

## *The Kid Angle*

*Kid-focused news from First Focus on Children*

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**Rest up, Congress**  
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### **There's lots more to do**

Here's hoping that lawmakers rest up during this August break. Because a long "To Do" list awaits them here in DC.

**First up:** Senate Majority Leader Schumer's pledge to turn the chamber's attention to **lowering the cost and increasing the availability of child care.**



We also would **urge Leader Schumer to:**

- Swiftly restore improvements to the **Child Tax Credit**
- Offer **continuous and longer-term health care to children** and the people who bear them
- Guarantee that **no child in this, the wealthiest country on earth, goes hungry**
- Consider any and all other priorities outlined in our First Focus Campaign for Children's [Children's Agenda for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress](#)

Consider this the unfinished work of the Inflation Reduction Act, which — fun fact — meticulously avoided mentioning children.

## **CONGRESS DROPPED NEARLY EVERY MENTION OF CHILDREN FROM THIS BILL**

The Build Back Better proposal included

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mentions of children, with investments in child care, maternal child health, & child poverty reduction.

The Inflation Reduction Act has just

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meaningful mention of children.



An end-of-year bill would make a good vehicle for advancing the health, safety, and well-being of our nation's 74 million children. ***In fact, we wish someone would ask:***



Senator Schumer,

- You thanked Senator Murray for her reminder that child care must get done. What plans are you and she making to pass child care reform?
- During IRA's vote-a-rama, Senator Bennet pledged "to fight to [make this enhanced child tax credit permanent](#)"? How are you helping him meet that pledge?
- We've got a maternal and child health crisis in this country. What steps will you take to improve Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program for them?

If you are also curious about the answer to these questions, please go ahead [give me a shout](#) for more background.

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