

RESOURCES ON ADVOCACY FOR CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY NONPROFITS

A Few Good Tools for eAdvocacy This article shows how an organization can use internet-based communication tools to accomplish the same result. To read the article, go to:
<http://idealware.org/articles/few-good-tools-eadvocacy>

Annie E. Casey Foundation's Knowledge Center provides advocates, policymakers, practitioners, the media, researchers and community members with access to resources developed by the Foundation and its grantees. Go to:<http://www.aecf.org/KnowledgeCenter.aspx>

Building a Brighter Future is a national policy agenda set forth by the National Collaboration for Youth. It contains an overarching set of recommendations for federal policy changes and investments designed to invest in the needs of children and youth. Go to:
<http://www.collab4youth.org/documents/BuildingABrighterFuture.pdf>

Building Advocacy from Within is a report that outlines strategies to boost the scope, scale, relevance and effectiveness of nonprofit advocacy. Nonprofit advocates from California and other western states shared their experiences and ideas for improved policy engagement, and examined two key points: (1) "nonprofits must look inward to revitalize their advocacy efforts", and (2) "coalitions, funders and policymakers must modify their stance toward advocacy and lobbying." To access this report, go to:
http://ccss.jhu.edu/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2011/09/LP_Roundtable_2011.pdf

Building an Advocacy Board "Give," "Get" and "Take Action" is an article about how one nonprofit Board got involved and prevented the shut-down of its organization, a children's center. The author describes the skill sets of the center's Board of Directors and how they were utilized to accomplish a difficult task. To access, go to:
<http://www.nynp.biz/index.php/strengthening-nonprofits/11685-building-an-advocacy-board-give-get-and-take-action>

CASA Advocacy Resources Court Appointed Special Advocates lists resources by topic for CASA volunteers and program staff. Go to:
http://www.casaforchildren.org/site/c.mtJSJ7MPIsE/b.5301325/k.B550/Advocacy_Resources.htm

Endorsing Candidates. Illegal. How to Do It. is an article written by Jan Masaoka. She addresses the restriction that nonprofit 501c3 organizations are prohibited from supporting or opposing candidates running for office. To read this article, go to:
<http://www.blueavocado.org/content/endorsing-candidates-illegal-how-do-it>

KIDS COUNT is an effort of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. It collects national data indicators of child well-being. To view KIDS COUNT publications and resources, go to:
<http://www.aecf.org/KnowledgeCenter/PublicationsSeries/KCDataResrchRpts.aspx>

The First Eight Years is a KIDS COUNT policy report that details how a child's early development from birth through age 8 is essential to making an effective transition into elementary school and for long-term academic achievement. Go to:

<http://www.aecf.org/~media/Pubs/Initiatives/KIDS%20COUNT/F/FirstEightYears/AECFTheFirstEightYears2013.pdf>

Third Sector New England provides links on public policy and advocacy on its website. Go to:

http://www.tsne.org/site/c.ghLUK3PCLoF/b.5566001/k.A82F/Nonprofit_Resources__Public_Policy__Advocacy_for_Nonprofits.htm#links

Torie's Top Ten Tips for Nonprofits to Become Change Agents This resource guide by social change leader Torie Osborn offers practical advice on how nonprofits can participate in social change advocacy. It includes websites and other resources to consult for further information, and is based on Osborn's recent keynote address to the 2008 California Association of Nonprofits annual conference. To download a free copy, go to:

<http://valleynonprofitresources.org/pdfs/vnrTorie'sTop10Tips.pdf>

Youth Advocacy Programs, Inc. Policy & Advocacy Center promotes policies that create or invest in greater resources in families and communities and reduce reliance on institutionalization. Go to:

<http://www.yapinc.org/WhatWeDo/Policy&AdvocacyCenter/tabid/325/Default.aspx>

Youth Today Advocacy Articles This website has posted more than 200 articles on advocacy. Go to: http://www.youthtoday.org/view_category.cfm?topic=7