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Statement

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**Statement by Kentucky Youth Advocates on the Passing of
David Richart, Founding Director**

It was with great sadness that Kentucky Youth Advocates learned of the passing of its founding director, David Richart of Louisville.

David served as Kentucky Youth Advocates' first executive director in 1976, and over the next 20 years helped to shape it into the commonwealth's most respected, credible voice for children and families. David was unrelenting in his advocacy, placing his only priority on Kentucky's kids. He combined his passion for Kentucky's most vulnerable youth with policy smarts to create lasting change for hundreds of thousands of Kentucky children.

Kentucky Youth Advocates will honor David's legacy by continuing his important work to improve the lives of children in Kentucky.

Memorial plans are pending.

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[Kentucky Youth Advocates](http://www.kyyouth.org) is a non-partisan, non-profit, children's advocacy organization. KYA represents a voice for Kentucky's most precious asset – its youth. We believe that Kentucky's youth deserve the opportunities and resources necessary to ensure their productive development and health.