

Tuesday's Talk on Child Rights



The Campaign for US Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

Enact Local and State CRC Resolutions

Even though treaties have to be ratified by the US Senate, working to pass local or state resolutions provides individuals an opportunity to:

- directly influence local and/or state policymakers and elected officials
- educate and raise awareness about the CRC at the local and state level
- engage, outreach and work alongside local and state professionals, organizations and

individuals who support children's issues

- highlight issues affecting children and families in the community and or state
- generate media coverage

It is a chance to get your state's federally elected officials to pay attention!

Visit the Campaign's website under Get Involved to find language and tips for enacting a CRC Resolutions in your community and State.

www.childrightscampaign.org

Where have CRC Resolutions been Enacted?

- Missouri Gov. Bob Holden issued a Proclamation on the CRC on Sept. 14th, 2004
- Rhode Island adopted a House Resolution on the CRC in January 1990, 1999, and 2002
- Oklahoma adopted both a House and Senate CRC Resolution in May 2009
- New York City adopted a CRC Resolution unanimously in 1989
- Chicago, IL adopted a CRC Resolution in Feb. 2009
- San Francisco, CA adopted a CRC Resolution in April 2009



- New York, Idaho, New Mexico, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Nevada, Colorado proclaimed Sept. 24-30, in 1990 to be World Summit for Children Week in support of US Ratification of the CRC.

Both Portland, OR and the State of Colorado have legislators currently working on introducing resolutions.

Will your State/City be next?

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**Child Rights
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CRC**

*Article 5:
"State Parties
shall respect the
responsibilities,
rights and duties
of parents..."*

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Keep writing emails and letters to your senators informing them:

Why the CRC is important to you and your organization

Find your Senator's contact information on the following site:

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm

Empowering Children and Youth

Children and youth play an important and necessary role in raising awareness about the CRC. The Campaign is currently setting up a children/youth advisory council to actively engage young people in the work of the Campaign and local events around the nation that support US ratification of the CRC. Stay tuned for further information about empowering children and youth to be agents of change!

Youth in Norway take on the US

Youth in Norway through Save the Children have creatively advocated for the US to Ratify the CRC. Sign their petition and view their YouTube videos on child rights at: www.goratify.com

Child-Friendly Education Tools

The Campaign will launch its education curriculum on the CRC in 2010 to raise awareness about the CRC in High Schools and Junior High Schools across the US. In support of this there are many child-friendly versions of the CRC and currently a recently published child/youth-friendly version of the Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Conflict that can be accessed through UNICEF at: www.unicef.ca/youthfriendlyopac

Upcoming Events and Activities

Events

- **Wed. Dec. 16:** Senate Hearing on US Implementation of Human Rights Treaties; open to public
<http://tinyurl.com/yigpxcn>

Updates/Activities:

- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges support ratification of CRC by resolution
<http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/1284/347/>
- The Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ are urging support for ratification of the CRC:
<http://tinyurl.com/yklpdf3>
- On Human Rights Day, ACLU Calls for US Commitment to Domestic Human Rights: Convention on the Rights of the Child <http://tinyurl.com/yj9qdyt>
- A new poll commissioned by First Focus shows widespread support among U.S. votes for ratifying the Convention on the Rights of the Child:
<http://www.firstfocus.net/Download/RightsoftheChild.pdf>
- Media Voices for Children highlights Marian Wright Edelman (CDF) speech at the Campaign's Symposium:
<http://mediavoicesforchildren.org/?p=3119>
- Brooklyn College in NY put on the Fourth Child Policy Forum on Nov. 20th; check out Howard Davidson's (Dir. American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law) speech
<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/departments/childreinstudies/1605.htm>



Article 12:

"States Parties recognize the right of the child to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate in cultural life and the arts."