

# Juniors' Special Project

## Advocates for Children

**OBJECTIVE:**  
Encourage members to continue projects related to children and youth

## ACTION PLAN

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Clubs are encouraged to investigate the status of quality rating programs for childcare in their states.

- o Support states that have quality rating programs.
- o Advocate for quality rating programs if your state is without one.
- o Visit the National Child Care Information Center online at [www.NCCIC.org](http://www.NCCIC.org) for information about quality rating systems.
- o Volunteer at early childhood centers by reading to the children or assisting teachers.
- o Support early childhood facilities with financial and other resources.
- o Share information on finding quality child care. See [www.NACCRRRA.org](http://www.NACCRRRA.org), [www.ZeroToThree.org](http://www.ZeroToThree.org), [www.NAEYC.org](http://www.NAEYC.org) and [www.NAFCC.org](http://www.NAFCC.org)
- o Support and encourage family and adult involvement in children's education.

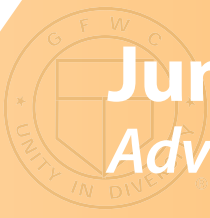
### CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY

- o Encourage your club to celebrate Child Health Day on October 1. Visit <http://MCHB.HRSA.gov/ChildHealthDay>.
- o Investigate the Environmental Protection Agency's Sunwise Program, which aims to teach the public how to protect themselves from overexposure to the sun. Order or download free materials and distribute to teachers and parents. Visit [www.EPA.gov/Sunwise](http://www.EPA.gov/Sunwise).
- o Look into the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Children's Study, which examines the effects of environmental influences on the health and development of more than 100,000 children across the United States, following them from before birth until age 21. The goal of the study is to improve the health and well-being of children. Visit [www.NationalChildrensStudy.gov](http://www.NationalChildrensStudy.gov).
- o Involve clubs in Moms Rising, a group interested in policies concerning mothers. Visit [www.MomsRising.org](http://www.MomsRising.org) for more information.
- o Consider initiating child ID fingerprinting in your community. Visit [www.FingerPrintAmerica.com](http://www.FingerPrintAmerica.com) to see how one company works.
- o Support youth drug abuse prevention programs. Investigate the teen abuse of cough syrup and other nonprescription and prescription drugs by visiting [www.DrugFree.org](http://www.DrugFree.org) and [www.FiveMoms.com](http://www.FiveMoms.com)
- o Investigate the National Education Association's [www.BNetSavvy.org](http://www.BNetSavvy.org) website for information on signing up for a newsletter for "tweens" about staying safer online.
- o Order and distribute the free brochure "Suicide in Youth and What You Can Do About It – A Guide for Students" from GFWC's Marketplace ([www.GFWC.org/Marketplace](http://www.GFWC.org/Marketplace)).



**"THE FUTURE OF THIS ENTIRE, STRONG, WORKING ORGANIZATION** lies wholly in the hands of the advancing youth." Mrs. Phillip Carpenter, candidate for GFWC presidency in 1912, speaking about Juniors.





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- o Improve the community's response to child abuse by using suggestions found at [www.NCA.org](http://www.NCA.org).

### **BULLYING AND CHILDREN**

- o Visit [www.NEA.org](http://www.NEA.org), to learn the definition and find information regarding bullying.
- o Visit [www.StopBullyingNow.HRSA.gov](http://www.StopBullyingNow.HRSA.gov) for information regarding bullying and free materials . The website has information for children as well as parents.
- o Partner with the PTA or PTO to eliminate bullying in local schools. Visit [www.PTA.org](http://www.PTA.org) and [www.PTOToday.com](http://www.PTOToday.com).

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN**

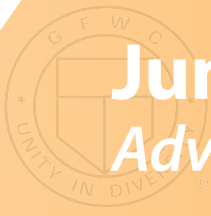
Emergency Medical Services for Children is a national initiative designed to reduce child and youth disability and death due to severe illness or injury. EMSC seeks to ensure that state-of-the-art emergency medical care is available for all sick children and adolescents and that pediatric services are provided and well-integrated into an emergency medical services system.

- o Collaborate with state Emergency Medical Services for Children programs on a local project or assist with the nationwide Public Information and Education Campaign. (See Resources)
- o Participate as a state or local representative for the EMSC Family Advocacy Network.
- o Provide needed equipment and funding for training of local pre-hospital emergency service personnel.
- o Participate in community injury prevention programs and encourage and support ongoing prevention activities.
- o Disseminate safety curriculum and emergency guidelines for schools and assist with development of emergency care plans for children. Promote the use of the Emergency Information Form for children with special health care needs.
- o Participate in the Blue Bear Brigade. Help make bears and donate them along with the EMSC coloring book, "Be Prepared Not Scared," to local ambulance services, rescue squads, and other emergency departments. Blue Bear patterns are available from the national GFWC Advocates for Children Chairman.
- o Order materials from the EMSC website and clearinghouse for local clubs, schools, and childcare. Materials are available on injury prevention, mental health, EMS training, family-centered care, and children with special health care needs. (See Resources)

### **OTHER PROJECT IDEAS**

- o Start or support an existing Juniorette Club. Visit [www.GFWC.org/Juniorettes](http://www.GFWC.org/Juniorettes).





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## RESOURCES

### NATIONAL COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE ASSOCIATION

100 W. Harrison ST, North Tower, STE 500 | Seattle, WA 98119

P: 206/270-0072 | P: 800/628-3233 | F: 206/270-0078 | E: [staff@nationalcasa.org](mailto:staff@nationalcasa.org)

W: [www.NationalCasa.org](http://www.NationalCasa.org) or [www.CasaNet.org](http://www.CasaNet.org)

The National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association, a nonprofit membership organization which advocates on behalf of abused and neglected children, is the official organization of Court Appointed Special Advocates. The Association provides training, technical assistance, program development, consultation, public education, resource development, and government relations services.

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER

P: 800/USA-LEARN | W: [www.ED.gov](http://www.ED.gov)

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

8737 Colesville RD, STE 400 | Silver Spring, MD 20910

P: 202/476-4927 | F: 202/476-6845 | W: <http://Bolivia.HRSA.gov/EMSC>

### EMSC CLEARINGHOUSE

P: 703/902-1203 | F: 703/821-2098 | E: [emsc@circlesolutions.com](mailto:emsc@circlesolutions.com)

### KIDSCAMPAIGNS (COALITION FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN)

P: 800/544-KIDS | P: 888/884-1200 (Literature Orders) | W: [www.KidsCampaigns.org](http://www.KidsCampaigns.org)

The Benton Foundation's KidsCampaigns is a one-stop shopping resource on the Internet for people who want to help children; from advocacy to volunteering activities, the action and information center is intended for citizens, businesses, and parents who want to know how to make their communities work for kids. KidsCampaigns works with the Coalition for America's Children, an extensive network of local groups that will help you get started, get smart, and get connected for children. GFWC is a coalition member.

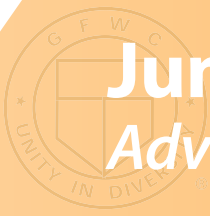
### NATIONAL FAMILIES IN ACTION

2296 Henderson Mill RD, STE 300 | Atlanta, GA 30345-2739

P: 770/934-7137 | F: 770/934-7137 | E: [nfia@web.cc.emory.edu](mailto:nfia@web.cc.emory.edu) | W: [www.NationalFamilies.org](http://www.NationalFamilies.org)

National Families in Action, through publications, networking, and collaboration efforts, has carried the drug use prevention message to all corners of the U.S. and abroad. With its cultural and ethnic partners, it is building a massive family movement across the globe that involves all families to help parents protect children from drug use and drug dealing by strengthening, or in some cases rebuilding, families, and communities.





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### U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Publication Request, Office of Information and Public Affairs | 4330 East West HWY | Bethesda, MD 20814

P: 1-800-638-2772 | E: [publications@cpsc.gov](mailto:publications@cpsc.gov) | W: [www.CPSC.gov](http://www.CPSC.gov)

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction, including toy recalls. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury call CPSC's hotline. Free publications on a large variety of subjects are also available and describe common hazards associated with the use of consumer products and recommend ways to avoid them. All publications can be viewed on the website. Clubs may copy all materials.

## AWARDS

### CLUB

A \$50 award is given annually to one club in the nation to recognize creativity in implementing the GFWC Juniors' Special Project. The award is based on narrative reports. State GFWC Juniors' Special Project Chairmen should forward the winning state entry to the national GFWC Juniors' Special Project Chairman by March 15 of each year. State Juniors' Special Project chairmen shall select a first place winner for EMSC involvement from club reports submitted postmarked on or before March 15. Send to national GFWC Juniors' Special Project Chairman.

### STATE

GFWC certificates are awarded to one state federation in each membership category to recognize outstanding achievement in the GFWC Juniors' Special Project. Award presentations are made annually.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

EMSC will present certificates to one club in each state annually for participating in EMSC programs. In addition, one club in the nation will be recognized for outstanding achievement by EMSC.

