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Hundreds head to Olympia rally to Stand Strong for Kids

WHO: The Children’s Alliance, a statewide child advocacy organization
Hundreds of parents, children and allies standing strong for the policies and programs that keep Washington children growing up healthy
Invited Speakers: House Speaker Frank Chopp, Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown, Rep. Maureen Walsh

WHEN: Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Advocacy training & workshops 9 a.m. - Noon
Rally starts at 12 p.m.

WHERE: 9 a.m. Morning session United Churches (110 11th Ave SE, Olympia)
12 p.m. Rally on the Capitol steps

WHAT: Have a Heart for Kids Day convenes hundreds of parents, youth, and children’s advocates from all over Washington to protect Apple Health for Kids, child care, and food assistance for Washington’s hungry families; we’ll advocate to raise revenue for the shared economic prosperity of all Washingtonians. We’re asking lawmakers to stand strong with Washington’s children and families this legislative session.

WHY: Children’s Alliance urges state lawmakers to stand strong for the policies and programs are keeping children in every part of Washington healthy and prepared for a better future. Apple Health for Kids, State Food Assistance and Working Connections Child Care have laid the groundwork for a better start for children and our state.

Participant interviews and photo opportunities are available upon request.

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The Children’s Alliance is a statewide public policy advocacy organization that works at the state and federal level to ensure that all children have what they need to thrive. To learn more about the Children’s Alliance, go to www.childrensalliance.org.