



## Register Today

### **Join the Fight Against Child Poverty** **Our Children Our Future Policy Symposium** **September 9 and 10, 2014** **The Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, Charleston**

The Our Children, Our Future Campaign, a group of 160+ policy advocates, service providers, religious leaders, parents, labor and business leaders - taking action to fight child poverty, invites all those invested in improving the lives of WV's children to a Policy Symposium in Charleston on September 9 and 10.

#### **[REGISTER NOW!](#)**

Join lawmakers, advocates, and working families to discuss bold, substantial policy solutions to the crisis of child poverty. Community leaders will lead policy strategy sessions involving families, lawmakers, and advocacy groups to educate and approve policies that will have a positive outcome for our state's youth. After the Symposium, we turn these proposals into action...calling our legislators, holding county forums, and raising awareness. Some of last year's successes:

- Restored funding cuts to FRNs and in-home visiting programs
- Increased the minimum wage by \$1.50/hr
- Increased physical activity in schools by 30 minutes/day
- Ended workplace discrimination against pregnant women
- Piloted a parent mentor program
- Created the West Virginia Future Fund
- Created a new tool to mitigate abandoned and dilapidated properties through Land Reuse Agencies

This year we'll go even further with more ways to reduce poverty:

Ramp It Up: A Healthy Foods Initiative	Medicaid Mental Health Therapy
Juvenile Justice Reform	Foster Kids' Bill of Rights
Funding for FRNs & FRCs	Farmers Market Permits
Workplace Bullying	Paid Sick Days/Family Leave
Stop Meth Labs	Voluntary Retirement Accounts
Worker-Owned Co-Ops	Workforce Development
Tobacco Tax	Buy American
Substance Abuse Funding	Solar Hollow: Solar Installation Pilot Project
Parent Engagement / PTA	Erin's Law: Curbing Child Sexual Abuse
Energy Efficient Affordable Housing	Ban the Box: Removing Unfair Employment Barriers for People with Criminal Records
Domestic Violence Unemployment	
In-Home Visiting Expansion	Removing the Barriers to Better Health for WV Families

**JOIN US!**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Foster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michelle" and last name "Foster" clearly legible.

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