



New York Children's Action Network (CAN)

Because New York CAN do more for children and families

Why does New York State need a collaborative effort for children?

For many years, New York State led the way in protecting children and providing funding for their needs. That is no longer the case. Although we have had some meaningful advances, far too many children continue to live in less than satisfactory conditions. For example:

- In 2006, New York State's high school graduation rate was 67% after 4 years of high school.
- Child care subsidies serve an estimated 44% of those eligible.
- 45% of four-year-olds are enrolled in a Pre-K program.
- The 400,000 uninsured children need to be enrolled in the expanded public health insurance programs, 9% of all children and 16% of poor children.
- 40% of New York's children live at or below 200% of the federal poverty index.
- Only 17% of families on whom a child abuse report was made to the state central registry received any services.
- 81,000 youth ages 16-19 are considered "disconnected", not enrolled in school and not employed.

Our state simply needs a strong, united voice for all children and families that brings attention to their needs and the services and programs that matter most to their well-being.

For more information

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What is New York CAN?

New York CAN is a broad-based initiative that brings together a variety of coalitions, individuals, and organizations concerned about issues affecting children and families with the goal children in New York State.

Vision: New York is a state that provides every child an opportunity to become a healthy, educated, productive, and responsible adult.

Mission: To be a unified and powerful voice to improve the lives of all New York's children, youth and families through the promotion of adequate resources and changes in policies and practices.

Goals: 1) To mobilize public will, 2) to foster investments in children, 3) to elevate children's issues as a priority with elected officials, administrators and candidates, and 4) to serve as a clearinghouse.

Who can participate? Every group, organization or individual in New York State who cares about children and their families.

Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy Children's Policy Agenda:

The Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy (SCAA) Children's Policy Agenda is taking the lead in organizing this coalition. SCAA is an organization which seeks to promote the public interest by shaping policies to improve health, welfare, and human services in New York State. (Go to www.scaany.org for more information)