



6th Annual Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol and Step Up for Kids 2009 Co-Sponsor Sign Up

What is Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol?

Each year Kentucky's community of child advocates sponsor an opportunity for children, youth and their advocates from across the state to be heard at the state capitol. Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol began 5 years ago as an effort to unite advocates from across the state to raise their voices together on behalf of children's and families' safety, health, education and economic well-being. Hundreds of advocates representing more than 40 counties bring children's needs and solutions to state legislators every year. This year Children's Advocacy Day will be held on February 18. To see more check out http://www.kyyouth.org/Advocacy/Childrens_Day/.

What is Step Up for Kids '09?

This is the second year that the Every Child Matters Education Fund (ECMEF) is sponsoring this special, non-partisan, nationwide event to highlight the status of our nation's children and to show widespread support for a shift in spending priorities towards children and families. Co-sponsored by many other national, state, and local organizations (such as VOICES, Prevent Child Abuse America, the Afterschool Alliance, the National Association of Social Workers) the event will bring thousands of people together on October 8. To learn more about this event see: <http://www.everychildmatters.org/Kentucky/About/Step-Up-for-Kids-Week.html>.

What will it take to be a Co-Sponsor?

We are pairing these opportunities together this year to bring the message for children into the public debate. By sponsoring these events you will be a part of Kentucky's largest effort to bring child and youth advocates to the state capitol. Sponsoring organizations' info will appear on all printed materials. Your donation helps cover the costs of education and materials for participants. Sponsors are also group leaders and will bring a group to the capitol for Children's Advocacy Day and will be among the invitees for the training sessions.

There is no obligation to take on any chores associated with putting on the events, although there are numerous ways in which co-sponsors can be involved if they wish, such as to:

Publicize the event to constituents; help recruit participants; plan local events; ask employees and constituents to attend or participate from their home counties; join an advisory committee for the event; or help plan the events by joining the planning team.

If you have further questions, please contact Preston Parsons at Kentucky Youth Advocates at 502-895-8167 ext 123 or pparsons@kyyouth.org

Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol INVOICE

Make checks payable to:

Send checks and completed form to:

Date:

Re: Children's Advocacy Day 2010 and Step Up for Kids

Co-Sponsor Pledge:

- **Step Up for Kids '09 FREE** (supports only the October 8 event)
- **Advocates \$250** (supports the October 8 event and the February 18 event)
- **Supporters \$500** (supports both events plus an evening reception for legislators)

Organization or Bill to: _____

Contact person: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Please list the name of organization as you would like it to appear in Sponsorship references: _____