

9th Annual
Children's Advocacy Day
at the Capitol



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Dear Child Advocate,

Welcome to the 9th annual Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol! The sponsors of today's event are thrilled you have joined us in supporting our Commonwealth's children.

The last year has seen significant attention to the well-being of Kentucky's children and a statewide conversation about how best to keep our children safe. Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol is a unique opportunity to send a clear message to Kentucky's legislators: the Commonwealth's real common wealth is kids. That means that the laws and budget passed in Frankfort should reflect the priority we place on children's education, health, and safety.

Children's Advocacy Day is a time to voice your support for Kentucky's children. After the rally at concludes, we suggest you not only meet with your legislators and deliver Step Up for Kids Notes to their offices, but attend committee meetings, and sit in on the House or Senate chambers when they convene later this afternoon. If you are interested in learning more about the Blueprint for Kentucky's Children, a shared policy agenda for child advocates from across the state, you can attend mini-seminars on the legislative agenda items in Annex Room 125.

Use this booklet as a guide for today's events and feel free to visit the Children's Advocacy Day Resource table at the bottom of the main stairs in the Annex with any questions. This is a day of stepping out of your comfort zone to stand up for children. The Commonwealth's kids thank you for your commitment today and beyond!

Lastly, we extend a special thanks to our youth speakers and performers: Chelsea Hoover, LaRosa Shelton, Tia The and the Mercy Academy dance team. We also voice deep appreciation to the Louisville Fund for the Arts which made the appearance of the Blue Apple Players possible this morning.

Sincerely,

The 2013 Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol Planning Committee

Agenda

February 7, 2013

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

Come to the 2nd Floor Mezzanine in the Capitol to register and pick up materials for the day.

9:30 - 10:00 Kick-off Rally in the Capitol Rotunda

Meet in the Capitol Rotunda to join Kentucky's youth and fellow children's advocates from around the state to kick off Children's Advocacy Day!

10:00 - 1:30 Complete the Child Advocate To-Do List

Make a difference by advocating for Kentucky's kids and check off the tasks on page 3.

12:00 - 2:00 Attend the 2013 Blueprint Mini-Seminars

Come hear speakers discuss the legislative Blueprint items for 2013 in Annex Room 125.

1:30 - 2:00 Meet on the steps to the House or Senate Chambers

Welcome your legislators into session at the bottom of the stairs on the 2nd Floor Mezzanine in the Capitol.

2:00 - 3:00 View the House or Senate in Session

Watch your legislators in action! You can obtain gallery passes in the House or Senate Clerk's Office on the third floor of the Capitol to sit in the gallery during a House or Senate Meeting. They both begin at 2:00pm. Please know, seating in the gallery is first-come, first-served, and you should obtain a gallery pass as early as possible.

***View the Children's Advocacy Day Tunnel Decor at any time during the week of CAD!**

Art from students across Kentucky and facts from the 2013 Blueprint will be on display in the tunnel between the Capitol and the Annex from February 4 - 8.



Child Advocate To-Do List

- ☐ **Wear your Children's Advocacy Day sticker at all times during the day.** This is a great way to call attention to Children's Advocacy Day, and identify yourself to the legislators.
- ☐ **Visit the tunnel on your way from the Capitol to the Annex for the Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol display.**
- ☐ **Review the Blueprint for Kentucky's Children Agenda** and fact sheets on the legislative agenda items.
- ☐ **Attend a legislative committee meeting** to hear the issues that are important to children. See page 4 for more information.
- ☐ **Attend the Blueprint for Kentucky's Children Mini-Seminars** in Annex Room 125 to learn more about the 2013 agenda items. See page 4 for more information.
- ☐ **Visit with your Senator and Representative** and deliver your Step Up for Kids Notes with your name, address, and personal message. If you are able to meet with your legislator, give it to him/her. If you are not able to meet your legislator, leave it for him/her. Step Up for Kids Notes are available at the registration table during the rally, at the Children's Day Resource Table, and in Annex room 125.
- ☐ **If you need more information** about anything during the day, look for someone wearing a large red sticker that reads, "Children's Advocacy Day Helper." Or, visit the Children's Advocacy Day Resource Table at the bottom of the main stairs in the Annex. Also visit this location if you have been to Children's Advocacy Day before and want "next steps." Only you can ensure that your day is successful, but we are here to help!
- ☐ **Have lunch on your own in the cafeteria or find an empty room to eat your sack lunch.**
- ☐ **After today's event, send follow up "thank you" cards** or "sorry to have missed you" cards to your legislators. Also, share the Step Up for Kids Notes with those who could not attend the event. Send them in at any time throughout the session to remind legislators about children's issues that you care about.

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Relevant Legislative Committees Scheduled for February 7, 2013

10:00 am	Senate Judiciary - Annex Room 154
11:30 am	Senate Education - Annex Room 171
12:00 pm	House Health and Welfare - Annex Room 169
On Adjournment	Senate Appropriations and Revenue - Annex Room 149

Note: These meetings are scheduled but are subject to change.

Blueprint for Kentucky's Children Mini-Seminars Capitol Annex, Room 125

12:00 pm	Enacting a State Earned Income Tax Credit <i>Speaker: Katie Carter, Kentucky Youth Advocates</i>
12:20 pm	Clear the air with a statewide smoke-free law <i>Speaker: Betsy Janes, Smoke-free Kentucky</i>
12:40 pm	Protect children from abuse and neglect <i>Speaker: Joel Griffith, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky</i>
1:00 pm	Improve Kentucky's response to child behavior <i>Speaker: Rebecca DiLoreto, Children's Law Center</i>
1:20 pm	Safeguard child victims and combat human trafficking <i>Speaker: MaryLee Underwood, Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs</i>



2013 Policy Priorities

BLUEPRINT *for* KENTUCKY'S CHILDREN

Safe & Healthy Families • A Fair Deal for Working Parents • A Fair Opportunity for Every Child

LEGISLATIVE



Clear the air with a statewide, comprehensive smoke-free law

All children deserve to live in communities where they can breathe clean air and be healthy. A statewide, comprehensive smoke-free law in public workplaces would improve children's health, prevent youth from starting smoking, and help parents quit.



Close the achievement gap: prioritize early learning

When young children have access to high quality early learning programs, everyone benefits. Promote local collaboration between school districts, Head Start and child care providers to deliver preschool services.



Protect children from abuse and neglect

Kentucky can do a better job of keeping children safe from harm. Independent reviews of child fatalities will help us learn from our mistakes and make the case for adequate resources to prevent future deaths. We can also make sure that all doctors recognize signs of child abuse and report it to the state.



Safeguard child victims: strengthen laws to combat human trafficking

Nationally, 1 out of every 3 children are lured into prostitution within 48 hours of running away from home. Kentucky children who have been exploited for labor or sex should not be charged with crimes and should not be locked up. Instead, child victims of human trafficking need specialized protection and recovery programs.



Follow the evidence on public safety: improve Kentucky's response to child behavior

All children need opportunities to learn from their mistakes but still be held accountable. Let's stop locking kids up for things like skipping school and use evidence-based programs to address the real reasons they are acting out - it's better for the children, safer for the community, and less expensive for our state.



Help working families make ends meet: enact a state Earned Income Tax Credit

State EITCs help make sure that people who work hard are able to meet basic needs to support their families and stay out of poverty. They are a small investment that can make a very large difference in the lives of working families. Twenty-five states plus the District of Columbia have enacted a state EITC.

ADMINISTRATIVE



Connect children to health coverage: make the process simpler

Every child deserves a chance to be healthy. KCHIP is a cost-effective, popular and successful health coverage program that helps 67,000 children in our state. A simpler enrollment process will help more low-income children receive the care they need to be successful in the classroom and in life.



Support grandparents and relative caregivers

More than 60,000 kids in Kentucky live with a relative or family friend for safety and security because their parents cannot raise them. Kentucky extended families have a strong track record of caring for their kin. We should actively support extended family and friends as they assume new caregiving roles.



Connect the dots: make sure eligible families get supports they need

Supports such as food stamps, child care subsidies, children's health insurance and school meals bolster family pocketbooks and help them build opportunities for their children. The process for obtaining these supports should be clear, consistent, and user-friendly.

For more information, visit:

www.blueprintky.org





2013 Agenda

SAFE AND HEALTHY FAMILIES

FACT SHEET:

Protect Children from Abuse and Neglect

All children need loving and safe home environments to help them thrive. However, thousands of children experience abuse or neglect by their parents or caretakers leading to many fatalities or near fatalities. One child death resulting from abuse or neglect is one too many.

FACTS:

- **Death from child abuse and neglect is tragic but preventable.** There were at least 22 confirmed child abuse fatalities and 33 near fatalities in Kentucky in state fiscal year 2012. In the past five years there have been at least 386 fatalities and near fatalities due to abuse and neglect and 55 percent of those had prior involvement with the Department for Community-Based Services. The great majority (91 percent) of children killed due to physical abuse were under 4 years of age.
- **The need for a comprehensive review of these cases is clear.** The majority of the identified fatalities and near fatalities in Kentucky had prior involvement with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. All of the cases had involvement with other systems that failed children by not protecting them from death (i.e. education, health, faith community, neighbors, child care).

SOLUTIONS:

Create an independent child abuse fatality review panel that:

- Has access to all information on child fatalities and near fatalities so it can adequately review, learn from, and recommend system changes.
- Is placed in a location outside of the Executive Branch of government that does not appoint or supervise individuals whose actions may be reviewed by the panel and does not provide any investigative or intervention services that may be reviewed by the panel.
- Conducts a thorough review of all the agencies, reports, and statutes related to child fatalities and near fatalities in order to determine a comprehensive approach.
- Releases an annual report and conducts a public hearing to ensure accountability of recommendations, to review the previous year's efforts, and to receive updates on policy and practice changes recommended in the past.
- Reviews cases that include child fatalities and near fatalities reported to the Department for Community Based Services and deemed to be a result of abuse or neglect, those referred by a health care provider, those referred by the Department for Public Health State Fatality Review Team, those referred by the local response team or those referred by other interested parties.

Train pediatricians and family doctors on recognizing signs of child abuse and neglect, their role in the child welfare system, and how to report child abuse.



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FAIR OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY CHILD

FACT SHEET:

Close the Achievement Gap:

Prioritize Early Learning

Every child in Kentucky deserves the opportunity to enter school ready to engage in and benefit from early learning experiences that best promote their success. Support for publicly funded pre-kindergarten has increased tremendously in recent years as parents, educators and policymakers have come to recognize the many benefits of high-quality early education. Many principals, superintendents and school board members are seeking

ways to provide more and higher-quality early learning opportunities for children. One strategy embraced by some K-12 officials is to collaborate with community based programs (e.g., child care centers, Head Start, faith-based organizations, family child care homes, and other non- and for-profit entities) in their pre-k systems. These leaders find that such public-private partnerships leverage limited community resources and help ensure more children arrive in kindergarten developmentally prepared to succeed.

FACTS:

The benefits of an early childhood education community collaboration model include:

- **Sharing Resources and Expertise:** Each partner - whether a public school, child care center or Head Start program - brings their strengths and resources to the collaboration.
- **Offering Full-Day Programs:** Preschool in Kentucky is currently only funded to provide education for half a day. Full-day services, which combine program elements that focus on cognitive, social and emotional development and child care, however, are critical to meeting the diverse needs of young children and working parents.
- **Aligning Expectations across Settings and Grades:** When early education efforts are not coordinated within a community, children enter kindergarten with widely varying levels of social and academic readiness. Pre-k collaborations can help address this disparity.
- **Providing Linkages to Comprehensive Services:** Collaborations can also help school districts provide a variety of comprehensive services (i.e., health, mental health, social services) that schools may not be able to offer on their own. Community-based settings are often more integrated with social services and are accustomed to providing referral services for children and families.
- **Increase Family Involvement:** Support from family members is critical to children's development, especially in the early years. The early childhood community has a strong tradition of parent engagement that can be an asset for schools.

SOLUTION:

Create opportunities for community early childhood collaboration between school districts, Head Start, and child care providers to deliver preschool services by:

- Streamlining program quality standards and requirements to facilitate collaboration.
- Increasing understanding of the importance of early childhood development among K-12 administrators.
- Providing financial incentives to encourage collaboration.



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FAIR DEAL FOR WORKING PARENTS

FACT SHEET:

Help Working Families Make Ends Meet: Enact a State Earned Income Tax Credit

All children benefit when they live in families with adequate resources to meet their basic needs. A state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) would help more working parents cover their family's basic needs by closing the gap between what they earn and what they need to make ends meet.

FACTS:

- **The EITC is a proven method to keep working families out of poverty.** The federal EITC is credited for keeping more children out of poverty in the United States than any other program. It can only be claimed by people who earn income through work, and it has increased employment levels and decreased use of welfare assistance among single parents. EITC recipients work and pay taxes – a state EITC would help them make ends meet.
- **A state EITC would improve outcomes for children in Kentucky.** Research shows a direct link between families receiving additional income through the federal EITC and the improvement of their children's math and reading comprehension, as well as increasing their work and income when they become adults. State EITCs are also correlated with healthier babies and better outcomes across the course of children's lives.
- **State EITCs would make Kentucky's tax system fairer.** Kentuckians making an average of \$36,000 currently pay a larger share of their income in taxes than those making an average of \$95,750. A state EITC would help low- and middle-income working Kentuckians keep more of their hard-earned money and reduce inequities in the tax system.
- **State EITCs are a small investment that can make a big difference in the lives of working families.** Half of states in the U.S. have gone one step beyond the federal EITC by establishing a state EITC, because it helps make sure that people who work hard are able to meet basic needs, support their families and stay off welfare.

SOLUTION:

Enact a state Earned Income Tax Credit that will increase financial stability for thousands of low-income working Kentuckians and help keep families out of poverty.



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FAIR OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY CHILD

FACT SHEET:

Follow the Evidence on Public Safety: Improve Kentucky's Response to Child Behavior

Kentucky children should be held accountable when they behave in ways that could harm themselves or others. However, relying on the court system can push children towards a path of delinquency and put public safety at risk. Instead of using the adult model of incarceration, Kentucky needs to address the core of the problem behaviors within the context of family and outside of the court system. Kentucky incarcerates youth charged with status offenses – things like skipping school and running away from home – at the second

highest rate in the nation. Other states use more effective, less harmful models and so can we.

FACTS:

- **Young children who misbehave with minor offenses should be addressed in the community** with family-based interventions instead of in the court system. Children under age 12 do not have the developmental capacity to understand consequences. Court is costly and not as effective for children as community-based, family-focused treatment; the risk increases for a lengthy criminal record, the younger a child enters the juvenile justice system.
- **Children who are charged with status offenses do not belong in jail** with youth who have committed serious acts. In Kentucky, status offenses include skipping or being late for school, running away from home, being beyond control of parents/guardians or school, possessing alcohol or purchasing tobacco. Kentucky youth were incarcerated 1,335 times in 2011 for status offenses, accounting for nearly 1 of every 6 youth incarcerations in Kentucky. Research shows that the incarceration of such youth, alongside youth who have committed real crimes, greatly increases the chance they, too, will commit crimes.
- **Community interventions using evidence-based models have been proven successful** at addressing the real reason for a child's misbehavior in several states. Many states have implemented "Children in Need of Services" models that address the behavior and the underlying issues while saving money.
- **Secure detention is the most expensive option available.** Counties pay \$94 per day for each youth detained for a status offense plus the cost for the Sheriff to transport youth between regional facilities and courthouses. Avoiding secure detention for youth who pose no threat to the community and are not helped by being locked up, would free up funds for counties to reinvest in evidence-based models and improve public safety.

SOLUTIONS:

Kentucky should establish an age of court jurisdiction and handle cases with younger children out of the court system. Kentucky should address status offense behaviors with an evidence-based "Children in Need of Services" system that works with the family to address the core problems and ultimately increase public safety.



2013 Agenda SAFE & HEALTHY FAMILIES

FACT SHEET:

Clear the Air With a Statewide Smoke Free Law

All children deserve to live in communities where they can breathe clean air and be healthy. Currently, about one-third of Kentuckians live in communities with comprehensive smoke-free laws, leaving thousands of children still living in communities where they are exposed to secondhand smoke in public places. Secondhand smoke can cause numerous health problems in children such as respiratory infections, ear problems, and severe asthma exacerbations. Numerous

studies have found that smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke during pregnancy is a major cause of spontaneous abortions, stillbirths, and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) after birth. Youth smoking is also a major problem in Kentucky. According to the 2011 Kentucky Youth Risk Behavior Survey, more than half (59 percent) of Kentucky high school students had ever tried cigarette smoking.

FACTS:

- **Comprehensive smoke-free laws improve child health.** A 2009 study in Wales concluded that children experienced significantly less secondhand smoke exposure after a smoke-free law was implemented. In addition, a 2011 study showed that youth living in smoke-free communities experienced fewer respiratory issues such as persistent wheezing and chronic night coughing than youth living in communities without smoke-free laws.
- **Children who live in communities with smoke-free laws are more likely to have parents who do not smoke.** Parental smoking is a huge indicator of youth smoking. Several studies show that smoke-free laws increase the number of smokers who try to quit and the number of smokers who successfully quit. A 2011 study concluded that smoke-free ordinances were associated with a reduced rate of smoking during pregnancy. Another study showed that living in a community with a comprehensive smoke-free policy increased the likelihood of living in a voluntary smoke-free home.
- **Youth are less likely to start or remain smokers after smoke-free laws are implemented.** A 2011 study by the American Cancer Society estimated that a statewide comprehensive smoke-free law would prevent about 20,000 Kentucky youth from becoming smokers.

SOLUTION:

Improve children's health by enacting a statewide, comprehensive smoke-free law.



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SAFE & HEALTHY FAMILIES

FACT SHEET:

Safeguard Child Victims: Strengthen Laws to Combat Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery. Victims of human trafficking are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion to compel them to engage in commercial sex or involuntary labor. Any child who has engaged in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking regardless of whether force, fraud or coercion has been used.

FACTS:

- **About half of human trafficking victims nationwide are children.** Nationally, 1 out of every 3 children are lured into prostitution within 48 hours of running away from home. There have been more than 130 known victims of human trafficking in Kentucky, with 53 percent trafficked as children. The average age of entry into human trafficking for girls and boys ranges from 11-14 years old. Risk factors for being trafficked include poverty, young age, limited education, loss of a parent, lack of family support, history of previous sexual abuse, health or mental health challenges, and living in vulnerable areas. Runaway and homeless youth are at a particular risk of being exploited.
- **Child victims of human trafficking face significant problems.** Child victims have distinctive medical and psychological needs resulting from the trauma that will follow them into adulthood. They are at risk for long-term health problems including things like eating and sleeping disorders, sexually transmitted diseases, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, substance abuse and suicide, among many others.
- **Child victims of human trafficking have unique needs.** Kentucky children who have been exploited for labor or sex should not be charged with crimes and should not be locked up. Instead, child victims of human trafficking need specialized protection and recovery programs. Under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, trafficking victims are not to be charged with crimes related to their trafficking, are entitled to receive medical care, and to be protected from the trafficker. However, too often these rights are not upheld for children exploited in commercial sex, who instead are charged with status offenses or crimes and detained.

SOLUTION:

Kentucky should adopt a Safe Harbor statute, as neighboring states Illinois, Ohio, and Tennessee have done, to ensure children are not arrested for prostitution or other crimes, related to their trafficking, and instead receive the services they need.

Other Children's Bills of Interest

As of January 24, 2013

Education

Anti-Bullying Month, October designation of - HB 35
Boards of education, required policy - HB 98
Charter schools, requirements for - HB 76
Charter schools, application and approval of - HB 76
Charter schools, renewal or revocation of charter - HB 76
Charter school, enrollment in - HB 76
Childhood education excellence development fund, creation of - HB 52
Early graduation program of study, creation of - HB 59
Financial literacy courses in all schools, encouragement of - HR 25
Local school districts, required reports - HB 98
Preschool programs for children with disabilities, funding of - HB 92
Preschool programs, eligibility dates for enrollment - SB 36
Preschool, children with disabilities, funding - SB 18
School and student safety review subcommittee, creation of - HB 135
School councils, parent member, residency requirements for - HB 85
School councils, qualifications of teacher members - HB 84
School incidents involving law enforcement, reporting of - HB 65
School safety assessment, encouragement of - HR 22
Sex education, instructional content - SB 31



Health

Dental examinations for pregnant Medicaid applicants - HB 71

Early fetal death, certificate of - HB 127

Healthy food in cafeterias, strategic placement of - HB 44

Managed care, waiver, non-emergency services - SB 37

Medicaid eligibility expansion, prohibit - SB 39

Economic Security

Refugees and legal aliens, services for - HB 131

Youth Justice

Juvenile information, dissemination of - HB 115

Truants, detention and release to school by peace officer - HB 116

Safety and Child Welfare

Abused or neglected, custody of, notice to schools - HB 14

Child committed to the custody of the Commonwealth, provisions for - HB 114

Child pornography, viewing of - HB 39

Child visitation decrees, modification due to military deployment - HB 69

Incidents of teen dating violence, reports required - HB 98

Statewide data collection system, inclusion of teen dating violence incidents - HB 98

Teen dating violence, definition of - HB 98

Tips for Visits with Legislators

LEGISLATORS WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

The first time you meet your legislator face-to-face, you may be nervous. Keep in mind, however, that legislators and their staff repeatedly say that the information constituents provide is important to their decisions, so remember that you are entering the legislator's office with something valuable to offer.

Keep in mind:

- Legislators are almost always very eager to win your support.
- Legislators want to put their best foot forward with their constituents.
- Legislators are sincerely interested in getting their constituents' views on legislation.
- You are the expert on your issue – you have information that the legislator needs.

REASONS TO MEET WITH YOUR LEGISLATOR

There may be many reasons why your group may want to meet with a legislator who is taking a leadership role on your bill – to thank the legislator for taking the lead or to seek advice on how your organization can be most helpful in developing support for the legislation.

Keep in mind:

- The legislator may have a number of ideas and suggestions to help you focus your efforts on a particular bill.
- Meeting with your legislator can help you gauge the support or opposition to your position.
- Meeting with your legislator and providing information allows you to become a resource to him or her. As a result, the legislator's staff may call on you for input in the crafting of legislation.

SCHEDULING THE MEETING

If you have decided to meet with your legislator, there are ways to help the meeting run smoothly.

Keep in mind:

- It is important to make an appointment and not just drop in on a legislator.
- It is better to telephone than to write asking for an appointment since calling makes it easier to find an acceptable date.
- It is more difficult for the scheduler to turn you down by telephone than by letter.
- It is always more effective if you as a constituent ask for an appointment, rather than having your organization's staff make the request.



DURING THE MEETING

It is acceptable to assemble a small group for the meeting, but remember that having fewer attendees will allow for a more detailed discussion of an issue. This includes frank comments from the legislator about dilemmas he/she may face in making choices on the issue.

Tips:

- Appoint one person as the principal spokesperson.
- The group should meet at least briefly in advance to prepare for the visit.
- Be certain that members of the group agree on the objectives for the meeting and on the points to be addressed.
- Start the meeting off with a couple minutes of small talk to build some rapport before jumping into the topic at hand, but make sure you get to the point rather quickly. Most visit last twenty minutes or less.

PRESENTING YOUR POSITION

You will probably know considerably more about your subject than your legislator does, so there is no reason to feel nervous or bashful. Legislators will welcome information and will particularly appreciate any anecdotes or illustrations that spell out what the impact will be on people in their legislative districts.

Tips:

- Present your view with conviction, but don't put him or her on the defensive.
- It helps to cover your issue from the legislator's perspective, tying it in with his or her past votes or interests.
- Listen attentively.
- The legislator's opening discussion with you will often give you clues about how to connect your issue with his/her concerns.
- Don't bluff – If you don't have the answer to a legislator's question, say so. Tell the legislator you will provide the information, and then be certain that you do.
- Give responses to arguments that you know your opposition will raise, but don't degrade your opponents.
- Provide information, both orally and in a fact sheet that you leave with the legislator.
- Include a brief description of your issue in the fact sheet, why it is important to your organization, and the action that you want the legislator to take.

AFTER THE VISIT

After the visit, write a letter of thanks to the legislator. Be sure to remind him/her of any agreements reached, and provide any information that you promised.

Adapted from Personal Visits with a Legislator, Center for Lobbying in the Public Interest, available at www.clpi.org.

Locate Your Legislators (Adair - Hopkins County)

County	Legislator	Rm
Adair	Sen. Chris Girdler	203
	Rep. John 'Bam' Carny	413A
Allen	Sen. David Givens	215
	Rep. Wilson Stone	329A
Anderson	Sen. Julian Carroll	229
	Rep. Kim King	429J
Ballard	Sen. Bob Leeper	252
	Rep. Steven Jack Rudy	413E
Barren	Sen. David Givens	215
	Rep. Johnny Bell	357C
Bath	Sen. R.J. Palmer II	254
	Rep. Sannie Overly	367
Bell	Sen. Brandon Smith	204
	Rep. Rick Nelson	358
Boone	Sen. John Schickel	209
	Rep. Adam Koenig	432D
	Rep. Sal Santoro	413D
	Rep. Addia K. Wuchner	424E
Bourbon	Sen. R.J. Palmer II	254
	Rep. Sannie Overly	367
Boyd	Sen. Walter Blevins Jr.	255
	Rep. Rocky Adkins	309
	Rep. Tanya Pullin	332C
	Rep. Kevin Sinnette	316C
Boyle	Sen. Tom Buford	252
	Rep. Mike Harmon	429C
Bracken	Sen. Robin Webb	229
	Rep. Mitchel Denham Jr.	329G
Breathitt	Sen. Johnny Ray Turner	254
	Rep. Gary Wayne Herald	466E
Breackenridge	Sen. Carroll Gibson	242
	Rep. Dwight Butler	429H
Bullitt	Sen. Paul Hornback	203
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Bullitt	Rep. David Floyd	432A
	Rep. Jeff Greer	367
	Rep. Russell Webber	351B
Butler	Sen. Mike Wilson	203
	Rep. C.B. Enbry Jr.	401
Caldwell	Sen. Dorsey Ridley	255
	Rep. Lynn Bechler	370A
Calloway	Sen. Stan Humphries	215
	Rep. Kenny Imes	357D
Campbell	Sen. Katie Stine	236
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	Rep. Dennis Keene	358
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Carlisle	Sen. Stan Humphries	215
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	Rep. Rick Rand	336B
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	Rep. Brent Yonts	366A
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Clinton	Rep. Jeff Hoover	418
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Cumberland	Rep. Bart Rowland	413A



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Daviess	Sen. Joe Bowen	228
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	Rep. Jim Glenn	358
	Rep. Jim Gooch Jr.	370D
	Rep. Tommy Thompson	315
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	Rep. Michael L. Meredith	413G
Elliott	Sen. Walter Blevins Jr.	255
	Rep. Rocky Adkins	309
Estill	Sen. Albert Robinson	228
	Rep. Gary Wayne Herald	466E
Fayette	Sen. Tom Buford	252
	Sen. Julian Carroll	229
	Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr	215
	Sen. Kathy Stein	255
	Rep. Robert Benvenuti III	424B
	Rep. Jesse Crenshaw	332D
	Rep. Robert Damron	313A
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Green	Sen. David Givens	215
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Hancock	Sen. Carroll Gibson	242
	Rep. Dwight Butler	429H
Hardin	Sen. Dennis Parrett	255
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	Rep. C.B. Embry Jr	401
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	Rep. Jimmie Lee	457B
	Rep. Tim Moore	413H
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	Rep. Leslie Combs	373
	Rep. Tim Couch	429F
	Rep. Rick Nelson	358
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	Rep. Michael J. Meredith	413G
Henderson	Sen. Dorsey Ridley	255
	Rep. John Arnold	329E
	Rep. David Williams	351C
Henry	Sen. Ernie Harris	204
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Hickman	Sen. Stan Humphries	215
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	Rep. David Meade	414
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Robertson	Sen. Robin Webb	229
	Rep. David Meade	414
Rockcastle	Sen. Jared Carpenter	203
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Rowan	Sen. Walter Blevins Jr.	255
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	Rep. John Will Stacy	466B
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Simpson	Sen. David Givens	215
	Rep. Wilson Stone	329A
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	Rep. Kim King	429J
	Rep. Brad Montell	432C
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	Rep. Jim DeCesare	432E
	Rep. Jody Richards	324D
	Rep. Wilson Stone	329A
Washington	Sen. Jimmy Higdon	204
	Rep. Mike Harmon	429C
Wayne	Rep. Sara Beth Gregory	429B
Webster	Sen. Dorsey Ridley	255
	Rep. Jim Gooch Jr.	370D
Whitley	Rep. Regina P. Bunch	424A
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- Cafeteria
- Blueprint mini-seminars Annex Room 125

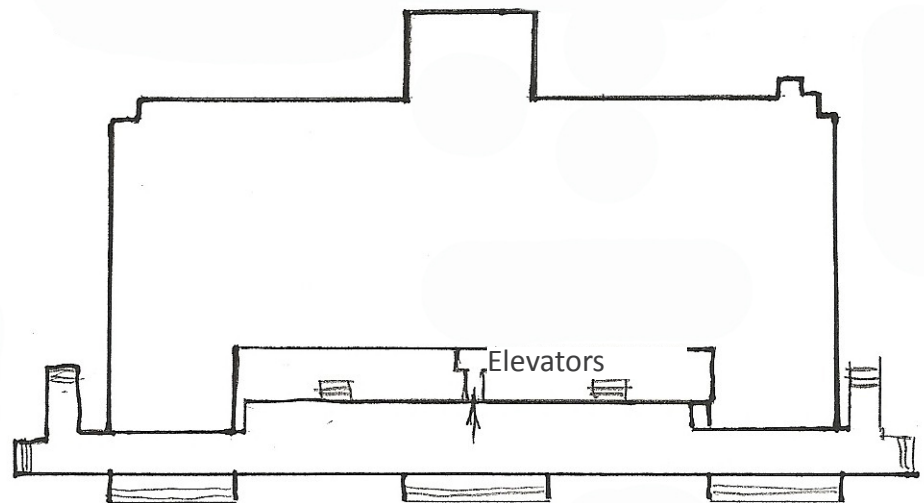
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- Senate Offices
- Supreme Court

Third and Fourth Levels

- House Offices

State Legislative Offices Annex



Basement Level Tunnel

Annex Front

Children's Day Tunnel Display

Outside Stairs & Tunnel

First Level

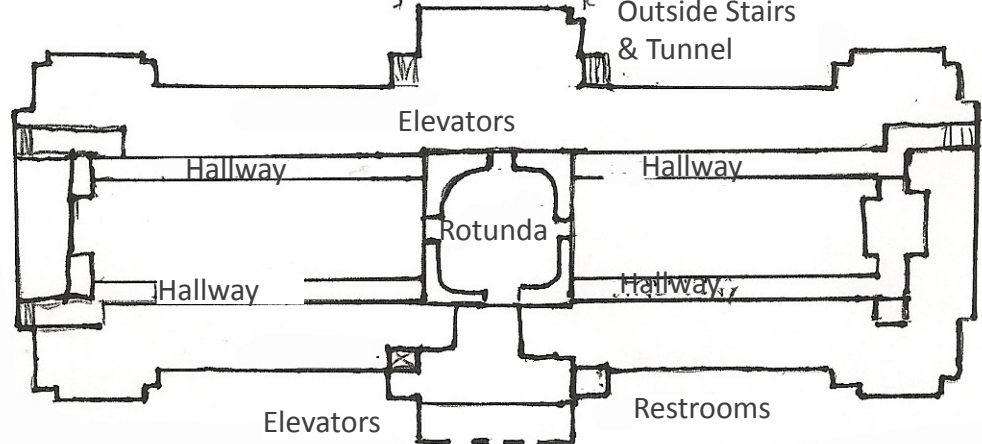
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