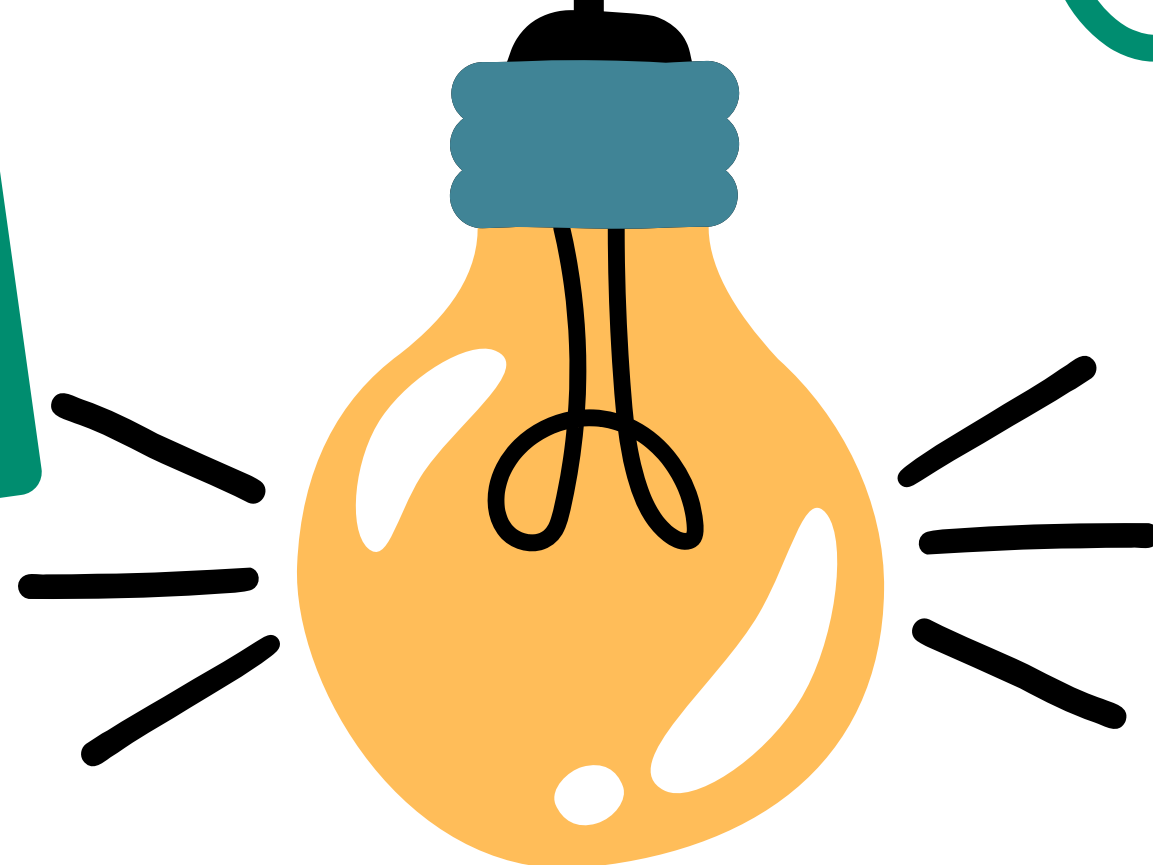
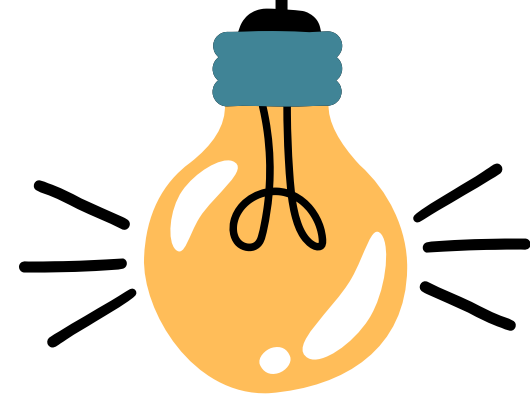


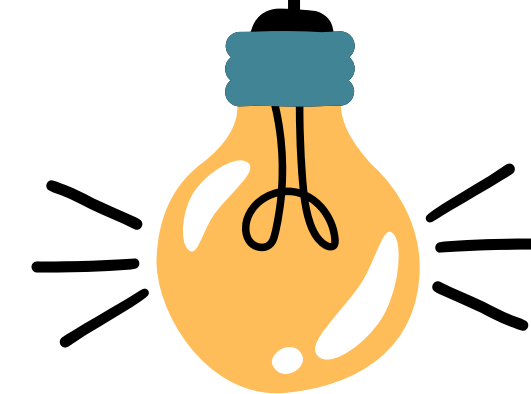
**ADVOCATES**  
**FOR CHILDREN**



**Amanda Paez, Chairperson**



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# INTRODUCTION



**The program was envisioned as a way for clubwomen to provide a voice for children and to teach and encourage parents and other caregivers to advocate for children at the grassroots level.**



# FOCUS AREAS



- Child abuse
- Cyberbullying
- Depression and suicide
- Foster or residential care
- Homelessness
- Human trafficking
- Life-threatening illness
- Limits on screen time
- Cyber Predators
- Poverty
- Texting while driving

Ensure that children are protected from harmful situations

Encourage healthy physical and emotional lifestyles.

Impact policy to improve children's lives.



# STATE PROJECT

**We can support Advocates for Children Programming by supporting the State Project. At each meeting, we will host a donation drive for Early Childhood Education organizations in that area.**



## COMMUNITY CONNECTION INITIATIVE



- Children's waiting room makeover
- Book nooks or art areas
- "Busy Bags"
- Comfort Items

DSS or  
CPS

Public  
Safety



## ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN WEEK

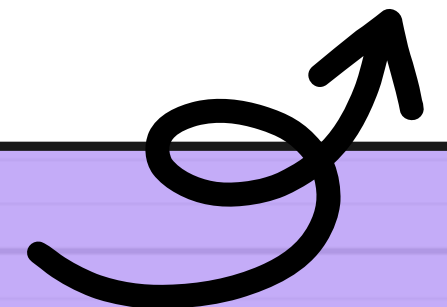


2024

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20  
TO  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

2025

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19  
TO  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25**





# PROJECT IDEAS

Make a plan and make it REAL



- **PARTNER**

Advocate for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and other programs that provide children with mentors and/or offer activities to help them develop positive social skills.

- **FOOD INSECURITY**

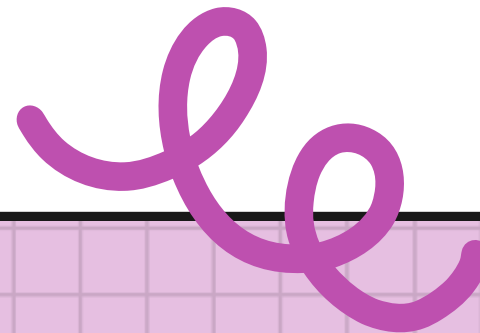
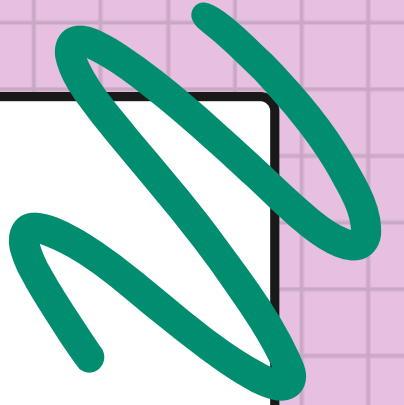
Support in-school and after-school food programs. Volunteer at a food bank or distribution center

- **COLLABORATE**

Paint and decorate a room(s) at a local shelter, youth center, or visitation room at the social service office.

- **LITERACY**

Build Little Libraries and encourage reading programs. Volunteer at your local library to host a reading time.



## ●●● Health and Safety

Families Forward Virginia:  
dedicated to disrupting the  
cycles of child abuse, neglect  
and poverty.

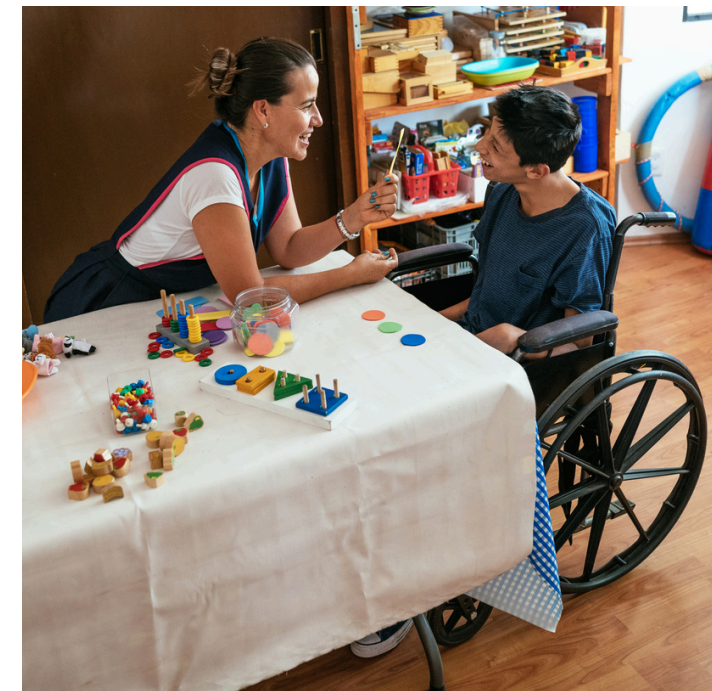


Healthy Families Virginia:  
Home Visits



Cold and Flu Projects:  
collect mittens, hats,  
antibacterial hand soap,  
and tissues for your local  
Head Start!

## ●●● Special Needs and Foster Care



Learn about and promote  
Ecotherapy or Nature Therapy,  
which can help children with  
anxiety, depression, mental  
fatigue, eating disorders,  
feelings of isolation, and other  
emotional and mental illnesses.

Don't forget art therapy or  
equine therapy!

Undertake projects that  
provide a sense of security for  
children in foster care, such as  
making or customizing duffle  
bags for carrying their clothes  
and/or creating overnight kits  
with hygiene and comfort  
items.



**QUESTIONS?**

