



JOIN OUR BOARD



Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.

— Marian Wright Edelman, award-winning child advocate



At Children's Alliance, we believe that a spark of genius exists in every child. But for too many children in Washington, racism and poverty create systemic barriers that prevent them from unlocking their vast potential.

We have the power to demand something better for our kids. Together, we can transform the systems that profoundly impact our children's lives, so that instead of upholding racism, they promote equity and bring us closer to achieving a multiracial democracy where every child thrives.

For over 40 years, Children's Alliance has served as Washington's statewide, nonpartisan child advocacy organization. We help people tap into their personal political power so they can advocate for kids in their communities. We partner with families, lawmakers, community leaders, service providers and policy experts to develop antiracist policy solutions that improve the lives of Washington kids and build a better shared future for all.

Be part of our mission

Children's Alliance is governed by an all-volunteer board of directors and led by long-time social justice advocate, Dr. Stephan Blanford. Together, they are responsible for oversight and strategic guidance of the organization. Each member of the board and the staff shares a deep and passionate commitment to racial justice and creating a better future for all children. If you are interested in joining with others to make a big impact for Washington kids, we invite you to consider becoming part of the Children's Alliance board.

For a current list of our board members, visit www.childrensalliance.org/board



Board terms and time commitment

Children's Alliance board meetings are held once a month on the afternoon of the second Thursday, except in August and December. Meetings are typically 2.5 hours. Board members can attend in person at the Children's Alliance office located in the Sodo neighborhood of Seattle or via Zoom if needed. Supplemental meetings may be scheduled if needed.

Each board term is two years. Board members can serve up to five consecutive terms. Incoming board members are approved on a rolling basis.

In addition to attending board meetings, all board members are required to participate in least one of the following standing committees:

- Finance and Operations Committee
- Public Policy Council
- Resource Development Committee

Board responsibilities

All board members are expected to uphold the Children's Alliance mission, vision and values. This includes participating in the continually evolving work of undoing institutional racism. We do this to improve our collective ability to challenge racism within ourselves, our institutions and society, and better model a new way forward.

Additionally, all board members are expected to take part in Children's Alliance's annual fundraising activities and donor stewardship efforts, make an annual contribution, and serve as community ambassadors for the organization.


Application process


To be considered for approval to join the Children's Alliance board, prospective board members must complete a brief application form and submit a short resume and bio. Once the application has been reviewed, a representative of the board will be in touch regarding next steps.

For more information, please contact boardrecruitment@childrensalliance.org or (206) 324-0340.

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