



PARENTS AS ADVOCATES

<p>Find Out Who Represents You at the Capitol in Des Moines and Washington DC</p>	<p>Sign up to Receive Every Child Counts Newsletters</p>
<p>You can find out who represents you at: www.legis.state.ia.us/FindLeg/</p>	<p>Every Child Counts will update you on a regular basis on what is occurring with the early care, health, and education movement in Iowa and ways you can get involved. You can sign up on the Every Child Counts website at: www.everychildcountsiowa.org</p>
<p>Meet Your Legislators</p>	<p>Register to Vote</p>
<p>Set up a meeting with your legislators either in their home district or at the Capitol in Des Moines.</p>	<p>The 2008 Elections are right around the corner and a great opportunity for you to vote for someone that votes for kids. You can register to vote by going to the Iowa Secretary of State website at: www.sos.state.ia.us</p>
<p>Write or Call Your Legislators</p>	<p>Attend Candidate Forums</p>
<p>Last session, Early Childhood Iowa heard over and over again that legislators wanted to hear more from parents. Make sure you let them know what is important to you, either by writing them a letter or giving them a call.</p>	<p>As the 2008 Elections get closer, communities will host candidate forums giving candidates running for office the opportunity to answer questions from members of the community. Attend a forum and ask candidates questions, as well as let them know what is important to you. www.everychildmatters.org</p>
<p>Come to Des Moines; Attend Early Childhood Iowa Day on the Hill</p>	<p>Presidential Candidates Child Policy Survey</p>
<p>During legislative sessions, Early Childhood Iowa hosts an event in order to provide advocates with the opportunity to travel to Des Moines and have their voices heard. Mark your calendars for February 14, 2008. To register for the event please visit the Early Childhood Iowa web site at : www.earlychildhoodiowa.org</p>	<p>Iowa is in a unique position to help decide who will be the next President of the United States. Over 20 Child Policy organizations posed nine questions concerning child and family issues to the Presidential Candidates. Find out who responded and what they said at: www.itsaboutourkids.org</p>