



The Kid Angle

Kid-focused news from First Focus on Children

Vote says: Children are expendable.

Champions say otherwise.

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The House vote last night to increase the nation's debt limit in exchange for deep cuts to federal spending on children would gut children's health care, food aid, education and general well-being. **The bill is unlikely to pass the Senate, but the message it sends could not be clearer: Our children are expendable.**

In his Wall Street speech, House Speaker McCarthy [invoked the nation's children](#) and has made a point of saying that lawmakers must '[act for future generations](#).' Cutting the programs that nurture these generations — and, by the way, deliver a [return on investment that would make Wall Street proud](#) — **achieves the exact opposite.**

In times like this, it is even more important to highlight lawmakers who stand up for children at every opportunity. **First Focus Campaign for Children has begun delivering its "[Champions for Children](#)" awards to lawmakers.** Champions are members of the House and Senate who consistently pursue policies and legislation that prioritize children across all issues. Champions include longtime stalwarts like **Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)** (*pictured here with First Focus VP for Family Economics Cara Baldari*), who has made it his life's work to enact a [child poverty reduction target](#) and to improve the lives of foster youth...



...and emerging children's advocates like [Rep. Sara Jacobs \(D-CA\)](#) (pictured here with Ms. Baldari and First Focus VP for International Children's Policy Kathy Sacco), who is committed to fighting child poverty, improving support for children experiencing homelessness, and increasing aid for children abroad.



We are also pleased to honor Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA) (pictured below with Ms. Baldari) a relentless fighter for children working to improve the [Temporary Assistance to Needy Families \(TANF\) program](#).

[For the full list of Champions and Defenders of Children, please see our latest Legislative Scorecard.](#)



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