SPEAKING TRUTH

Here you see our Chief Program Officer, Brigit Hurley, on the big screen as she testifies before the Joint Budget Hearing on Health, her bold voice for children resounding as legislators listen.

Brigit Hurley, Chief Program Officer, testifying before the Joint Budget Hearing on Health

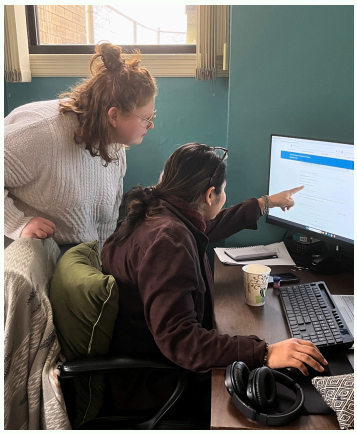
So far this year, our staff and parent leaders have taken part in more than 50 testimonies, legislative briefings, and meetings with the Governor's office, state legislators and administration officials between the Governor's State of the State address in January and final passage of the New York State budget in April.

The Children's Agenda published its first analysis of the New York State budget fourteen years ago. Since then, we have become a recognized and respected source of data and analysis for legislators and government officials.

Pete Nabozny, Policy Director, speaking in a meeting of the New York State Child Poverty Reduction Council

Our relationships extend beyond Rochester and Monroe County. Last summer, we hosted members of the Black, Hispanic, Puerto Rican and Asian Legislative Caucus. That brought **legislators from both downstate and upstate** to our offices to speak with one voice on behalf of infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities.

During that visit, one of the New York City legislators raved about our work, saying he reads every report and fact sheet we send.



Behind the scenes, Research & Policy Analyst Shannon Mullin and Advocacy Coordinator Sushmitha Madaboosi looking at the data

While we enjoy collaborative relationships with legislators, we remain stridently independent. **The Children's Agenda advocates without fear or favor and always with children at the center of what we do.**