



How Can We Better Protect The Children of Alaska?

Child abuse and neglect result from a variety of stressors on individuals, families and communities. Your advocacy is needed to address systematic factors that contribute to child maltreatment or limit the ability of communities to fully protect their children:

Lend Your Voice for Kids... Be A Child Advocate

- Commit to a common goal to end violence in children's lives;
- Strive to bring all children out of poverty;
- Enhance efforts to address and prevent domestic violence;
- Increase access to substance abuse treatment for families;
- Reduce DFYS Caseloads;
- Expand the role of Multi-Disciplinary Teams;
- Continue to recruit, train and support foster parents;
- Establish family support programs and collaborative networks to address child abuse prevention in every community;
- Give everyone – from teachers to law enforcement, from parents to community leaders – a role in addressing child abuse;
- Invest in Alaska Children's Trust, the permanent fund for children.
- Support and expand proven voluntary home-based programs that reduce parent isolation, such as Healthy Families Alaska;
- Promote parent education and increased support for all parents;
- Emphasize prevention --- it works!

"If I can sit down for justice, you can stand up for children."

Rosa Parks, civil rights activist,
honorary co-chair, Stand for Children,

Resources for Advocates

Children's Defense Fund	http://www.childrensdefense.org
Child Welfare League of America	http://www.cwla.org
Kids Count Alaska	http://www.kidscount.alaska.edu
National Association of Child Advocates	http://www.childadvocacy.org
Prevent Child Abuse America	http://www.preventchildabuse.org
Stand for Children	http://www.stand.org



Community Resource Kit

Alaska Children's Trust 1-800-643-KIDS

Alaska Child Abuse Prevention Network. akchildabuseprevention.org