



CWLA's 2001 Legislative Agenda

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As an 81-year-old national membership organization of more than 1,100 public and private voluntary agencies, the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) serves children and families in every state and congressional district. We advocate on behalf of the nation's most vulnerable children and families to ensure their voices are heard in the White House and in the halls of Congress.

With Washington welcoming both a new President and a new Congress, this year poses many new challenges—and opportunities. CWLA will continue to advocate for federal policies that advance the safety, health, and well-being of the nation's children, youth, and families.

To achieve this objective, CWLA has identified the following issues as top legislative priorities for the 107th Congress:

- Financing Child Welfare Services
- Child Protection/Alcohol and Drug Partnership Act
- Child Welfare Workforce and Training
- Social Services Block Grant
- Younger Americans Act
- Adoption Opportunities Program
- Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program
- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act
- Child Care
- Health Care/Teen Pregnancy

In addition, CWLA will look for other legislative avenues to ensure the needs of vulnerable children and families are addressed. These opportunities may include tax policy changes, income supports, and securing other new resources to ensure those with the greatest need are not left behind.

As the 107th Congress formalizes its budget priorities, reauthorizes existing programs, and explores new proposals, CWLA looks forward to working with you to forge policies that protect and care for children and support their families. In a spirit of bipartisan cooperation we will advocate to address the issues critical to the children and families we serve. For more information, contact Liz Meitner, Director of Public Policy, 202/942-0257, emeitner@cwla.org.

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