

The Kid Angle

Kid-focused news from First Focus on Children

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Promoting the health, safety and well-being of America's children

You know Mother's Day. You know Father's Day. <u>Sunday, June 12, is</u> <u>Children's Day</u>.

Children's Day launches the <u>nation's fifth annual Children's Week</u>, when parents, advocates, organizers and members of Congress mount events aimed at urging lawmakers to better protect the health, safety and well-being of America's children.

Children's Week 2022, which runs through June 18, unfolds as the country slides backwards on historic gains made for children. Since the expiration of pandemic emergency measures, which pushed federal investment in children to a historic 11.15%, more than <u>3 million U.S. children have slid back into poverty</u>. Around the globe, nearly <u>7.5 million children have lost a caregiver</u> to COVID-19. Hunger will once again ripple through U.S. schools and families as <u>federal</u> <u>nutrition waivers end on June 30</u>. And — also once again — an American community is mourning the loss of elementary school children and teachers murdered in their classrooms.

Some highlights of Children's Week 2022 include:

• Special Order on the House floor, led by Rep. Sara Jacobs (D-CA): During this 30-minute event, members of Congress will take to the floor on behalf of children. Wednesday, 6/15. Time TBD.

- **Poll Results:** New poll from Lake Research Partners shows overwhelming support among voters for increased investment in children. *Monday, June 13.*
- Briefings:
 - Trailblazers of Today: U.S. Foreign Assistance & the Impact of Youth Engagement: Tuesday, 6/14, 12pmET. Rayburn HOB 2044.
 <u>Register at this link.</u> NOTE: This event is live and in person.
 - **Promoting Racial Justice in the Child Welfare System:** *Friday,* 6/17, 1pmET. Virtual briefing. <u>Register at this link.</u>
- Social Media: Tweet Chats
 - Promoting educational equity on the 40th anniversary of the Plyler ruling: Co-hosted by Children Thrive Action Network, The Center for Law and Social Policy, ImmSchools, The Children's Partnerhsip, The New Teacher Project #PlylerDACA, Wednesday, 6/15, 1pmET
 - Children's Health: Co-hosted by MomsRising, Little Lobbyists, Georgetown Center for Children and Families, Community Catalyst.
 #WellnessWed, #ChildrensWeek2022, Wednesday, 6/15, 2pmET



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