



Mission:

To work collaboratively on policies and practices in and around schools that promote equity and improve the physical, social, and emotional health and well-being of children, youth, and families.

Steering Committee:

Advocacy Action Network
Aetna Better Health of Kentucky
Alliance for a Healthier Generation
American Academy of Pediatrics-Kentucky Chapter
American Heart Association
Bounce Coalition
Cairn Guidance Inc.
Cumberland Family Medical Center, Inc.
Dept. Behavioral Health, Dev.& Intellectual Disabilities
Development and Growth Strategies, LLC
Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
Gordon Food service
Humana Healthy Horizons
Kentucky Association of School Administrators
Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling
Kentucky Department of Education
Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
Kentucky Department for Public Health
Kentucky Health Departments Association
Kentucky Nurses Association
KY Parent Teacher Association 16th District
Kentucky Public Health Association
Kentucky Voices for Health
Kentucky Youth Advocates
Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence
Spalding University
United Health Care
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville

Dear Legislator,

I'm writing to introduce the Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children, a new, statewide, cross-sector, multiagency collaboration committed to improving the health of our children and youth in the school setting. Our hope is to collaborate with you, your colleagues and others interested in improving children's health. We seek to advance policies, programs and practices that reach children and youth where they spend a large portion of their lives at a time when there are critical changes in their brains and bodies. Coalition members unanimously agree that early intervention can help Kentucky's youngest residents achieve significant health and educational progress.

The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, which provides backbone support to the Coalition and its steering committee, also would like to serve as a resource point-of-contact for you on policies and issues that affect children's health. Enclosed is a fact sheet highlighting what the Coalition sees as some of the major issues facing Kentucky's children today, as well as the Coalition steering committee member organizations. Please take a moment to review this information [here](#), and then reach out to me or my staff with your questions, additions and/or concerns. As the Coalition develops its policy priorities, we also will be reaching out to you and your colleagues to seek your input and support.

I know you agree that Kentucky can be a leader in improving children's health. The Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children is committed to advocating for evidence-based policies, programs and practices to achieve that goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Chandler".

Ben Chandler
President/CEO, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
and
Chair, Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children

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