

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION'S FAMILY ADVOCACY DAY 2024

WHO WE REPRESENT

The Children's Hospital Association (CHA) is proud to be the national voice of more than 200 children's hospitals.

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.

WHAT WE DO

CHA brings together the clinical and administrative leaders of children's hospitals to ensure access to children's health care and promote child health. Through collaboration, improvement, opportunities, and advocacy, we work to address and make progress on the issues facing children's hospitals and the communities they serve.

Alongside our members, we champion policies, practices, and performance improvements that enable children's hospitals to better serve children and families. We partner with other hospital, professional, and child health organizations to leverage the collective influence of our member hospitals to benefit child health and children's health care. We provide a shared voice nationally to advocate for policies that allow children's hospitals and health systems to provide effective, patient-first care.

FAMILY ADVOCACY DAY

Family Advocacy Day is CHA's annual patient advocacy event in Washington, D.C., where we bring patient stories straight to our nation's lawmakers and underscore the need to create a better tomorrow for children with medical complexities through legislation.

This year's theme, Team CHA, captures our shared journey toward strengthening pediatric care. Just as Olympic athletes unite under their national flags, Family Advocacy Day brings pediatric patients, families, and health care professionals under one banner.

Team CHA will focus on the following public policy priorities:

- Strengthening and protecting the pediatric health care workforce, including doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals, and investing in training to ensure the timely delivery of comprehensive and specialized care to children and teens across the country.
- Enhancing Medicaid support to provide an adequate and consistent financing stream and framework for the pediatric provider workforce that provides access to needed care for 35 million children, including when out-of-state care is medically necessary.
- Addressing the mental health crisis facing our youth and encouraging robust investment to expand children's access to a full range of pediatric mental and behavioral health services, as well as to grow the pediatric mental and behavioral health workforce to deliver this care.