



**CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE**

*A Voice for Washington's Children, Youth & Families*

# 2017 Legislative Agenda

The Children's Alliance creates our annual Legislative Agenda with the aid of a racial equity policy analysis, so that our efforts address disparities facing children and families in communities of color.

## **Early Learning**

Quality preschool helps kids to reach their full potential for success in school and in life. **Expand access to the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) by increasing enrollment of currently eligible children and increasing funding to support and retain high quality, diverse teachers.**

## **Children's Health**

Dental therapists bring affordable, preventive care to kids and families. Momentum is building here in Washington and around the country to add dental therapists to the oral health care team. **Further the health care of all Washington children by authorizing dental therapy.**

## **Department of Children, Youth, and Families**

The reorganization of service delivery to children and families is an historic opportunity to improve outcomes for all children, especially those who face barriers to their healthy development and learning. **We support the creation of a Department of Children, Youth, and Families with racial equity integrated into the mission, operations, and accountability measures.**

## **Revenue**

Public investments in the youngest generation benefit us all. Solutions to the McCleary ruling must include new revenue for education as well as the services and supports that help children learn. **Close outdated and unnecessary tax preferences and adopt new sources of revenue.**