

The Children's Agenda

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Dear Advocate,

Thank you for keeping in tune with the needs of children in our community, for being an active listener and an active voice, and most importantly for being ready and willing to take action on behalf of our children.

At the top of the year, we shared with you our goals for 2016. We have made progress and, with your support, we will continue to work toward the following:

- More evidence-based home visiting for low-income families
- More child care assistance for low-income working families
- Paid Family Leave
- Better support for children's social and emotional health

The Children's Agenda works to ensure collaboration so that our community can address what's needed most and works best for children. Your efforts—whether you participated in ROC the Day on #GivingTuesday, Children's Interfaith Weekend, ROC the Future's Provider Forum, or PLTI's 5th Cohort—truly strengthen the ties that bind us. We need your support. We ask that you consider making a [donation](#) to The Children's Agenda.

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Interfaith Weekend Roundup



Upcoming Events

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

Thursday, December 1

[RCSD Attendance Blitz](#)

Thursday, December 8

In the News

[Schools increasingly address student mental health needs](#)

Democrat & Chronicle

[What do we tell the children?](#)

Huffington Post

[A lesson for preschools: when it's done right, the benefits last](#)

NPR

[Improvement in childhood obesity among young children participating in WIC](#)

CDC

[Home visits work: let's make them universal](#)

RWJF

The [Children's Agenda's Interfaith Collaborative](#) organized its 6th annual [Children's Interfaith Weekend](#) last month. Seventy-five congregations collected 2,654 letters addressed to County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo, requesting that she propose \$1 million in additional child care subsidy funding in the County's 2017 budget. Many congregations held special worship services, engaged children in writing their own letters to the County Executive, preached on holy texts, and honored our common concern for all young people in a variety of other ways.

Monroe County faith communities are inspiring, dedicated partners in our work to lift up children and speak up about our responsibility to create a community that values and cares for them.

PLTI's 5th Cohort



On November 5th, the [Greater Rochester Parent Leadership Training Institute \(PLTI\)](#) kicked off its 5th Cohort. PLTI facilitates system change for parental involvement with increased utilization of parents in policy and process decisions. Elected officials, including County Legislator Tanya Parmalee Conley and City Council VP Dana Miller, and parent leaders, including PLTI alum, welcomed the new class aboard. Miller offered that "leadership is knowledge and empowerment." The Children's Agenda would also like to congratulate the new class on taking the first step toward becoming practiced change agents for the next generation.

Did you know?

#GivingTuesday is a global day of philanthropy

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