



CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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A special visual and audio media opportunity featuring a statewide children's action will take place **Friday on the Capitol steps.**



Kids, advocates issue Special Session children's proclamation

Children's Alliance tells lawmakers in Olympia, "Protect our future: Protect kids"

Wednesday, November 30, 2011 – The first week of Special Session will have a memorable closing day on Friday in Olympia, when hundreds of kids, parents, and advocates stand together at Children's Alliance's [Have a Heart for Kids Day: 2011 Special Session](#). This will culminate in a rally with parent and youth speakers, and a **Proclamation by the Children of Washington** released and delivered to legislators.

The Children's Alliance is asking lawmakers to think of new solutions to balance the budget so kids won't lose State Food Assistance (SFA), child care, and Apple Health for Kids: programs that work for families in hard times. The Governor's budget proposes significant cuts to Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care, and total elimination of SFA.

Please join us for this special media opportunity: Children recite, deliver a Proclamation "for us, by us, for our future" to legislators

WHEN: Friday, December 2.
Rally starts at 12 noon; children issue proclamation at 12:15.

WHERE: Capitol steps in front of Legislative Building, Capitol Campus, Olympia ([map](#))

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- 10 a.m.** **Advocates meet with Children's Alliance** at the Columbia Room inside Legislative Building to prepare for meetings with legislators and action.
- 12-1 p.m.** **Rally and chants** with youth and parent speakers take place on Capitol steps, followed by kids issuing the proclamation.
- 1-3 p.m.** **Advocates prepare, deliver personalized proclamations** to legislators' doors, starting in the Columbia Room.

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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.