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FORUM INTRODUCES NEW ADVOCACY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

TALLAHASSEE, FL (April 6, 2022) The Children's Forum is excited to announce a new initiative called the **Early Childhood Policy WORKS Advocacy Fellowship (ECPWAF)** that aims to overcome the challenges and barriers facing advocacy and engagement. The ECPWAF will help novice early learning advocates learn how the system works and best ways to engage in the legislative process.

Through an extensive application process, the ECPWAF committee selected a diverse cadre of 21 Policy Fellows comprised of teachers, parents, directors, and early childhood stakeholders. These Fellows will be equipped and empowered to serve as change agents in local, state, and national conversations around issues of early childhood and the early learning workforce.

The inaugural class will meet this July at the *One Goal Summer Conference* in Tampa as well as other in-person and virtual meetings in Tallahassee throughout the year. The Policy Fellows will "graduate" as advocacy experts during Children's Week in Tallahassee in March 2023.

For more information, please visit <https://new.flchild.com/policy-works-advocacy-fellows/>.

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About the Children's Forum

The Children's Forum is a statewide, not-for-profit organization with an uncompromising vision to make Florida a state where children grow and thrive in quality environments and where families have access to information, resources, and options to assist them in their parenting roles. Through a broad array of programs, services, research and advocacy, the Forum is committed to achieving our vision and expanding opportunities for success.

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