

CAPTA Social Media Day of Action

October 14, 2019

2:00 to 3:00 pm (ET)

Action Item

Today – on this final #CAPTA Day of Action – take 5 minutes to show your support on social media and encourage others to take action for CAPTA and CAPTA reauthorization. In addition to raising awareness throughout your network, Twitter is a great way to contact your elected officials. Be sure to tag your Representative and include these hashtags when posting/tweeting: #CAPTA #PreventChildAbuse #StrengthenFamilies #HealthyChildhoods

Sample tweets

- Congress must act NOW to support families & children across America—increase funding for #CAPTA today! #PreventChildAbuse #StrengthenFamilies #HealthyChildhoods
- @SenShelby & @SenatorLeahy **Support the House funding levels for CAPTA.** The House of Representatives took a bold step to increase funding for this important law – to \$90 million for CAPTA State Grants and \$75 million for CB-CAP. It is important that this funding be maintained in the final Appropriations bill being negotiated by the House and Senate to keep more children safe from harm.
- @RoyBlunt & @PattyMurray **Support the House funding levels for CAPTA.** The House of Representatives took a bold step to increase funding for this important law – to \$90 million for CAPTA State Grants and \$75 million for CB-CAP. It is important that this funding be maintained in the final Appropriations bill being negotiated by the House and Senate to keep more children safe from harm.
- #CAPTA helps fund programs that #PreventChildAbuse and #StrengthenFamilies in all 50 states.
@SenatorTwitterHandle Invest in [YOUR STATE]'s future. The House increased funding for #CAPTA and now it is the Senate turn to retain the House funding level & reauthorize #CAPTA today!
 - See Senator Twitter Handle below

Sample Facebook post

I support the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (#CAPTA), which keeps children safe, improves child health and development, and helps to #StrengthenFamilies and empower communities across the country. Call your senator today and ask him/her to retain the House funding for #CAPTA to ensure #HealthyChildhoods and #PreventChildAbuse Follow the link to take action: <https://bit.ly/2oAL4P7>

Background

- House and Senate Appropriators are working now to finalize funding levels for FY2020. During these negotiations, it is critical that we let them know the importance of funding for the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). Hearing from constituents can make a difference but we need strong engagement.
- CAPTA is the only federal program exclusively dedicated to the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect. It is also the only legislation that addresses universal primary prevention capacity-building at a local level, supporting services essential to healthy and thriving communities in every state.
- Currently, CAPTA is funded at less than HALF of its authorized level. The House of Representatives took a bold step by increasing funding levels, but the Senate appropriations bill would keep funding levels flat. The expansive mission and directives in CAPTA are severely underfunded and have led to uneven implementation and protections for children. Now is the time to increase funding for this important program.
- CAPTA is foundational to our child protection system and strengthening vulnerable families and children. More funding is needed provide the resources states need to help develop, implement, and evaluate strategies that prevent child maltreatment, reduce entry into the public child welfare system, and enhance the overall well-being of children and families.

Twitter Handles (Senate and House)

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee, Full Committee, & Leadership Twitter Handles:

Alabama: @SenShelby
Arkansas: @JohnBoozman
California: @DianneFeinstein
Connecticut: @ChrisMurphyCT
Delaware: @ChrisCoons
Florida: @marcorubio
Hawaii: @BrianSchatz
Illinois: @SenatorDurbin
Kansas: @JerryMoran
Kentucky: @SenateMajLdr
Louisiana: @SenJohnKennedy
Maine: @ SenatorCollins
Maryland: @ChrisVanHollen
Mississippi: @SenHydeSmith
Missouri: @RoyBlunt Montana: @SteveDaines, @jontester
New Hampshire: @SenatorShaheen
New Mexico: @tomudall
New York: @SenSchumer
North Dakota: @SenJohnHoeven
Oklahoma: @SenatorLankford
Oregon: @SenJeffMerkley
Rhode Island: @SenJackReed
South Carolina: @LindseyGrahamSC
Tennessee: @SenAlexander
Washington: @PattyMurray
West Virginia: @SenCapito, @Sen_JoeManchin
Wisconsin: @SenatorBaldwin
Vermont: @SenatorLeahy