

LFCS ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

As part of our Mission, Lutheran Family & Children's Services is called to help families, children and individuals experience greater hope and wholeness of life ... and the LFCS Advocacy Committee works to help achieve this goal by promoting public education and policy changes.

The Committee maintains a macro perspective in order to interpret and respond to current issues as well as anticipate future issues that impact the agencies mission. This vision helps guide the committee's strategies for engagement and outreach; as outlined below.

Education

The Committee believes that education is the fundamental first step to promoting positive policy changes, and the Committee strives to provide factual information to its supporters regarding a variety of topics and issues. *Specific projects/tasks may include: Poverty Simulations, Workshops, Forums, Fact Sheets, etc*

Communication

The Committee believes that in order to successfully educate supporters about important issues they need to be able to effectively communicate that information in a convenient and understandable way. *Specific projects/tasks may include: Newsletters, Action Alerts, E-Mails, etc*

Advocacy Base

The Committee believes that an active and broad advocacy base enables them to provide important information to a larger audience in an effort to increase awareness of community problems and promising solutions, as well as a commitment to improving our social policies. *Specific projects/tasks may include: increasing participation in LFCS' online Advocacy Network.*

Recognition

The Committee believes that recognizing and honoring the contributions and successes of advocates helps promote public education and policy changes by highlighting issues and advancing dialogue among participants. *Specific projects/tasks may include: Annual Social Justice Workshop & Dinner; Annual Membership Retreat, Pastor Breakfasts, etc*

Legislative Action

The Committee believes that Legislative Action is a necessary (and sophisticated) step to promoting positive policy changes, and the Committee strives to provide supporters with straightforward and useful ways to engage with their elected officials. *The Advocacy Facilitator will alert supporters of pertinent opportunities for action (local, state, and federal) and provide assistance/direction in maneuvering the system.*

If you are interested in joining the Advocacy Committee please contact Anne at 314-754-2746.