



Children's Advocates' Roundtable

Press Release

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WEBSITE LAUNCHED EDUCATING PUBLIC, MEDIA AND LEGISLATORS ON DEVASTATING EFFECTS STATE BUDGET CUTS WILL HAVE ON CALIFORNIA'S VULNERABLE CHILDREN

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SACRAMENTO, CA – ***Our Children, Our Duty, Our Future*** — a project of the Children's Advocates' Roundtable, which is convened and chaired by the Children's Advocacy Institute (CAI) of the University of San Diego School of Law — announces the launch of a new website providing information and resources to the public, media and policymakers regarding the devastating effect proposed state budget cuts will have on California's vulnerable children (*see www.childrendutyfuture.org*).

Robert Fellmeth, CAI Executive Director, states, "We believe there is no room to balance the budget by cutting children's programs. Children in California still go hungry, live in poverty, need quality child care, and lack sufficient educational opportunities. The list could, unfortunately, go on and that is why we feel so strongly about informing the public, media and policymakers about the impact that budget cuts will have on our children. That is what we hope this website will do."

The website contains a comprehensive library of issue papers and reports from many of the state's leading child advocacy organizations on a wide variety of issues, such as health care, foster care, education, child poverty, and general budget issues. This site also enables visitors to engage in advocacy on behalf of our children by encouraging them to write to the Governor, their legislators, and their local newspaper editors, telling them how budget cuts will hurt our children.

The Children's Advocates' Roundtable, established in 1990, is an affiliation of over 300 statewide and regional children's policy organizations, representing over twenty issues. The Roundtable is convened monthly by the Children's Advocacy Institute, and is committed to providing a setting where statewide and locally-based children's advocates gather with advocates from other children's issue disciplines to share resources, information, and knowledge, and strategize on behalf of children. The Children's Advocacy Institute is an academic, research, and advocacy center at the University of San Diego School of Law, with offices in San Diego and Sacramento. CAI advocates for the health and well-being of children before the courts, the Legislature, and the state's regulatory agencies, and in the public forum. For more information on CAI, visit www.caichildlaw.org.

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