

## The Kid Angle

## Kid-focused news from First Focus on Children

Scary SCOTUS & Children's Week Roundup June 18, 2021

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What a week! After a string of decision days where justices released only one or two items, the **Supreme Court** decision-dumped a truckload of kid-relevant cases Thursday. The outcome of *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia* offered a small victory for religious agencies to discriminate against LGBTQ+ foster parents, but the issue considered was narrow (hence, the 9-0 decision). The Court <u>also</u> <u>punted on a child slavery case</u> that accused Nestle and Cargill of supporting a cocoa production system that they knew was dependent on child slave labor. And even though the **decision to preserve the ACA** came on a technicality (lack of standing), we're relieved that health care coverage for millions of Americans — <u>including 3 million children</u> — will be protected.

## In other news...

The Administration, members of Congress, advocates and academics told us how and why **every issue – from immigration to taxes to health care – is a kids issue** during our fourth annual Children's Week. **#ItsAKidsIssue** 

## Highlights to check out:

- Kick-off event on the <u>American Families Plan</u>, with remarks from Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona and discussion among experts on the game-changing improvements to the Child Tax Credit. <u>Sen.</u> <u>Michael Bennet (D-CO) joined later in the week to explain how making</u> <u>the changes permanent</u> would benefit millions of children and the people who care for them.
- Launch of our #DearGrownUps #BackToSchool campaign with Highlights for Children. There's still time to "lean in and listen" as we ask kids to share their hopes and concerns for a postquarantine school year <u>at this link</u>.
- <u>An immigration conversation</u> not about kids at the border, but about children of immigrants and immigrant children *already in the United States* and why they must have a path to citizenship, with awardwinning advocates.
- Our expert panel on why child care is not just a kids issue. Thought leaders explain how <u>child care and early education offer vital</u> <u>infrastructure</u> for the U.S. economy.
- A First Focus sit-down with Prof. Derek Black, author of "Schoolhouse Burning," on <u>public education's fundamental role in democracy and</u> <u>equity</u>, and why we should be worried about today's attacks on it.

For a complete catalogue of events, visit our Children's Week page.



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