Our mission is to improve the well being of children by effecting positive changes in public policies, priorities and programs.

Our vision is that all of Washington’s children have what they need to grow up to be the people they dream of becoming.
We entered the 2011 legislative session facing unprecedented challenges to kids. The state’s economy was in the midst of a protracted recovery from a recession of historic proportions. Unemployment remained persistently high. Across the country and here in Washington, more children were falling into deep poverty. That experience will leave a durable mark, in the form of ongoing health and learning difficulties and a wider achievement gap.

Since summer 2010, we knew that Washington State’s programs for kids were facing huge and painful cuts. Legislators convened in January to adjust the current year’s budget to economic realities, and to write a two-year budget coping with a multi-billion dollar shortfall. Having witnessed three consecutive years of budgeting in bad times, we knew that vital programs for kids would be at risk.

Gov. Chris Gregoire’s proposed budget had outlined devastating cuts to the vital programs we describe in these pages. As lawmakers convened to pass the budget, the sluggish recovery gave them no respite.

Yet programs for kids came out of the legislative session better off than it looked at the outset. Our advocacy made the difference.

This session, we preserved $213 million in public investments for kids and families. For every dollar invested by Children’s Alliance funders and supporters, our work protected $142 worth of public investments.

The Children’s Alliance, in partnership with our members and allies in every corner of the state:
- Saved a crucial source of food security from elimination.
- Maintained child care assistance that keeps kids safe and parents on the job.
- Maintained access to Apple Health for Kids for all kids. Not one child lost health coverage.

Working from our values

Like most legislative sessions, this one produced literally hundreds of bills, provisos and budget items – hundreds of choices with the potential to either help or hurt Washington’s kids.

At the Children’s Alliance, we know that nearly every measurement of child well being shows troubling disparities by race. We base our work in the knowledge that race matters. Addressing the failure of our public structures to treat kids equitably across race is the smart approach. Taxpayers don’t get the return on their investment unless these systems work. And child-serving systems don’t work unless they work for all kids. Finally, of course, it’s simply the right thing to do. No child should grow up surrounded by systems that fail them.

Before the beginning of the session, we asked ourselves what we could do to further the prospects of a state where all kids can grow up healthy and strong. All of our legislative priorities were chosen with the recognition that with our advocacy, the Children’s Alliance could make a difference for all kids and fight for racial equity by:
- Defending access to health care for children in immigrant families;
- Preventing the elimination of
food stamps benefits for immigrant kids or their families;

- Ensuring that child care assistance continues for low-wage working parents;
- Advocating for revenue-based solutions so that fewer cuts fall on communities of color.

Our Board of Directors approved our four-plank legislative agenda in November. Read more in the next few pages about how we fulfilled that agenda to advocate with people around our state for kids and their families.

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There are three central components to our advocacy for kids: lobbying, mobilization and strategic communications.

**Lobbying**
Children’s Alliance believes in the power of direct lobbying. A key ingredient of our advocacy is having a full-time lobbyist in Olympia during the legislative session.

While most of our lobbying resources are dedicated to the priority issues on our legislative agenda, we often take positions on other issues that affect the well being of children and families. Read about two examples of work we did this year that lay outside our policy agenda, but fit into our values, in the “Focus on Equity” sections on pages 7 and 12.

To inform our decisions, we collaborate with organizations lobbying on related issues including poverty, immigrant rights, child welfare and others. Our commitment to equal opportunity for all kids is informed by our work with a team of advocates who fight for state policy that supports racial equality.

**Mobilization**
Behind our power in Olympia is the commitment, action, and leadership of the members of the Children's Alliance. Members produced results this year that helped change the outcome for kids and families this session.

Every year at Have a Heart for Kids Day, the power of our movement for kids can be seen and heard in Olympia. On February 22, more than 400 people committed to protecting and supporting kids and families traveled from every corner of the state to rally and deliver personal and powerful messages to legislators.

But this year we didn’t stop at Have a Heart for Kids Day. Children’s Alliance members were speaking up for kids at the People's Summit on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the early April Week of Action, and at the Rally for Our Future sponsored by our ally, the Our Economic Future Coalition.

**Strategic Communications**
Stories, data, and media exposure have the power to shift perspective, open minds, and change the course of policy decisions. Our communications work this session was aimed at delivering information, data and stories to legislators and the public in order to sway their perspective and win support for our issues.

Step one of our communications advocacy started well before the opening day of the 2011 legislative session. We crafted key messages that framed our objectives in compelling ways, ensuring that our voice would be persuasive, accessible, and would put kids in the public eye.

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Through the I Stand Strong for Kids petition, Children’s Alliance members sent messages and photos of the kids they love, like this one of Cameron and Anastasia. Children’s Alliance members filled legislators’ email inboxes and phone lines with more than 13,000 personal messages.
heard in newspapers, blogs, radio and television stories throughout the session, in 60 separate instances of coverage. Here are a few examples of media exposure that moved our issues forward:

- With early childhood educators in Spokane Valley, Yakima and Seattle, we helped coordinate two days of local press events highlighting the economic repercussions of cutting Working Connections Child Care. Voices for Children Awards nominee Deanne Eikenbarry, who runs a child care center in Yakima, opened her center to members of the press.

- Before session began, an opinion piece by our Executive Director Paola Maranan published in the Northwest Asian Weekly highlighted the inequitable impacts of proposed budget cuts on immigrants and communities of color, and called on legislators to enact new revenue to lessen the impact of the economic crisis on kids and families.

Being the media
Our own blog, No Kidding!, delivered 46 posts over the course of the legislative session. The stories featured this session ranged from powerful personal portraits to analysis that broke down data into understandable bites. The regular feature of our blog, Kids In the News, provides a quick analysis and links to key articles covering kids, families, and the issues we work on.

More than 750 people subscribe to our blog and receive our posts directly in their e-mail inbox or feed reader. Subscribe yourself by visiting www.childrensalliance.org/no-kidding-blog.

Making it personal for lawmakers
One of the keys to the success of our strategic communications work is our flexibility to respond to the needs of our campaigns. For example, in the campaign to protect health coverage for every child, rhetoric about
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immigration and expenditures threatened to overrun the needs of kids and families.

In response we created a simple document that made the issue personal: a one-page issue paper with district-specific data and a personal quote or story from a Children’s Alliance member in that district. See an example here. During session, our communications team drafted 17 separate documents for specific legislators with data and stories from their legislative districts. Our lobbying team used these tools to cut through the information overload that legislators face every day.

We organized a press conference at a Seattle health clinic about Apple Health for Kids, where a pediatrician signed a giant prescription form to deliver to the state legislature. Kids added their signatures too. Outreach to ethnic community media garnered a prominent story in a well-read online Spanish language news site.

Focus on Equity:
Licensed drivers keep kids safe

Some legislators this session tried to restrict the state’s ability to issue driver’s licenses to people who can’t produce a Social Security card. The bills they introduced would have required the Department of Licensing to mark down the citizenship status of everyone issued a license.

What did these bills have to do with kids? Plenty.

Leading opponents to these bills told legislators that our state’s economy depends on workers being able to get around. We added that kids need the grown-ups in their lives to be able to drive them safely and without fear to school, child care or the doctor’s office. Whether or not they have a license, adults don’t simply neglect these responsibilities.

Any new law denying or restricting driver’s licenses would also create problems for those whose work frequently involves caring for children, since 1 in 3 female U.S. citizens do not have ID that states their current, legal names.

These bills would have forced responsible adults to weigh the necessity of getting around against the possibility of getting caught. Such dilemmas make everyone less safe. Fear and mistrust of state agencies and law enforcement officials is contagious: Kids learn that kind of mistrust from their parents — with untold consequences later in life.

We and our allies successfully beat back all attempts, yet some members of the Legislature are determined to bring back the proposal another year. When they do, we’ll continue working with our allies in the immigrant rights community to uphold the right of all Washington kids to a fear-free ride.
Our Advocacy by the Numbers

Total miles traveled by Children’s Alliance members to testify at hearings or speak at rallies this session:

13,609

Number of meetings with legislators held by Children’s Alliance staff this session:

250

Temperature during the Have a Heart for Kids Day rally on the Capitol steps:

33°F

Number of press hits about Children’s Alliance priority issues (articles, op-eds, letters to the editor):

60

Time when 28 Spokane area parents and kids got on the bus to travel to Have a Heart for Kids Day:

2 a.m.

Age of Sarah McIntyre when she spoke to 10,000 people about her life being saved by Apple Health for Kids at the March 17 rally for a just budget:

10 years old

Value of the programs for families and children that the Children’s Alliance preserved during this session:

$213 million
Apple Health for Kids is Washington’s popular, successful and cost-effective health coverage program for 725,000 of our state’s children. It’s only four years old, but it was created just in the nick of time, as the Great Recession put more kids at risk of going uninsured. It offers one streamlined enrollment process and the same benefits package for all children. Nearly half the kids in our state can see a doctor, dentist or other medical professional because they’re covered by Apple Health for Kids.

Protecting Apple Health for Kids – for all kids
This year the Governor proposed a cut that would have eliminated Apple Health for Kids coverage for 27,000 children.

These kids have access to health care because of the 2007 Cover All Kids law, which gives any child in the state whose parents earn less than 300 percent of the federal poverty level (about $55,590 for a family of three) the opportunity to get health care. The kids subject to the Governor’s cut were those without proof of lawful residency, who are enrolled in the state-funded portion of Apple Health for Kids.

We worked hard to mobilize support for Apple Health for Kids inside and outside of the affected community. Because of our track record of protecting Apple Health for Kids in the previous two years, leaders in affected communities looked to us to lead these efforts.

To do so, we sought to mobilize parents whose kids’ coverage had been at risk previously, and who shared our belief that all kids need health care. We maintained a steadfast commitment to the privacy of families who could be directly affected. We also consistently turned conversations about this cut away from immigration policy and toward the real subject: children’s health.

House members tweaked Apple Health for Kids in the supplemental budget with modest premium increases. But the Senate proposed deep cuts that threatened to drop coverage for thousands of kids.

The Senate proposed an across the board premium increase and capped the number of children enrolled in the state-funded portion of Apple Health for Kids at 22,500 — 2,600 children fewer than were currently enrolled. The changes would have subjected the program to yearly appropriations debates. This threatened to break the promise inherent in the Cover All Kids law, which affords health coverage to every eligible child.

The Senate was threatening to put families back on a roller coaster ride, not knowing if their kids could see a doctor when they were sick. We also emphasized that the program stood to bring in an additional estimated $80 million in flexible federal

Because of our efforts, legislators retained the 2007 Cover All Kids law and protected nearly $67 million in public investments in kids’ health care.

WHY HEALTH CARE?
Health coverage for every child enriches the lives of all children. When families are forced to let simple health problems fester until they become costly and chronic, taxpayers’ costs rise and kids’ health is undermined. When we spend less to cover kids, we spend more money taking care of them after something terrible happens.
Having a comprehensive, affordable health plan like Apple Health for Kids does not always mean a child gets adequate health care. By focusing on access to care, we move closer to our ultimate goal of healthy children, and we address the persistent disparities in health outcomes faced by communities of color.

Nearly every form of dental disease is preventable. But our state’s dental safety net is fragmented and inadequate to ensure that all children are served with consistent oral health care.

Dental disease is the most common childhood disease, five times more common than asthma. The disease leads to pain and suffering, hurts kids’ ability to learn, and damages their lifelong health and well being.

The need for appropriate oral health care is great. Compared to the national Healthy People 2020 Objectives, young children in Washington still have significantly higher rates of decay. And health coverage doesn’t guarantee health care – half of the publicly insured children in Washington are still not receiving dental care, according to the Pew Center on the States.

While some kids’ oral health has improved, those who are low-income, children of color, and non-English speaking children have higher levels of dental disease, untreated cavities, and fewer dental sealants than other kids.

Thirty-four of Washington’s 39 counties do not have enough dentists. A 2010 Pew report cited the need for 110 more dental care providers to meet the need. And with 35 percent of dentists reaching retirement age in a few years, the need for more dental practitioners is expected to grow.

This year, we worked on House Bill 1310, which would have increased the number of quality, affordable oral health care practitioners in underserved areas.

A new kind of dental professional could help make sure more kids are getting the routine, cost-saving care they need. This new provider, called a dental therapist, has been proven to increase access to care in rural Alaska as well as in more than 50 countries.

Licensed dental therapists could bring this innovative solution to Washington — the kind of long-term, cost-effective response that these times demand. But changes like this may take years. HB 1310 did not pass, but we will be working hard in coming months to build support for this legislation, and its sponsor, Rep. Eileen Cody, assures us we’ll see the bill again next year.

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dollars to the state over the next two years in the form of Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act performance bonuses – and that this federal money far exceeded the savings achieved by lessening the efficiency and effectiveness of Apple Health for Kids.

In House-Senate budget negotiations, legislators opted for the approach we supported. Apple Health for Kids received a small funding cut that raises premiums for state-funded children living in families at 200-300 percent of the federal poverty level. About 350 kids’ monthly premiums are expected to rise from $20-$30 per month to approximately $80-90 per month in fall 2011. To ensure that no children lose coverage because of cost, we are working to identify sponsors to help families who would experience financial hardship as a result of the higher premiums.

We persuaded legislators to adopt our preferred approach to Apple Health for Kids.
We began this session with the goal to maintain Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care, knowing that an economic recovery won’t come unless working parents can keep their kids somewhere safe and stable while they earn a living.

About 37,000 Washington families use Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) each month to ensure that parents stay in the workforce, even in these years of persistently high unemployment. The state also offers Seasonal Child Care to about 2,200 agricultural workers each year.

Both Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care subsidize the cost of child care while parents are at work or, if enrolled in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), are looking for work. Families pay the child care provider a monthly co-pay, and Working Connections pays the rest.

Cutting Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care during an economic downturn only swells the ranks of those with no other option but extreme poverty and TANF. The number of people who had to resort to TANF increased by 30 percent between 2009 and 2010.

Both programs have other economic benefits. Child care is a huge part of the state’s small business sector. The combined total of people employed in state-licensed and license-exempt child care is more than the number of people employed by both the hotel and retail apparel industries.

When a family can no longer afford child care, the child care provider loses revenue, staff are let go, and some centers and family child care providers go out of business. As a result, at each of those levels, people have less money for goods and services. And when parents are able to return to work as the economy improves, child care will no longer be available.

In August, Gov. Chris Gregoire announced that she would limit eligibility for WCCC, a move that cut 2,500 families from the program. In December, the Governor announced even deeper cuts.

Parents joined child care providers to tell lawmakers about the devastating economic effects of cutting child care assistance. All of us who spoke to legislators about the Governor’s proposal delivered this request: “We need you to intervene.”

Legislators responded that cuts to these programs were beyond their authority. The Governor maintains control of an array of expenditures on child care assistance and welfare that’s been dubbed the TANF Box, and spending for both Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care come from that box. TANF funds share the box with money from the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), the main source of federal funding to support working parents’ child care needs and promote equal access to early learning.

But by the end of December, we had been heard. Just days before the emergency rule took effect, the Governor rescinded it, maintaining the program for families at or below 175 percent of the poverty level. She did this not only because of our efforts, but because her partners under the capitol dome said they didn’t want to hurt families and set back the economic recovery.

Weeks later, in an attempt to safeguard the programs, legislators passed the supplemental

**Protecting Child Care**

We persuasively argued against cutting Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care, helping thousands of families maintain their economic stability.
“Some of these budget cuts are going to force families back on assistance. Without the support for child care, single mothers like myself have no other options. I am willing and able to work, but I can’t afford to work without child care.”

—Jamie Smith, Seattle, before the Senate Ways & Means Committee on Jan. 26

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budget with a proviso mandating that eligibility remain unchanged.

Gov. Gregoire vetoed the proviso. While this doesn’t mean the program will change immediately, it does renew the threat that a harmful cut affecting thousands of families could take place at any time.

In the meantime, child care assistance is suffering from other administrative changes.

The state has raised co-pays for both Working Connections and Seasonal Child Care this year. And this spring, the state capped the number of families who can access Working Connections at 35,200. Today, approximately 3,000-3,500 families remain on the waiting list — struggling to make ends meet while they wait for assistance.

In coming months, we will work to prevent potential cuts to the program and to ensure that child care assistance is reaching families in a timely fashion.

Working Across Issues:
Racial Profiling Undoes our Investment in Youth

At Children’s Alliance, we work to build systems that help all kids get what they need for success in life. Racial profiling undoes these efforts. Equitable institutions of early learning shouldn’t be spoiled by unfair disciplinary measures just a few years later in a child’s life.

That’s why we worked with allies to defeat House Bill 1126, the so-called “gang bill,” which would have opened an express lane for kids of color into the dead-end criminal justice system.

The bill would have allowed police to send a young person who had committed no crime before a judge with the power to impose curfews and other rules. He or she would have had no right to an attorney and could be banned from an area — even if it’s the place they call home. If he or she returns to the area or oversteps a boundary, the court could impose further sanctions — including a sentence in adult prison.

Thanks to our work highlighting the impact on kids, to the leadership of other organizations and to the bill’s legal flaws, HB 1126 did not pass. Our campaign against it gave us an opportunity to stand with other opponents and note that racial profiling dims the life chances of even our youngest neighbors.
Last fall, as childhood hunger continued to rise, Gov. Gregoire proposed to eliminate the State Food Assistance (SFA) program – a $60 million investment for the biennium that feeds thousands of the most vulnerable families in our state.

SFA is a uniquely Washington invention, created in 1997 after Congress took food stamps away from lawfully residing immigrants. When former Gov. Gary Locke signed the law creating SFA, he said he was proud that Washington would “ensure equal treatment” of its hungry residents.

SFA now puts food on the table for nearly 31,000 state residents. Nearly half of these are children.

When the Great Recession hit Washington hard in 2009, meeting basic needs for many Washingtonians became a rising challenge. The number of families using food stamps spiked by 78 percent between 2007 and 2010.

“As an organization committed to fighting hunger, we strongly urge the legislature to preserve State Food Assistance. The charitable hunger response system alone cannot adequately provide for the increased numbers of people in need that we will see from the elimination of this program.”

—Shelley Rotondo, Executive Director of Northwest Harvest, in a letter to legislators

On January 16, the state informed thousands of families that they would lose their food benefits the next month. Before then, many had been unaware that their benefits were at risk.

Working with our allies in the Anti-Hunger and Nutrition Coalition, we countered the myth that if SFA were terminated, food banks and faith organizations could easily fill the gap. Saving SFA was also a key goal of the Anti-Hunger Coalition’s Hunger Action Day in February.

That same month, lawyers at Columbia Legal Services gained a federal injunction that prevented DSHS from eliminating or cutting SFA. Columbia’s suit argues that cutting these benefits violates the Equal Protection clause of the U.S. Constitution. Until a judge reaches a decision in the case, SFA recipients’ benefits remain unchanged.

Despite the injunction, both the House of Representatives and Senate decided to continue the program, but reduced SFA by half.

By preserving the program, our work has laid the path to restore lost funding. At the same time, thousands of families who use the

Our advocacy this year protected more than $56 million in anti-hunger programs for kids and their families.

Those who don’t qualify for federal food stamps are experiencing the same hardship. Any reductions in SFA – the only food assistance these families qualify for – would be profoundly unjust. So we asked lawmakers to preserve this vital program.
program will undoubtedly experience more hungry days if DSHS prevails in court and cuts their benefits in half.

We have already begun to ramp up our advocacy for next year to restore the program funding as well as ensure equity between SFA recipients and those on Basic Food. Legislators are hinging the program’s future on the outcome of the U.S. District Court proceedings – when they should be securing its future on the principles of economic security for all.

Children’s Alliance will work to ensure that more just legislation serves all vulnerable children and families. We will continue our efforts with partners new and old to see that all children will be fed equally so they may grow and thrive as they deserve.

Protecting Schools Meals Funding

When supplemental budget negotiators early this session took a $3 million cut from the Child Nutrition Services department of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, we knew that this cut could make lots of kids hungrier.

Along with food stamps and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, school meal programs provide low-income kids with critical nutritional resources in the morning and at lunchtime. Most school meal programs operate on such thin margins that the cut would have been taken off the trays of schoolchildren receiving free or reduced-price lunch.

We were able to shape the House budget with proviso language focusing state funds on key investments: eliminating breakfast and K-3 lunch co-pays and supporting summer meals and breakfast. Senate budget writers eventually adopted this language from the House. Through our advocacy, we saved more than $21 million in school meals for the lowest income students, affording kids nutritious meals when most of them don’t get them: during summer and before class.

“There have been times when my family did not have enough food in our house. We depend on the school breakfast for balanced meals, and my children looked forward to it each school day.”

—Auburn School District parent
We asked lawmakers in this budget year to read all the way to the bottom of the balance sheet: to consider not just the vital programs that serve kids and families today, but the tax expenditures created in years past that may not be in the state’s best interest.

Why is a child-focused organization interested in tax policy? Without a revenue system that fairly generates funds in good times and bad, families in our state are doubly hurt.

At the onset of a recession, work gets scarce; as the tough times continue, vital programs that kids need follow the jobs out the door. Fair taxes mitigate this situation by reinvesting money in public structures that support the common good.

This year’s focus on tax expenditures was commensurate with political reality. Voters had just defeated a tax reform proposal at the ballot box that would have instated an income tax on the state’s highest-income households; they defeated the candy and soda tax lawmakers had passed last year; and they renewed a law that forces lawmakers to raise revenue with a two-thirds majority vote. Gov. Gregoire referred to November’s election as a three-strikes rejection of tax measures.

There are hundreds of tax exemptions sitting on the state’s law books; lawmakers have few opportunities to truly assess their effectiveness. Meanwhile, programs that make a verifiable difference for families get lots of scrutiny — and suffer billions of dollars in cuts. We must change this approach.

We supported a handful of bills that would have ended tax breaks and plugged the savings back into specific needs, such as the K-3 class size bill HB 2078. We also supported bills like HB 1889, which would have helped lawmakers tally up the revenue lost in tax preferences as they write the budget. A broad range of allies worked with us on these bills because a broken revenue system hurts everyone.

Still, legislators went with an all-cuts budget approach that wreaks several billion dollars worth of harm to our state’s public structures.

Their lack of results wasn’t for lack of interest. HB 2078 got a majority vote in the House, but it fell short of the two-thirds supermajority required by Initiative 1053. The judicial branch of government may provide some clarity, as the initiative’s supermajority mandate may face a constitutional test in court.

Whether or not I-1053 faces a legal challenge, fresh looks at our broken revenue system will continue to be urgent, as our economy undergoes a long, slow, uncertain recovery. We need to reform the entire system as well as end tax breaks that don’t provide our state the same benefits as healthy kids who are ready to learn. We’ll continue to advocate for a just and sustainable approach that puts kids and families first.

Sarah McIntyre of Yakima shows off the text of her speech after speaking to 10,000 people at a rally March 17. Convened by a broad coalition of labor, faith, service and community organizations, the event called for revenue-based solutions to the budget shortfall. Sarah told the crowd how essential Apple Health for Kids has been for her.

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The 2011 legislative session is over, but speaking up for kids is a year-round job. Here’s how to get involved:

- Sign up for action alerts from the Children’s Alliance, or invite someone you know. It’s easy! [Here’s how](#).

- Apply for the next Children’s Alliance Advocacy Camp, scheduled for October 19-21 in North Bend. Contact Community Organizer Emijah Smith for more information at Emijah@childrensalliance.org or 206-324-0340 ext. 25.

- Save the date for our next Have a Heart for Kids Day on Feb. 28, 2012. Better yet, organize a group to come! Contact Emijah for more information at Emijah@childrensalliance.org.

- Make a donation to fuel the advocacy that is making policy work for kids in Washington state. Contact Office Manager Deborah Bowler at Deborah@childrensalliance.org, or go to our [web site](#).

- Organize a meeting with your legislators to talk about how issues you care about are affecting kids in your community, or organize advocacy training for your organization or community group. We can help. Contact Emijah Smith for more information at Emijah@childrensalliance.org.