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Looking Back: Forum 2008

Building Momentum for Change

Nearly 60 VOICES members from across the country met in Washington, DC last week for VOICES' 2008 Forum - Building Momentum for Change: Stronger Network, Bolder Advocacy, Brighter Futures for Children.



(L-R) Bill Bentley, VOICES President & CEO; Congresswoman Hirono (HI); and Liz Chun, Good Beginnings Alliance (HI) Executive Director at the June 19 Congressional Reception on Capitol Hill



Find handouts and photos from the event on the VOICES Web site by [CLICKING HERE](#)

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READ MORE BELOW -

VOICES 2008 REGIONAL MEETINGS: Meetings are in the works for members in the Mid-Atlantic/Northeastern, Midwestern and Southern regions.

CALLING ALL ADVOCATES: Sign up for an upcoming budget models conference call in VOICES' Calling All Advocates series.

NEWS FROM THE NETWORK: What have your colleagues throughout the country been up to?



(L-R) Cora Greenberg (Westchester Children's Association); Jennifer March-Joly (Citizens' Committee for Children of New York); Emily Smith (Partnership for Children); and Carrie Shapton (Partnership for Children)

2008 REGIONAL MEETINGS

Coming to a State Near You!

Throughout 2008, VOICES is convening four regional meetings. The Pacific/Western region met on April 30-May 1, 2008 with great results. Upcoming meetings for the other regions include:

- Midwestern Region - August 27-28, 2008 - Kansas City, MO
- Southern Region - October 28-29, 2008 - Atlanta, GA
- Mid-Atlantic/Northeastern Region - TBD - Providence, RI

The meetings will be an opportunity for cross-state dialogue and will feature roundtable discussions on policy issues, advocacy strategies and non-profit management topics. Small stipends are available to subsidize travel and/or accommodations. Watch the next issue of the VOICES Update for more details.

CALLING ALL ADVOCATES

On Deck

VOICES' signature conference call series offers presentations and discussions on a variety of advocacy, strategy, fundraising, and nonprofit management topics. Find information on previous calls on the [VOICES Web site](#) and don't miss out on this upcoming call:

Designing Cost Models to Make the Case for Children's Programs - July 24, 2:00 pm EDT - Find more details and register by July 23 [by clicking here!](#)

NEWS FROM THE NETWORK

GEORGIA – In an [op-ed](#), [Voices for Georgia's Children's](#) new Child Health Specialist Joann Yoon used the recent selection of Atlanta as the site of a [national health museum](#) to highlight the importance of state investments in the health of Georgia's children.

MAINE – At last week's Forum, [Maine Children's Alliance's](#) Ellie Goldberg was honored with VOICES' 2008 Florette Angel Memorial Child Advocacy Award. [Maine's Kennebec Journal's editorial board](#) praised Ellie saying the award "is a formal, fancy way of recognizing what many of us already know: that Ellie Goldberg is the kind and devoted aunt of every Maine child. We should call her Aunt Ellie."

LOOKING AHEAD: CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VOICES-sponsored Meetings/Trainings in the Works!

- **7/24 - [Designing Cost Models - Calling All Advocates Conference Call](#)**
- **8/27-28 - [Midwestern Regional Meeting - Kansas City, MO - More info to come!](#)**
- **10/28-29 - [Southern Regional Meeting - Atlanta, GA - More info to come!](#)**

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