



For 30 years, Advocates for Children and Youth has worked to improve the lives of our youngest residents through policy change and program improvement.

However, **today** our work is more important than ever.

WHY?



52,267
CHILDREN
DID NOT HAVE
HEALTH
INSURANCE⁴



175,124 CHILDREN
LIVE IN POVERTY
WITH HIGH
CONCENTRATIONS IN
CAROLINE, GARRETT,
ALLEGANY AND
SOMERSET COUNTIES
AS WELL AS
BALTIMORE CITY¹



22,429 CHILDREN
REFERRED TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF
JUVENILE SERVICES
IN 2016, WITH **902**
CHILDREN SENTENCED
TO A JUVENILE FACILITY
INSTEAD OF
COMMUNITY DETENTION²



42,428 STUDENTS WERE
SUSPENDED FROM
SCHOOL AND TOTAL OF
73,989 TIMES³



392,387 CHILDREN
NEED FREE AND
REDUCED PRICE
MEALS AT SCHOOL⁵



HOW

do we make a difference?



IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS to child welfare, education, health, juvenile justice and economic sufficiency issues so we can influence the full spectrum of youth experiences



PUBLISH RESEARCH that sheds light on how policy and programs impact children and their families



TRACK DATA that reflect how children, their families, and communities are doing



ESTABLISH AND STRENGTHEN EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS to find common ground between coalition goals and Advocates for Children and Youth's priorities



WORK WITH STATE AND LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS and other key decision-makers to develop policies and programs that improve the lives of at risk children and families



SERVE AS A RESOURCE by sharing annual statewide data on over 106 indicators on child wellbeing as the Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT research affiliate



WHAT

have we accomplished?



► SICK AND SAFE LEAVE

With the passage of the Healthy Working Families Act and the Governor's signature, **750,000** part and full time workers can earn sick leave and not worry about losing pay or their jobs when they are taking care of themselves or their loved ones.

► HUNGER IN SCHOOL

The Hunger Free Schools Act was reauthorized to allow students in low-income areas to receive free breakfast and lunch without stigma. Maryland Meals for Achievement remained funded at **\$6.9 million** which allows **230,000 students** in **462 schools** access to free classroom breakfast.

► SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

Pre-kindergartners through second graders can no longer be suspended or expelled except for extreme circumstances. Last year **2,363** of Maryland's youngest students were suspended or expelled.

► DISABLED FOSTER YOUTH

Foster youth with disabilities so severe they cannot live independently will have their services continue past their 21st birthday to eliminate a gap in services as they transition to adult care.

► STRIP SEARCH AND RESTRAINING KIDS

The Department of Juvenile Services will collect and report data on the use of strip searching and mechanical restraints on children to develop best practices on how to better handle children in their care.



WITH YOUR SUPPORT,
WE ACCOMPLISH ALL
THIS AND MORE FOR
MARYLAND'S CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES.

THANK YOU.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Advocates for Children and Youth relies on the generous support of our donors and foundation funders to make a difference in the lives of Maryland's children, youth, and their families. For every dollar invested, 90 cents was spent on policy and program improvement.

2016 TOTAL REVENUE: \$668,466



Contributions and Grants: \$628,001
Special Events, Net: \$40,465

2016 EXPENSES: \$1,017,563



Advocacy: \$880,756
Management and General: \$59,262
Fundraising: \$77,545

¹ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

² Source: Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, Data Resource Guide (2016)

³ Source: Maryland Department of Education, Maryland State Report Card (2015)

⁴ Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

⁵ Source: Maryland Department of Education, Maryland State Report Card (2016)

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