

2022 STATE & FEDERAL PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES:

PRIMARY STATE PRIORITIES:

- Advocate for the elimination of corporal punishment in schools to create safe and non-threatening learning environments for KY school children.
- Advocate for funding for the Commonwealth Center for Fathers and Families to serve as an epicenter for ongoing promotion of the integration of father engagement across statewide delivery systems.
- Advocate for a revision to KRS. 600.020 (Neglect) to ensure parents are not substantiated for neglect because of poverty.

OTHER STATE PRIORITIES:

- Modify language in applicable statutes to ensure agencies do not employ an internal “chain of command” policy to ensure child abuse and neglect is reported in an accurate and timely manner.
- Support economic supports for families (cash assistance through TANF, supportive housing, etc.)

We will work to be supportive of partnering agencies and their public policy priorities that bear a direct correlation to our mission. Partnering agencies include, but are not limited to:

- Child Fatality & Near Fatality Review Panel
- Children’s Alliance
- KCADV (Domestic Violence)
- KASAP (Sexual Assault)
- KY Nonprofit Network
- KY Youth Advocates
- Metro United Way
- Prichard Committee

FEDERAL PRIORITIES:

- Support the increase in CAPTA (Child Abuse Prevention Treatment Act) funding.
- Support HR3788 – The VA Child Care Protection Act – would prevent a childcare provider from caring for children in the VA childcare program if they have been charged with a serious crime, such as sexual assault of a child, until their case has been resolved.
- Advocate for strengthening charitable giving incentives by expanding the incentives to all taxpayers, not just itemizers, via an above-the-line or universal charitable deduction of one-third of the standard deduction.
- Support the “Protecting Our Students in Schools Act of 2020”/Ending Corporal Punishment in Schools Act of 2019
- PCAK policy statement: “PCAK opposes any attempt to infringe on tech companies’ abilities to use scanning technology to detect, report and remove online child sexual abuse material. As stated by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: “...any attempt to remove this scanning technology would have a devastating impact – literally blinding the world to the online abuse of children...Offenders would continue to entice, groom, sexually exploit, and trade sexually abusive images of children online with impunity.”

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** These priorities may be altered as issues and topics emerge.*