeff is the Founder of, and Senior Advisor to, [The Children's Agenda](#), and he is the Professor of Pediatrics and Vice Chair for Government & Community Relations at [Golisano Children's Hospital](#). Jeff is also the Director of the [American Academy of Pediatrics National Community Pediatrics Training Initiative](#). Michelle is the Administrative Director at The Children's Agenda. Michelle manages all administrative, operational, and financial activities for the organization, including high-level oversight of our budget, payroll and benefits. Michelle also serves as the staff liaison to the [Board of Directors](#). Follow us on [social media](#) for more office happenings.



Brigit Hurley, Policy Analyst, will provide the keynote address, *The State of Childhood Poverty in Rochester: A Profile and a Way Forward*, and facilitate a round-table discussion on Action-Driven Responses. The symposium is designed for community members who want to be informed and learn how to respond to the everyday injustices of childhood poverty in Rochester, NY. For info or to register, call 585.594.6420.

***Did you know?***

***May 4th is Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.***

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