



# STEP UP FOR KIDS

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

## Speaking Program

### **Karen Schimke**

Founder, New York Children's Action Network  
President, Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy

### **Christina Felix**

Board of Trustees, Families Together New York State  
Treasurer, YouthPower!

### **Kristin Proud**

Deputy Director, State Operations  
Office of New York State Governor David Paterson

### **Dr. Helen Rouvelas**

Pediatric Pulmonologist  
Member, Docs for Tots

### **Clifford Bird**

Principal, Abram G. Lansing Elementary School (Cohoes)

### **Sergeant Leonard Ricchiuti, Jr.**

Executive Director  
Albany Police Athletic League (PAL)

### About NY CAN

([www.newyorkcan.org](http://www.newyorkcan.org))

New York CAN is a broad-based initiative, bringing together coalitions, organizations, and individuals who are concerned about issues affecting children and families. Our goal is to elevate the importance of supporting all 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.