



Do you work in the early education and care field? Do you want to raise your voice and speak out for young children, families and educators? Want to get more involved in leading advocacy activities to impact policy change?

Then the Advocacy Network is for you!

Strategies for Children (SFC) is recruiting the third cohort of the Advocacy Network for Early Education and Care. We are a statewide nonprofit organization with a 22-year history of advocacy accomplishments and deep ties to the early education workforce.

The Advocacy Network is an engaging, year-long experience for advocates. It is a new structure for connecting advocates across all regions of the state. The Advocacy Network will build participants' skills, knowledge, advocacy expertise, and peer networks. Participants will bring a new influence to state and local policy that advances an equitable system of high-quality early education and care for children, families, and educators.

Cultivating new advocates across the state will help us achieve our mission: that Massachusetts invests the resources needed for all children, from birth to age five, to access high-quality early education programs that prepare them for success in school and life.

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WHAT WE WILL DO

SFC will support eleven advocates from across the state with training, knowledge, peer support, stipends, and opportunities to exercise their advocacy skills to impact state and local early childhood policy.

Advocates will grow in knowledge, skill, and first-hand advocacy experience. They will benefit from peer networking and support, as we create new advocacy strategies for impacting policy. Advocates will reach and teach other advocates in their region.

SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2023-AUGUST 2024

Monthly meetings on evenings, second Tuesday of each month (see attached meeting schedule for details). Advocates will need **10 hours per month** to dedicate to this project: meetings, activities, independent advocacy projects, optional professional development opportunities.

Learn about our first two cohorts: strategiesforchildren.org/Advocacy.html.

INFO SESSIONS

Join one of our info sessions on Tuesday, September 12:

1:00 pm OR 6:00 pm

Select desired time to RSVP.

Email [Jayleese Le Blanc](mailto:Jayleese@strategiesforchildren.org), Program Assistant, for more information.