



Policy & Advocacy WG Agenda

4.29.2025

Welcome

- Ice Breaker: Is time currently passing slowly or quickly for you?

Advocacy Highlight

- Advocates for Children Letter Campaign
 - [Protect Access to Child Care & Early Learn Programs](#)
 - Share ^ link w/ SIA partners. Disseminate among their staff and families.
- Look into CCC campaigns around early childhood and share among SIA partners
- Highlight and share any vetted campaigns that are in support of safeguarding funding for early childhood, childcare, etc.

Awareness Campaigns

- Cuts to SNAP and Medicaid
 - Collect Resources, letter campaigns, etc.
 - Cuts to SNAP will also cut funds to / impact local food pantries
 - Hold off on Medicaid topic until seeing the Republican proposed budget surrounding funding cuts to Medicaid
 - Can create a better game plan until after the proposal
 - Share out with SIA partners and families

Discussion

- What should this WG focus on?
 - Funding cuts to Medicaid, childhood education and food (SNAP).
 - Create a monthly newsletter discussing major topics
 - Policy & Advocacy Monthly Updates Newsletter
 - Discuss with the Steering Committee to create a list of topics
 - TOPICS – Major topics affecting children

- Education
 - Early Childhood education programs
 - Health
 - Medicaid
 - Mental health benefits / programs
 - Food Access
 - SNAP
- Reach out to other SIA partners asking to send information that they want to advocate for and condense and send it out for families to keep informed on the current situations regarding funding and benefits
 - Chris will draft an email to send to the partners asking for any information of interest that they can send to Claudia and Kat to collect and discuss at the next meeting
 - Working group specific (team) email for partners to send information for ease of access
- Recruit a new WG co-chair
 - Announce at the Steering Committee
- Email the WG to discuss new dates/times for the WG to meet
 - 3rd or last Monday or Friday of the month
 - Monday: 12:30 – 2 / 1 – 2:30
 - Friday: 10 – 11:30 / 1 – 2:30

Closing

- Next Meeting: Tentative date – 5/20/25