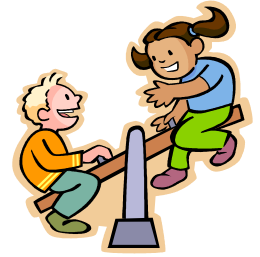




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*We urge you to support the following legislation
to advance Children's Rights in Illinois:*

Children's Right to Financial Security:

- **HB 2262 (Gabel/Hunter)** – Remove asset limit on TANF so low-income families can save for the future.
- **SB 1190 (Hutchinson)** – Allow grandparents raising grandchildren family leave to care for the children.
- **SB 1708 (Silverstein)** – Provide domestic workers with basic rights.

Children's Right to Early Care and Quality Education:

- **SB 1571 (Delgado)** – Put a 1-year moratorium on school closings and consolidations in Chicago Public Schools.
- **Protect funding for early childhood programs including:**
 - *Child Care Assistance Program* – Increase funding and make it more affordable for low-income, working families.
 - Don't cut: *Home visitation programs* (“Healthy Families” and “Parents Too Soon”); *Early Childhood Block Grant*; *bilingual preschool*; *Medicaid dental services for pregnant women*.

Children's Right to Safety and Second Chances:

- **HB 2404 (Currie/Steans)** – Raise the age that youth can be tried in the adult criminal system from 17 to 18 years old.
- **HB 3061 (Ford/Raoul) & SB 1659 (Van Pelt/Turner)** – Help ex-offenders reintegrate by making it easier to seal their records and get hired.
- **HB 2879 (Ford/Hunter)** – Create a state Violence Prevention Task Force.

Children's Right to Affordable Health Care:

- Support the implementation of ObamaCare (the federal Affordable Care Act) in Illinois by voting for **SB 26 (Steans) and SB 34 (Koehler)** so that more families have access to affordable health care coverage.
- And vote **NO on SB 1194** which would hurt the Health Insurance “Navigators” program under the Affordable Care Act.

Pass A State Budget WITHOUT Cuts That Hurt Vulnerable Children and Families

- **SB 1159 (Hutchinson)** – Close corporate tax loopholes.
- Support other recommendations that maximize revenues.

SPECIAL NOTE for consideration by JCAR committee:

- **NO to the removal of State Administrative Rule Part 226** that would remove all requirements on class size for students with disabilities.