

Advocacy Day FAQs

What is Advocacy Day?

- Our Day of Advocacy is an opportunity for people of faith to speak directly with their legislators, voicing their concerns and lived experiences, to speak on behalf of children in their communities, and to learn from those already working in faith-based advocacy spaces.

What Can I expect?

- You can expect
 - To hear from an impactful panel of faith-based child advocates
 - To sit in meetings with legislators where you will be able to voice your concerns and lived experiences
 - To experience the fullness of the Ohio Statehouse
 - To Make an impact on child well-being in Ohio!

What if I don't know anything about policy or advocacy? Can I still come to the event?

- Of course, all are welcome! Your lived experiences make you an expert on what your community needs. We'll provide you with the other information.

Where do I arrive on the Day of Advocacy?

- Please arrive at the YWCA Columbus, 65 S 4th St, Columbus, OH 43215
 - Even though the day's activities will be at the Ohio Statehouse, we will begin our day with an opening ceremony at YWCA Columbus (approximately a 7-minute walk from the capital), and then move to the statehouse together.

Date/Time?

- Wednesday, May 21st, 2025, from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Where can I park?

- Street parking: Metered Street parking costs about \$1 per hour, you can pay at a kiosk or use the [ParkMobile Parking App](#) (you can only pay for 3 hours at a time)
- Lots: There are several nearby all-day and hourly parking lots, for example at the corner of S 4th street and E State Street.

What should I bring?

- Please make sure to bring your state-issued ID with you. You will need it to access the capital.

Will there be food?

- Yes, there will be food! You'll be able to enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast and lunch!

What should I wear?

- We will be visiting the offices of Ohio Legislators; please dress in business casual apparel. You will also be on your feet much of the day, so please wear shoes that are comfortable to walk in.

What if I have additional questions?

- If you have additional questions, please contact our policy associate, Brianna Booker, at 740.914.9028 or by email at bbooker@childrensdefense.org. You can also sign up for our Advocacy Day text alert system by texting @cdfoh to the phone number 81010

What if I have a disability and will need assistance on the Day of Advocacy?

- If you have a disability and will need assistance, please contact our policy associate, Brianna Booker, at 740.914.9028 or by email at bbooker@childrensdefense.org as soon as possible.