



## CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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

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## **Hundreds of Child Advocates to Rally in Olympia**

*Speaker Chopp, Representative Walsh to speak  
'After years of budget shortfalls, now is the time to make it up to kids'*

**WHO:** The Children's Alliance, a statewide child advocacy organization

Hundreds of child advocates from across the state

House Speaker Frank Chopp (D, 43)

State Representative Maureen Walsh (R, 16)

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 9, 2006, Rally from 1-1:30 pm. Gathering at United Churches (110 11<sup>th</sup> Ave SE) at 9:30am.

**WHERE:** Capitol steps, Olympia

**WHAT:** A gathering of at least 600 hundred parents, youth, and advocates from all parts of Washington. The Children's Alliance is in Olympia for "Have A Heart for Kids Day." We will be lobbying on children's health, early learning, school breakfast and foster care. Several important bills for children are likely to be considered on the House floor on 2/9, including HB 2964 (Department of Early Learning) and HB 2002 (foster care). **Photo opportunities all day.**

See [http://childrensalliance.org/4Download/2006\\_Legislative\\_Agenda.pdf](http://childrensalliance.org/4Download/2006_Legislative_Agenda.pdf) for our 2006 legislative priorities.

**WHY:** "We have had years of budget cuts and funding stagnation that have closed doors to kids who need critical supports like health insurance and child care. Now that it's within our means as a state, it's time to make it up to them," says Paola Maranan, Executive Director, Children's Alliance.

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