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FAMILY ADVOCACY DAY

WHAT WE DO

The Children's Hospital Association (CHA) is the nation's leading advocate for children's health, driving action, innovation, and advocacy so every child gets the care they deserve.

As the only national organization dedicated solely to children's hospitals, CHA brings pediatric-specific expertise, data, and collaboration to move children's health to the center of care and policy. Together, we turn collective insight into continuous improvement and lasting change.

WHO WE REPRESENT

We are a member organization made up of more than 200 children's hospitals, health systems, and related organizations that care for children in their communities and beyond.

U.S. children's hospitals provide advanced, specialized care to meet the needs of children and their families. They play a central role in advancing the health of all children by providing the highest-quality pediatric care, training the next generation of the pediatric workforce, and investing in pediatric research and development.

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Family Advocacy Day (FAD) is CHA's marquee patient advocacy event in Washington, D.C. For more than 20 years, we have brought patient stories straight to our nation's policymakers, highlighting the need to create better futures for children through legislation and policy.

Our theme, Team CHA, captures our shared journey toward strengthening pediatric care.

In 2026, Team CHA will focus on these federal priorities:

- **Protecting and strengthening support for the Medicaid and CHIP** programs, which insure nearly half of American children
- **Elevating children's health** by supporting pediatric research, protecting the 340B Drug Pricing Program, opposing site neutral policies, and ensuring robust appropriations for programs that advance child health.
- **Growing the pediatric health care workforce** by investing in training to ensure timely delivery of comprehensive and specialized care to children and youth.
- **Addressing the youth mental health crisis** by encouraging investments in programs that expand children's access to pediatric mental and behavioral health services and taking steps to grow a workforce trained to deliver this care.