

# *The Kid Angle*

*Kid-focused news from First Focus on Children*

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## **Children's Week 2021: #ItsAKidsIssue**

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It's our favorite time of year here at First Focus on Children: [Children's Week!](#)

[Our fourth annual Children's Week](#) unfolds amid historic opportunities, with children factored into our national dialogue for the first time in decades.

With kids as the subject of several proposals from Congress and the Biden-Harris Administration, there's never been a better time to remind our leaders that **every issue – from immigration, to taxes, to health care – is a kids issue**. Which brings us to this year's theme: **#ItsAKidsIssue**. (*you saw that coming...*)

Festivities begin on Sunday, June 13 – Children's Day – as we partner with **Highlights for Children** to “lean in and listen” as we ask kids to share their hopes and concerns for a post-quarantine school year. Check out our **#DearGrownUps #BackToSchool** campaign [at this link](#).

**Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona** kicks off a week of virtual events on Monday with remarks during our opening panel, “**The American Families Plan: What's it do for kids?**”

**Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)** expects to join us Tuesday to discuss making permanent the recent improvements to the Child Tax Credit.

Throughout the week, members of Congress, advocates, analysts, academics and policy experts will address major policy and budget issues, illuminating their impact on children and the people who care for them.

So pull up a chair, put on your headphones and tune in to the events below. [Register here](#).

### **Monday**

- **12noonET:** [I ❤️ My Immigrant Family](#): A celebration of immigrants, led by children of immigrants, hosted by Children Thrive Action Network
- **2:30pmET:** [The American Families Plan: What's it do for kids?](#)
  - *Participants: Michelle Dallafior (First Focus), Amy Jo Hutchison (advocate), Megan Curran (Columbia University), Lucy Recio (NAEYC)*

### **Tuesday**

- **9:30amET:** [Building Back Better: Federal Leadership for Children and Youth](#), hosted by Nemours Children's Health System

- **1:30pmET: [Immigration: It's a Kids Issue](#)**
  - *Participants: Miriam Abaya (First Focus), Wendy Cervantes (CLASP), Norma Flores Lopez (Justice for Migrant Women)*

### Wednesday

- **2:00pmET: [Child Care: It's \(not just\) a Kids Issue](#)**
  - *Participants: Averi Pakulis (First Focus), Myra Jones-Taylor (Zero to Three), Julie Kashen (The Century Foundation)*

### Thursday

- **12:30pmET: [Equity: It's a Kids Issue](#)**
  - *Participants: First Focus & Prof. Derek Black, author of "Schoolhouse Burning: Public Education and the Assault on American Democracy"*

### Friday

- **12:30pmET: [Foreign Policy: It's a Kids Issue](#)**
  - *Participants: Kathy Sacco (First Focus), Gary Newton and Sarah Gesiriech, Former Special Advisers to USAID on Children in Adversity*

