

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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We believe governments are obligated to protect and not violate inalienable human rights, including life, liberty, and equal protection under the law.

- › *The family is the foundational group unit of society. All families have the right to support and protection under the law.*
- › *Special care should be taken to protect the rights of the minority from undue infringement by the majority and to protect the well-being of the vulnerable, particularly women and children.*

We are mutually accountable to all humans in our communities, country, and world.

- › *Economic and social inequity damages the moral fabric of societies and weakens democratic governments. People should act freely to implement measures that promote equality of opportunity for their fellow human beings.*

OUR ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

Advocate for policies that give all children a chance to learn, grow, and become thriving citizens.

- › *As the foundational setting where the seeds of ethics, civics, service, and patterns of connection are sowed, thriving families support a healthy democracy and society.*
- › *Vulnerable families and children need additional scaffolding to have a fair shot at life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*
- › *Proactive interventions for families and children, designed to reduce negative effects of vulnerable circumstances, are morally expedient and economically wise.*

Support families' efforts to provide safety, physical and mental well-being, education, and emotional resilience for their children.

- › *Helping families find and stay on a positive trajectory leads to self-sufficiency and benefits the neighborhood, community, economy, and society where they live.*
- › *Reducing poverty and hunger for children now helps reduce social inequity and future negative costs and impacts, including health, economic, and achievement gaps.*

Advocate for those who are engaged in caregiving, including nurturing the next generation and caring for the sick and vulnerable of all ages.

- › *Caregivers provide a beneficial service to society. Policies that acknowledge their important work and give them time and support to do so strengthen society.*