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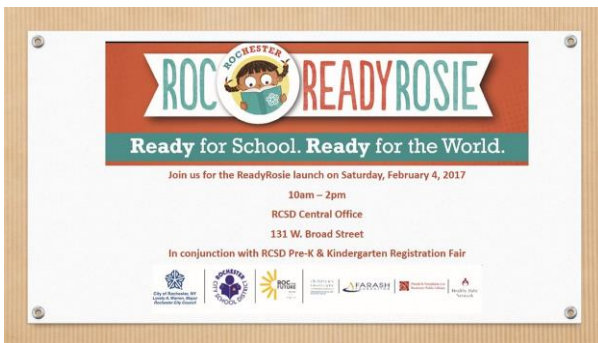
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Dear Advocate,

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

ROC the Future Set to Launch ReadyRosie



On February 4th, [ROC the Future](#) will launch ReadyRosie in Rochester. ReadyRosie is an educational tool currently used by schools and communities across the nation to deepen and scale parent engagement efforts by leveraging the power of mobile technology. ReadyRosie equips families with children, ages birth to 3rd grade, by demonstrating how common tasks and environments can be used as opportunities for teaching and learning. ReadyRosie has hundreds of brief videos in English and Spanish. To learn more, visit www.readyrosie.com.

TCA's Review of NYS FY2017-18 Executive Budget

In its [Brief Review of New York State FY2017-18 Executive Budget](#), The Children's Agenda identifies proposals that



Upcoming Events

[Black History Month Events](#)

February 1 - 28

[ReadyRosie Launch](#)

Saturday, February 4

[Winning Beginning NY 2017 Advocacy Day](#)

Tuesday, February 7

[FAFSA \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\) Fest](#)

Tuesday, February 7

[RCSD Attendance Blitz](#)

Thursday, February 16

[Raise the Age Call-In Day](#)

Thursday, February 16

[Raise the Age Lobby Day](#)

Tuesday, March 7

In the News

[Billboard in Henrietta Advertises Grandfather's CPS Campaign](#)

Democrat & Chronicle

impact children and youth in the Governor's budget and makes recommendations for legislative changes before New York State's final budget is adopted on April 1.

The 2017-18 Executive Budget proposes several important investments to support New York's children and youth, including [22,000 new after-school slots](#), adoption of [Raise the Age](#) juvenile justice reform that will positively impact the 28,000 16 and 17 year-old youth arrested annually, and expansion of community schools and pre-K programs.

Yet, other key investments are missing: the budget proposes no new child care subsidies for low-income working families, does not protect providers or parents from the cost of new federal child care regulations, and reduces funding for the [Nurse-Family Partnership](#). Adding to uncertainty in federal funding for children's services, the Executive Budget includes language allowing the Governor to reduce funding to localities should state revenue be less than expected... [read more](#)

How the New Federal Administration Impacts Kids



Following Election Day, the [Southern Poverty Law Center \(SPLC\)](#) released a survey to demonstrate the impact the 2016 presidential campaign has had on schoolchildren. The survey, conducted March 31 - April 2, garnered 10,000 responses from educators, counselors, and administrators across the nation. Get the full survey: [The Trump Effect: The Impact of the Presidential Campaign on Our Nation's Schools](#).

[Unity & Politics in 2017, The CPS Overload Issue, & The ROC-NASA Connection](#)
WXXI News

['Raise the Age' Already Gaining Steam in 2017 Session](#)
TWC News

[Rochester's Mayor Confident of the City's Ability to Obtain Needed Aid Despite Political Differences](#)
WXXI News

[Despite Threats to Obamacare, Program for Mothers and Babies Could Double](#)
Chronicle of Social Change

[How Work-Life Balance Helps a Baby's Brain](#)
RWJF

[Obama Looks to Lock In \\$1 Billion to Schools with Low-Income Kids](#)
CNN

Local Focus, National Impact



The Children's Agenda is integrating [Greater Rochester Parent Leadership Training Institute \(PLTI\)](#) parent voice into child advocacy opportunities. Earlier this month, Policy Director Carolyn Lee-Davis—working with national child care partners—assisted a Washington Post columnist on a child care piece that ultimately included quotes from 3 local parents. Of these parents, two are PLTI parents and the third was recommended by a PLTI parent. Check out this must-read article on high-quality early child care, "[Children, Parents, U.S. Suffer Because Quality, Affordable Child Care is Lacking.](#)"

Did you know?

Every year, more than 80 percent of low-income children miss the crucial milestone of reading proficiency at 3rd grade. Reading proficiency by 3rd grade is the most important predictor of high school graduation and career success.

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