



20TH ANNIVERSARY

FAMILY ADVOCACY DAY 2025

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

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

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.

WHAT WE DO

CHA brings together the clinical and administrative leaders of children's hospitals to create meaningful change and improvement in children's health care. Through collaboration, improvement, opportunities, and advocacy, we address, and make progress on, the issues facing children's hospitals and the patients, families, and 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 hospitals, professionals, and child health organizations to leverage a collective influence for the benefit of children's health and pediatric health care.

CHA provides a shared voice nationally to advocate for policies that allow children's hospitals and health systems to provide effective, specialized patient-first care.

FAMILY ADVOCACY DAY

For 20 years, Family Advocacy Day has been 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.

In honor of the 20th anniversary celebration, our theme, Team CHA, captures our shared journey toward strengthening pediatric care.

Team CHA will focus on the following federal 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.
- **Preventing** proposals that could jeopardize children's access to care and encouraging Congress to look at how changes to vital programs could impact the ability of children, especially with complex medical needs, to get care closer to home.
- **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.