



Become a Blueprint Partner

We welcome anyone to participate in the Blueprint for Kentucky's Children partnership. Organizations that support the 2011 priorities and wish to be listed on the website www.blueprintky.org and other promotional materials can sign up below, or visit [here](#) to submit this form online.

Organization: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

The 2011 Blueprint for Kentucky's Children agenda items are listed below. Please check up to three priorities that your organization would like to actively support (optional).

Curb predatory lending practices to protect long-term stability for families

- Cap the triple-digit interest rates currently charged on payday loans at 36% APR.

Reduce child abuse and neglect

- Ensure appropriate use of out-of-home care by increasing support and access to family preservation and family reunification services.

Increase childhood wellness

- Incorporate BMI (Body Mass Index) monitoring into the kindergarten and sixth grade Preventive Health Examinations to obtain an accurate baseline of public health data on childhood obesity.
- Require a children's health advisory committee that reports to administrators and policymakers.
- End the use of corporal punishment in Kentucky's public school system.

Increase high school graduation rates

- Raise the mandatory age of school attendance from 16 to 18 years old and create opportunities for schools to implement flexible programming to engage students by improving alternative programs, allowing for early graduation, and creating pathways for career and technical programs.

Use options other than secure detention ("lock up") for youth whose offenses would not be a crime if committed by an adult

- Limit the length of time youth are subject to a valid court order.
- Ensure the court has documentation of compliance with laws that require alternative options to be tried before charges are filed.

Increase school readiness

- Adopt a statewide definition of school readiness.
- Adopt a governance structure for early childhood programming.
- Implement a system of developmentally appropriate assessment for school readiness.

Get Involved in the Blueprint Effort

There are a variety of ways that partners can get involved in the Blueprint for Kentucky's Children, including the ideas below. Please indicate which activities you are willing to do.

Join a work group

___ Join a work group to discuss and strategize before and during the legislative session. (The work group leader will contact you based on priorities highlighted in previous page.)

Attend and promote events

___ Participate in and spread the word about the [Step Up for Kids Conference](#) on October 5, 2010 (includes advocacy training).

___ Participate in and bring a group to the 7th annual [Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol](#) on February 17, 2011.

___ Attend / participate / host press events in your community regarding the Blueprint priorities.

Spread the word

___ Forward e-mail updates and action alerts to your colleagues and/or to your network of ___ members through your newsletter or email list.

___ Submit a letter to the editor or op-ed for your local newspaper. (Newspaper: _____)

___ Provide information to your local media outlets

Talk to policymakers

___ Contact the Governor and/or the following Senators and Representatives, through personal meeting, letter, telephone call, and/or email, asking them to support one or more of the Blueprint priorities.

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Make a financial contribution

___ Sponsor the Step Up for Kids Conference and Children's Advocacy Day at the Capitol, help pay for research briefs, or make a donation for general support. (Someone will contact you to discuss further.)

Other actions (list other ways you can help)

What additional resources would you find helpful? (i.e fact sheets, sample letters, media contacts)

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