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Dear Advocate,

Here's the latest news and items of interest from The Children's Agenda. We also invite you to visit [our new website](#) and let us know how we're doing. We'd love to hear from you!



ROC the Future is an alliance of leading Rochester institutions and community partners working with the Rochester City School District to promote alignment and focus community resources for children's success, from cradle to career.

The Children's Agenda provides backbone staffing for ROC the Future.

TCA welcomes new Director of ROC the Future



Jackie Campbell is the new Director of [ROC the Future](#), an alliance of leading Rochester-area institutions and community partners working with the [Rochester City School District](#) to promote alignment of strategies, resources, and accountability for improving the academic achievement of Rochester's children. Before joining The Children's Agenda, Jackie worked for the City of Rochester managing Youth Services at the Rochester Central Library, and many years with the Department of Recreation and Youth Services, including 4 years as Assistant Commissioner. Jackie has an Associate degree in Business Administration from Monroe Community College, a Bachelor's degree in Business



Upcoming Events

Friday, October 16

State of Our Children Breakfast

Friday, October 16

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Sunday, October 18

Children's Interfaith Weekend

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In the News

Day cares frustrated over county payments

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Special ed enrollment soars in city summer school

[Democrat & Chronicle](#)

Management from SUNY Empire State College, and a Master's degree in Management Science from Keuka College. As a strong advocate for parent and family engagement, Jackie is active in several community efforts, including the Black Women's Leadership Forum, [Parent Leadership Training Institute](#), and [Facing Race = Embracing Equity](#). In 2014, Jackie was recognized as an "Outstanding Leader in the African American Community" by [Rochester A.B.O.V.E.](#), given [Teen Empowerment's](#) "Champion of Youth" leadership award, and Alpha Kappa Alpha's "Everday Hero" award. Jackie grew up, attended public schools, and continues to live in the city of Rochester. She and her husband have six adult children--four proud graduates of the Rochester City School District--and 11 grandchildren.

Local Focus, National Impact

The Partnership for America's Children held its second annual retreat for executive directors of children's advocacy organization in 44 states August 3 - 5 in Cleveland. The [Partnership](#) is a new federation designed to connect, strengthen, and inspire state and local children's advocacy organizations, and The Children's Agenda's own Larry Marx serves on its national board of directors. Discussion focused on strengthening our advocacy efforts, equity issues, passing the torch to the next generation of leaders, and several business issues. A Cleveland foundation-sponsored reception included a briefing on their collective impact effort for positive youth development known as "[MyCom](#)." The Partnership for America's Children adds the collective voice of its state and local members to several federal issues, including the Child Care and Development Block Grant, critical provisions in the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit, and the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Act.

Rachel Pickering, working on healthy weight in Rochester's children as The Children's Agenda's Director of Community Health Initiatives, is currently in Washington, D.C. as part of the [Collaborative Health Network](#). This is an online and in-person forum to support the "Health Doers" working to improve community health and health care, led by the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement and supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Network is "designed to rapidly identify and spread what works, foster meaningful connections, and incorporate participant feedback to set priorities."



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