



Stay Informed on National Policy Issues: Division for Early Childhood Policy and Advocacy Outlets

Division for Early Childhood (DEC) collaborates with a large number of organizations that support young children, their families, and the professionals who work with them. We offer you this list of organizations with website and social media links to help increase awareness of policy efforts and enhance advocacy efforts. Members who are interested in receiving regular updates directly from our DEC partners can read their websites, subscribe to newsletters, or follow their social media outlets. The contacts listed below are a sampling ones that provide updates on a wide range of local, national, and international policy and advocacy issues. Many of these organizations also offer state and/or local affiliations that offer you even more chances to engage in awareness and advocacy efforts.

DEC also participates in larger coalitions such as Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), Association of Universities Centers on Disabilities (AUCD), and Coalition on Human Needs (CHN). The DEC executive office works to keep members apprised of key national policy issues that may require advocacy from members. Members are encouraged to subscribe the DEC News Alerts at <http://www.dec-sped.org/news> to stay updated.

There are many possibilities for awareness and advocacy. Simply start small and branch out once you feel comfortable with the connections you've made about the issues you value most.

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apta.org/advocacy	APTA NEWS	PT-PAC newsletter-sign-up	@APTAtweets	@AmericanPhysicalTherapyAssociation	@aptapi	American Physical Therapy Association	APTA Youtube
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 218,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.							
asha.org/advocacy	leader.pubs.asha.org	https://www.asha.org/publications/asha-now/	@ASHAWeb	ASHA	@ashaweb	ASHA	ASHA Youtube

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clasp.org	CLASP Blog	CLASP Press Room	@CLASP_DC	@CLASP.org	@clasp_dc	CLASP	CLASP.org
Child Care Aware of America (CCAOA) Child Care Aware® of America is the nation's leading voice on child care. Child Care Aware® of America works with more than 400 state and local Child Care Resource and Referral agencies nationwide. To achieve our mission, our organization leads projects that increase the quality and availability of child care, undertakes research, and advocates child care policies that positively impact the lives of children and families.							
childcareaware.org	Blog	Sign Up for eNews	@ChildCare Aware	@ChildCareAware	@childcareawareusa	ChildCareAware	ChildCareAwareofAmerica

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Child Trends Child Trends is the nation's leading research organization focused exclusively on improving the lives of children and youth, especially those who are most vulnerable. Child Trends works to ensure that all kids thrive by conducting independent research and partnering with practitioners and policymakers to apply that knowledge. Child Trends believes that programs and policies that serve children are most effective when they are informed by data and evidence and grounded in deep knowledge of child and youth development.							
childtrends.org	Blog	Newsroom	@ChildTrends	@childtrends		ChildTrends	ChildTrends
Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) The Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) is an international professional educational organization which is affiliated with the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) whose members are dedicated to the enhancement of the worth, dignity, potential, and uniqueness of each individual in society.							
casecec.org	CASE BLOG	In-CASE Newsletter (members-only)	@casecec	@CASECEC	@casecec2020	CASE	

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First Five Years Fund (FFYF) FFYF works to sustain and expand the support for early learning that exists at the federal level, while identifying and advancing new and innovative ways to increase access to high-quality early childhood education for children from low-income families. FFYF helps align best practices with the best possible policies and work with advocacy groups and policymakers on both sides of the aisle to identify federal solutions that work for children, families and taxpayers, as well as states and communities. Early childhood development is a practical, non-partisan issue—so FFYF collaborates with a diverse and wide range of federal and state advocates, business and thought leaders, and policymakers to help build consensus and craft early childhood policies that provide lasting economic and social returns.							
ffyf.org	News and Resources	Subscribe	@firstfiveyears	@firstfiveyears		First Five Years Fund	First Five Years
Infant and Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA) ITCA is your online link to the resources that help to improve the lives of infants & toddlers with special needs. ITCA believes that every successful early childhood intervention is the result of a cooperative spirit — the coordination and collaboration of many individuals who share a goal to help infants and toddlers with developmental challenges.							
ideainfanttoddler.org	Associations and Reports						IDEA webinar series

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nafcc.org	News Events	Blog and Newsroom	@nafcc	@nafcc	@nafcc	NAFCC	NAFCC YouTube
National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) The National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) is a premier membership organization that supports state leaders of special education throughout the United States and its Territories. Our mission and vision is to improve individual and organizational success for state leaders of special education by providing relevant services that guide positive systemic change and results thereby ensuring students with disabilities will live, learn, work and participate in their communities.							
nasdse.org	NASDSE Issue Briefs		@nasdse	@NASDSE		NASDSE	NASDSE YouTube

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National Head Start Association (NHSA) The National Head Start Association (NHSA) is a nonprofit organization committed to the belief that every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to succeed in life. NHSA is the voice for more than 1 million children, 245,000 staff and 1,600 Head Start grantees in the United States. Since 1974, NHSA has worked diligently for policy changes that ensure all at-risk children have access to the Head Start model of support for the whole child, the family and the community.							
nhsa.org	Events and News	Get Involved (membership)	@NatlHeadStart	@NatlHeadStart	@natlheadstart	NHSA	National Head Start
National Women's Law Center (NWLC) The National Women's Law Center advances gender justice in the courts, in the states, in the press, in our movement, and in Congress and our federal government—working across issues that are central to the lives of women and girls. We use the law in all its forms to change culture and drive solutions toward gender equity.							
nwlc.org	Our Work		@nwlc	@nwlc	@nationalwomenlawcenter	National Women's Law Center	NWLC Media

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Start Early Start Early was founded in 1982 as the Ounce of Prevention Fund, a nonprofit public-private partnership. Since the beginning, Start Early has delivered best-in-class doula, home visiting and Early Head Start and Head Start programs and advocated for thoughtful policies and adequate funding at the local, state, and federal levels. From Start Early's roots directly serving families and children on Chicago's South Side and rural Illinois, the organization has expanded nationwide impacting early childhood programs and policies with partnerships in 25 states. Start Early's role as on-the-ground practitioners continues to be the bedrock of our expertise and source of innovation and leadership in the field.							
www.startearly.org/what-we-do/policy-advocacy		Email	@StartEarly.org	@StartEarlyOrg	@startearlyorg		StartEarlyOrg
ZERO TO THREE ZERO TO THREE works to ensure that babies and toddlers benefit from the early connections that are critical to their well-being and development.							
zerotothree.org/policy-and-advocacy	Member Connect	Policy Network	@ZEROTOTHREE	@ZEROTOTHREE	@zerotothree	Zero To Three	ZERO TO THREE