

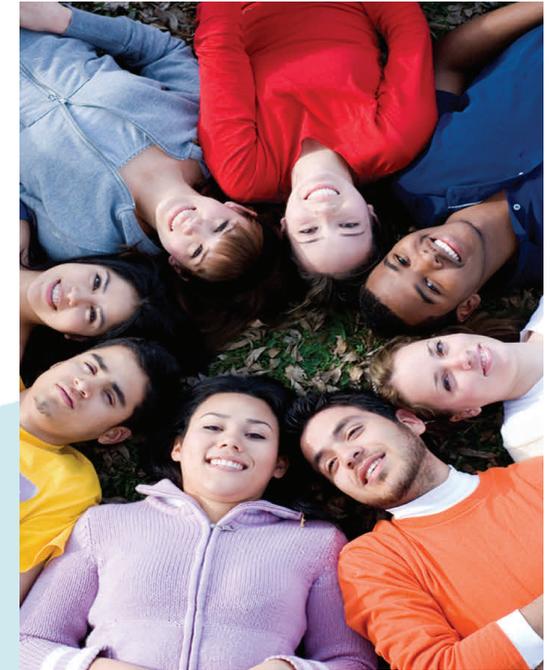
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a coalition *for our future generations*

"The solution of adult problems tomorrow depends in large measure upon the way our children grow up today. There is no greater insight into the future than recognizing when we save our children, we save ourselves."

- Margaret Mead



Rockland Children's Advocacy Network (RCAN) was founded in the winter of 2000 by a small group of advocates for children, youth and family services.

Membership is open to all individuals interested in making children a top priority for policy makers: students, parents, civic groups, not-for-profit organizations and governmental agencies are all welcome.

The RCAN is a coalition of citizens, students, public and private organizations providing an independent voice for the children of Rockland. RCAN works to identify the unmet needs of children, to inform the public and policy-makers about them, to advocate for innovative solutions and to encourage community involvement and collaboration to improve children's lives today and in the future.

In our first year, RCAN was successful in having the County Executive and Legislature pass a resolution establishing Children's Memorial Day on April 28, 2000, as a way of remembering children who die by violence and committing to end preventable deaths of children.

RCAN has been active in communicating its support to local, state and national leaders for increasing funds to local public and private organization for programs in the early childhood years and out-of-school hours; urging passage of the national Younger Americans Act and supporting the adoption of the United Nations Convention of The Rights of Children (The U.S. is the only nation that has not ratified the Convention).



In attempting to advocate for sound social policy on behalf of children, youth and families, RCAN poses the following questions:

- Should all children and families have health care coverage?
- Should the United States have early childhood education for all?
- Should teenagers have a community center easily accessible to meet their needs?

and

we need to always ask ourselves –
Is it good for the children?



RCAN accepts donations to further our cause. To donate or for more information, please contact Jane Brown at (845) 425-0009 x417 or via email janeb@rocklandchildcare.org.

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