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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!

TCA advocates for Raise the Age



Earlier this month, TCA Policy Analyst Brigit Hurley traveled to Albany for Raise the Age Lobby Day. There, she joined with other [Raise the Age](#) advocates to call for smarter policies that protect our youth and improve public safety. In addition, Brigit was featured in the *Minority Reporter*. In her op/ed, [Then There Were Two: It's Time to Raise the Age](#), she emphasizes that New York is one of only two states—the other is North Carolina—in which 16- and 17-year olds are treated as adults for non-violent offenses. Larry Marx, CEO of The Children's Agenda, and Elaine Spaul, Executive Director at [Center for Youth](#), in their [D&C](#) guest essay on [Raise the Age](#), also urged State elected officials to include Raise the Age in this year's New York State budget. Follow us on Twitter for more updates on Raise the Age, and take action now to Raise the Age in NY by visiting [raisetheagency.com](#).



Upcoming Events

[The System is Flawed, Our Kids Are Not - A Community Forum](#)
Saturday, April 1

[RCSD Attendance Blitz](#)
Thursday, April 20

[Faith & Medicine: Working Together to Eliminate Healthcare Disparities](#)
Friday, April 28 & Saturday, April 29

In the News

[Guest Essay: Raise the Age](#)
Democrat & Chronicle

[Op/Ed: Parent Engagement is the Secret Sauce](#)
Minority Reporter

[Op/Ed: Then There Were Two: It's Time to Raise the Age](#)
Minority Reporter

[Op/Ed: Is the School System Setting Our Children Up for Failure](#)
Minority Reporter

Be an advocate for our children's healthy development. With our collective power, we have the ability to demand systemic change.

Guest Essay: Local Physicians Opposed to ACA Repeal/Medicaid Cuts - D&C



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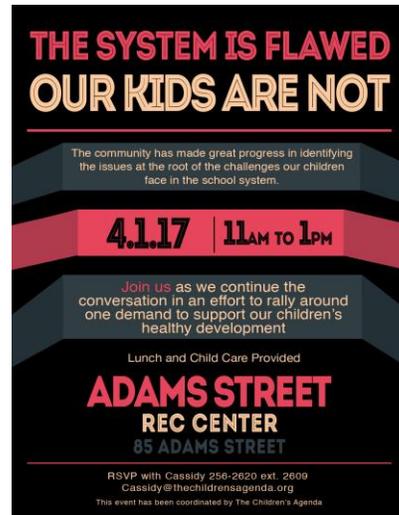
We are writing in our role as doctors who care for children to express grave concerns about the Congressional proposal to repeal the Affordable Care Act and massively cut Medicaid. Pediatricians and families have a special relationship with our patients and their families. We are trusted to provide the services children need to thrive and become healthy adults. There is no question that children with health insurance see their doctor, while those without insurance forgo needed care... [read more](#)

ROC the Future's ReadyRosie



On Thursday, March 30, [ROC the Future](#) Communications Specialist Jessica Lewis and [RCSD](#) Early Childhood Executive Director Robin Hooper, Ed.D, joined the set of [City Wise](#) to share updates on [ReadyRosie](#). ReadyRosie is a mobile app currently used by schools and communities across the nation to deepen and scale parent engagement efforts and it is free to all Rochester parents of children ages

Make your voice heard. Join us April 1st at the Adams Street R-Center 11:00AM - 1:00PM as we come together to determine what we, as a community, are willing to fight for.



**THE SYSTEM IS FLAWED
OUR KIDS ARE NOT**

The community has made great progress in identifying the issues at the root of the challenges our children face in the school system.

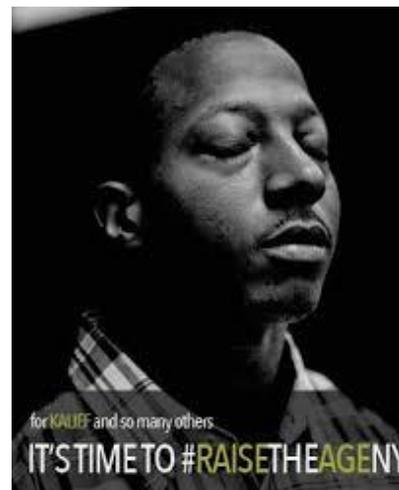
4.1.17 | 11AM TO 1PM

Join us as we continue the conversation in an effort to rally around one demand to support our children's healthy development

Lunch and Child Care Provided

**ADAMS STREET
REC CENTER
85 ADAMS STREET**

RSVP with Cassidy 256-2620 ext. 2609
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This event has been coordinated by The Children's Agenda



0-5. Catch the full CityWise interview on Thursday, April 13th at 8:00 PM, cable channel 12. Learn more now by visiting readyrosie.com.

TCA's Advocacy Network

Sometimes taking action for kids is as simple as adding your signature, sharing a message or attending an event. By signing up for our [Advocacy Network](#) you'll be notified of opportunities to raise your voice for the vulnerable. The Children's Agenda does not share network information with any other organizations. Invite family and friends to [join TCA's Advocacy Network](#) today and take action to [fund child care](#).



Did you know?

Bigit Hurley celebrated 5 years at TCA in March.

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