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Lehner Announces Ohio Legislative Children's Caucus

Re-focuses State Efforts to Prioritize Ohio's 2.9 Million Kids

COLUMBUS—State Senator [Peggy Lehner](#) (R-Kettering) recently announced the creation of the Ohio Legislative Children's Caucus. The caucus is a bipartisan effort to prioritize Ohio's kids by focusing public policy and state funding to support proven strategies and identify innovative solutions to support Ohio's kids.

Along with a strong [coalition](#) of advocates and lawmakers, Lehner will serve as co-chair to lead the newly formed caucus.

"Ohio's children are Ohio's future. The wellbeing of our kids today is a clear indicator of our state's success tomorrow," said Senator Lehner. "With 1 in 5 Ohio children currently living in poverty, we need to re-evaluate what we are currently doing and make bold, educated investments in their future and success."

The issues-based caucus will focus on improving the effectiveness and reach of policy designed to positively impact children from birth to age eighteen. In general, the caucus seeks to accomplish the following:

- Improve the lives of all children throughout Ohio.
- Identify legislators who are willing to support policy and funding for Ohio's children.
- Provide research and identify best practices, utilizing experts from around the country, to assist in identifying a plan of action.
- Identify and develop multiple "generations" of legislative leaders willing to set long-term, multi-budget goals for children and implement those goals.

"Moving the needle on indicators of well-being through public policy and making lasting differences in these kids lives is our top priority, and I believe we have a plan to do just that," added Lehner.

The caucus' inaugural meeting is scheduled for April 30, where Governor Mike DeWine is scheduled to highlight the [important children's issues](#) that will be considered during the budget.

For more information on the caucus or inaugural meeting, please contact Senator Lehner's office at (614) 466-4538 or Lehner@OhioSenate.gov.

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Senator Peggy Lehner represents Ohio's 6th Senate District, which includes a portion of Montgomery County. To learn more, go to www.OhioSenate.gov/Lehner. Download a high resolution photo of Senator Lehner for your use [here](#).

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