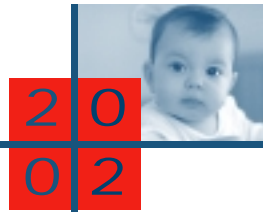


CWLA 2002 Legislative Agenda



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The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) is the nations oldest and largest membership organization, with more than 1,160 public and private nonprofit voluntary agencies dedicated to serving children and youth at risk and their families in every state. We advocate on behalf of Americas most vulnerable children and their families—more than three million—to ensure their voices are heard in the White House and in the halls of Congress.

This year, our country faces new challenges related to homeland and economic security. As a country, our task will be to address these important priorities while continuing to address the needs of children and youth at risk and their families. CWLA will continue advocacy efforts to ensure that federal policies move forward to address the urgent needs of these children, youth, and families.

To achieve this objective, CWLA has identified several issues as its top legislative priorities for 2002:

- Act to Leave No Child Behind
- Adoption Opportunities Program
- Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
- Child Care
- Child Protection/Alcohol and Drug Partnership Act
- Child Welfare Workforce and Training
- Health Care and Teen Pregnancy
- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program
- Social Services Block Grant (Title XX)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Younger Americans Act

Throughout the year, CWLA will continue to examine all legislative avenues to ensure the needs of our nations children, youth, and families are addressed.

CWLA looks forward to working with you in formulating and promoting those policies and programs that protect and care for Americas children and strengthen families. For more information, contact Liz Meitner, Vice President of Government Affairs, at 202/942-0257 or emeitner@cwla.org, or visit CWLAs advocacy website at www.cwla.org/advocacy.

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