

The Weekly Pulse

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM OUR COALITIONS AND NETWORKS



Quick Summary

Potential New Congressional Champion: [San Diego's Sara Jacobs \(D-53\)](#) has recently won her race after Rep. Susan Davis announced she was not seeking re-election. Jacobs is the youngest California representative and previously served as a State Department Contractor working with UNICEF and the United Nations. As a freshman Congresswoman, Jacobs says her goal is to fight for equitable COVID-19 relief that includes funding for child care.

Senate FY2021 Appropriations Budget has been released. The Thrive Coalition pulled together a list of noteworthy differences between the House and Senate budgets.

- The Senate bumped Maternal Child Health (MCH) up to \$865M, a \$14M increase over FY20 enacted and a \$15M increase over the FY21 House level.
- Within MCH, Polio received a \$4M boost over FY20 enacted and a \$6M boost over the FY21 House level.
- [Nutrition](#), WASH and UNICEF remained level with FY20 enacted.
- [Basic Ed](#) matched what the Senate put forward in FY20. They anticipate that the funding will come closer to FY20 enacted levels during conference.
- The Senate bumped up the [Vulnerable Children](#) account to \$30M, a \$5M increase over FY20 enacted.

Thrive Coalition's Leila Nimatallah pulled together [language](#) from the Senate explanatory statements regarding Early Childhood Education(ECD).

Virtual Events

[GLOBAL WEEK](#) OF FAITH IN ACTION FOR CHILDREN: ENHANCING DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATION FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND WELL-BEING **NOV. 16-20**
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ECPAT-USA ENGAGING YOUTH TO COUNTER VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN [WEBINAR](#) **NOV. 18 11AM EST**
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USAID'S GLOBAL EDUCATION LEARNING SERIES CLOSING [WEBINAR](#) **NOV.17 9AM-10AM EST**
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TOGETHER FOR GIRLS GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE [WEBINAR](#) **NOV. 16 10:30AM EST**

Recommendations for the Biden-Harris Administration to Build Back Better

With the announcement of Joseph R. Biden Jr. as the 46th President of the United States, groups and organizations around the child advocacy sphere have been busy tailoring their strategy for the [Biden-Harris Transition Team](#). Here are the recommendations and transition statements from a handful of the child advocacy community:

- **Search for Common Ground(SFCG)** released their [recommendations](#) to the Biden-Harris Transition Team urging them to "rekindle and fully leverage bipartisan support for U.S foreign Policy that helps prevent and end chronic crises that threaten global stability." To do so, SFCG outlined the necessity to work with Congress to pass and implement legislation such as the Youth, Peace and Security Act of 2020.
- **Global Campaign for Education(GCE)** has finalized their [recommendations](#) for the Biden-Harris Transition Team. In their last meeting (Nov. 10), a discussion was held on how to better emphasize priorities for inclusive education pertaining to children with disabilities in their recommendations. The finalized recommendations call for the new administration to prioritize international basic education while scaling up interventions to address COVID-19. Now, GCE is calling for [sign-ons](#) by Nov. 19 in order to submit the document by Nov. 24.
- **Together for Girls** and partners have finalized their [open sign on letter](#) calling for the U.S Presidential Leadership to "End Sexual Violence Against Children." This letter is one part of the [Keep Kids Safe Campaign](#) which addresses the effects of COVID-19 on the silent pandemic of sexual violence, exploitation, and abuse against children.
- **Women's Refugee Commission's** [recommendation statement](#) focuses on the central idea of restoring global U.S leadership on humanitarian and human rights issues. This encompasses recommendations to expand efforts to address gender-based violence, ensure access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services, and increase funding to humanitarian, development, and peace and security work.
- **Save the Children** is [calling](#) on the newly-elected President and Members of Congress to address the effects of COVID-19 on children domestically and internationally, restore U.S leadership on the global stage and launch a new initiative investing in adolescent girls globally.
- **Human Rights Watch(HRW)** included child rights within their [recommendation](#) to the Biden-Harris Administration. Specifically, HRW highlighted three key topics: child labor law updates, a child's right to education and the digital equity gap, and juvenile justice.
- **American Academy of Pediatrics's** [transition plan](#) to advance child health in the Biden-Harris Administration provides specific policy proposals that would invest in children and their futures. The plan includes recommendations on [global child health](#) as well.
- **Alliance To End Slavery & Trafficking (ATEST)** stressed the need for a whole-of-government approach to combat human trafficking domestically and internationally. They released a [60-page memorandum](#) to be sent to the Biden-Harris transition team that includes specific action steps for the White House, the Department of Labor, U.S Agency for International Development, among other federal agencies.
- **Girls Not Brides** calls for the administration to promote the rights and empowerment of girls at risk of child marriage and already married girls in the first [100 days of office](#).

Resources & Articles

AAP's [Blueprint for Children](#): State of Children in 2020

[The New York Times](#): "U.S Expels Migrant Children From Other Countries to Mexico"

Bruce Lesley's [article](#) on VP Kamala Harris as a Women and Children Champion