

# BE A VOICE FOR CHILDREN

Children's Home Society & Family Services

## 2010 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

### LEADERSHIP ISSUES

#### Child Welfare & Permanency

CHSFS supports policies that work to strengthen families and ensure safe, loving and permanent homes for all children in Minnesota.

#### Adoption Tax Credit

CHSFS supports making the adoption tax credit permanent by repealing the 2010 sunset of the adoption tax credit.

#### Early Childhood Care & Education

CHSFS supports increasing funding to improve quality and access to early childhood programs at the state and federal levels.

#### Adoption & Birth Records

CHSFS supports legislation regarding birth records that respects the rights of all parties in the adoption triad including the adopted person, adoptive parents and birth parents.

For more than a century, Children's Home Society & Family Services has advocated on behalf of children. Today, we employ strategies of direct lobbying, working through coalitions, and grassroots advocacy to speak out when policymakers are debating issues that affect the wellbeing of children and families.

Make your voice heard. **Send an email to [voiceforchildren@chsfs.org](mailto:voiceforchildren@chsfs.org) and join our e-advocacy network.** You'll receive regular legislative updates and action alerts when key votes are scheduled.



### SUPPORTING & TRACKING ISSUES

#### Domestic Violence Prevention

CHSFS believes in funding prevention and intervention programs that break the intergenerational cycle of violence.

#### International Adoption Issues

CHSFS is fully Hague accredited and supports standards that ensure intercountry adoptions are ethical, safe and in support of a child's best interest.

#### GLBT Parenting Rights

CHSFS supports adoption and foster parenting rights of all individuals and couples who can provide a safe and loving home to a child.

#### Mental Health

CHSFS believes in protecting current funding for and promoting policies to strengthen mental health services in Minnesota.

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