



**CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE**

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

# 2018 Legislative Agenda

We believe in the potential of every child. Poverty and racism erode kids' opportunities. Our legislative agenda reflects smart public policies that remove barriers and create opportunity—so all kids can thrive.

## **Early Learning**

Every Washington child should have access to high-quality early learning. The state's preschool program—the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)—helps kids get a great start so they thrive in school and life. Yet tens of thousands of families are left behind due to narrow eligibility. Expand ECEAP to children in families below 185% of the federal poverty level: **Pass House Bill 2659.**

## **Family and Community Health**

Kids do better when the adults in their lives are healthy. For thousands of adults in Washington from three Pacific Island nations, basic health coverage is out of reach. All Washington families ought to have access to health care. Promote children's health and well-being by enabling parents and adults to purchase coverage through the Washington Health Benefit Exchange: **Pass House Bill 1291 / Senate Bill 5683.**

## **Children's Health**

Washington State's progress in children's health is worth protecting. Apple Health for Kids helps kids thrive and succeed in school. Every child needs consistent access to health care. Congress' failure to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) jeopardizes health services for children and pregnant women.

**Preserve Apple Health for Kids so no children or pregnant women lose coverage: Pass House Bill 2660 / Senate Bill 3604.**

## **Revenue**

Investments in the well-being of our youngest generation create a brighter future for us all. **Close wasteful tax breaks and adopt new sources of revenue.**