



Children's Day at the Legislature

Public Policy Forum

Tuesday, February 12, 2008 - Charleston House Holiday Inn

Workshops, briefings and caucuses will be held on a wide range of public policy issues at the Charleston House Holiday Inn.

9:00 - 10:00 am Registration/Refreshments

10:00 - 10:15 am Welcome

10:15 - 11:15 am

Take Me Out To The Budget
*Stan Collender, Contributing Editor,
NationalJournal.com*

11:15 - 11:30 am

A Primer on the West Virginia State Budget
*Ted Boettner, West Virginia Center on Budget
and Policy*

11:30 am – 11:45 am Break

11:45 am – 12:30 pm Concurrent Sessions

***Session A:* Virtual Field Trip to
the Virtual Floor**

Stephanie Vance, Advocacy Associates, LLC

***Session B:* Win Your Policy Issue Without
Moving From Your Couch**

Nancy Tonkin, Tonkin Management

Jim McKay, WV Children's Trust Fund

***Session C:* Voting for Kids -**

Election Commitments for Children

Becky King, WV School-Based Health Assembly

Anne Durham, Mountainside Media

12:30 pm – 2:15 pm Luncheon Program

**A Commitment to Health and Well-Being in
West Virginia**

Bishop Michael J. Bransfield

**Presentation of the 2008 Champion for
Children Award**

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm Break

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Hot Topics

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

**Listen Up Legislators! This is Your Wake-Up
Call: How to Take Your Representative From
Information to Action**

Stephanie D. Vance, Advocacy Associates

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm Wrap-Up

4:30 pm Reception

Charleston House Holiday Inn

The Forum will be held at the Charleston House Holiday Inn, 600 Kanawha Boulevard East, along the river in downtown Charleston. Continuing Education units are provided through the West Virginia Prevention Resource Center.

Stan Collender, Contributing Editor, NationalJournal.com, Qorvis Communications

Stan Collendar has spent most of his career working on the federal budget and congressional budget process including positions on the staff of the House and Senate Budget Committees; founding “Federal Budget Report”, a newsletter that was published for almost two decades; and for the past 11 years writing the weekly column “Budget Battles” for nationaljournal.com. Currently, Stan is the managing director for Qorvis Communications, working with and for financial services clients.

Stephanie D. Vance, Advocacy Associates

Stephanie D. Vance, the “Advocacy Guru” of Advocacy Associates, LLC is author of Government by the People: How to Communicate with Congress. She has over 15 years of experience in Congressional affairs, having worked in a prominent DC law firm, lobbied for National Public Radio and worked in various Congressional offices, holding positions as Legislative Director and Staff Director. Her work on congressional communications stems from a deep and abiding belief that government is effective only when citizens are active participants. Ms. Vance holds a Masters Degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University and a Master’s Degree in Liberal Studies at Georgetown University.

Most Reverend Michael J. Bransfield, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

The Most Reverend Michael J. Bransfield was ordained and installed as the Eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston on February 22, 2005. Prior to coming to West Virginia, Bishop Bransfield served 25 years at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Bishop Bransfield was named the first rector of the Basilica of the National Shrine upon its designation as a Basilica in 1990. Bishop Bransfield holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and the Master of Divinity degrees from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, PA. He received the Master of Philosophy Degree from The Catholic University of America in 1973.

During his three years in West Virginia, one of the many initiatives to which the Bishop has committed his efforts is health care of West Virginians. In October 2006, Bishop Bransfield promulgated his first pastoral letter, “A Church That Heals”. The impetus for the letter being that the health of each of us is related to the health of all of us. Through focus groups, interviews, and surveys the church listened to issues surrounding the health of people in the state and set an agenda for change that includes building partnerships to build healthier communities. A view of this concept in action is the Parish Nursing Program that calls upon nurses in all congregations to work collectively in efforts to increase the health and well-being of West Virginians. Through its Office of Health Ministry, the diocese is focusing on holistic, healthy lifestyles, and restoring a vision of health for all West Virginians.

Children’s Day at the Legislature**Wednesday, February 13, 2008 - the State Capitol**

Let your voice be heard. Fill the halls of the State Capitol and speak up for children. Your message is important and now is the time to let your legislators know the issues that matter to you.

7:00 - 8:30 am Exhibitors Set Up Displays

Location: Upper Rotunda of the Capitol

8:00 - 10:30 am Registration and Information

Location: The Cultural Center

9:00 - 10:30 am Children’s Day Opening Session

Location: The Cultural Center

10:30 - 11:00 am Meet with Your Legislators

We encourage you to schedule appointments with your legislators in advance so you have a better chance of meeting with the individuals you want to see.

Contact information is available online at www.capwiz.com/preventchildabusewv/ or by calling toll-free 1-877-565-3447.

Location: Capitol Building

11:00 am House and Senate Sessions

Children’s Day proclamation read, legislators introduce guests in the gallery. (Please let your legislator know you are coming so you can be introduced.)

Location: House and Senate Chambers

12:00 - 3:00 pm Visit Legislators and Exhibits

Location: Capitol Building

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Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Please check EACH EVENT that you plan to attend:

Public Policy Seminar – February 12 (*pre-registration required*)
Charleston House Holiday Inn, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Registration fee: \$30 (includes breaks, lunch and reception)
Special accommodations: _____
For lodging, call Charleston House at (304) 344-4092 by February 1, 2008 for discounted rate.

Exhibitor at Children's Day – February 13 (*pre-registration required*)
State Capitol Rotunda, set-up beginning at 7:00 am (Space is limited; reservations will be accepted in order received.)
6-foot table and chair provided; check here if you need power access (The number of outlets is limited):
Exhibitor fee: \$75

Participant at Children's Day – February 13 (*pre-registration recommended*)
Registration begins at 8:00 am at the Cultural Center, State Capitol Complex
Opening Session at the Cultural Center, State Capitol Complex, from 9:00 am - 10:30 am.
Activities at Capitol from 10:30 am - 3:00 pm.
Participant fee: None

Continuing Education Units
CEUs will be provided by the Prevention Resource Center
CEU Fee: \$10

Make check or purchase order out to TEAM for WV Children.
(Do not send cash or credit card number.)

_____ Public Policy Forum registration fee @ \$30 *
_____ Children's Day exhibitor fee @ \$75
_____ Continuing Education Unit Fee @ \$10
_____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**

**A limited number of scholarships are available for students, parents and people with developmental disabilities to attend the Public Policy Forum and Children's Day. To receive additional information, please email conference@mountainsidemedia.com.*

RETURN BY February 5, 2008 to:
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Prevent Child Abuse West Virginia works to keep our children safe by supporting effective community programs and sound public policy.

PCA-WV is a state chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America and a project of TEAM for West Virginia Children. Find out more at www.preventchildabusewv.org.



An important reminder:

You can do your part to protect West Virginia's children by checking the box and donating to the Children's Trust Fund when you fill out your State Income Tax Form.

Contributions to the Children's Trust Fund helps support programs in 33 communities and more than 20,000 children, parents, staff, volunteers and concerned citizens. Find out more at www.wvctf.org.



Continuing Education Units will be provided from the following professional organizations which have designated WV Prevention Resource Center as an approved provider: WV Certification Board for Addictions & Prevention Professionals;

WV Board of Examiners in Counseling (WVBEC-508); WV Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (WV2001-0366RN); WV Board of Social Work Examiners (490097); The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing (MEP2479); WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence (approval pending); WV Law Enforcement Training Board (approval pending); The WV State Bar (approval pending).

Sponsors



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Lodging Information

The Charleston House Holiday Inn is offering discounted room rates of \$84 per night plus tax on February 11&12.

Call (304) 344-4092 by February 1 to make reservations at the special group rate for Prevent Child Abuse West Virginia.

For information on other lodging, contact the Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-733-5469 or www.charlestonwv.com.

Map of Children's Day Activities

