



## Children's Advocacy Alliance Executive Director, Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner Celebrates First Year!

What a critical time to join the Children's Advocacy Alliance! Joining the organization amidst a global pandemic and dire economic conditions was a call to action; a mandate to ensure Nevada's children and families would not be lost amid a wave of unemployment, housing instability, food insecurity and growing health crisis. It was also an opportunity to stand with a group of passionate advocates committed to transformative engagement, social change and a bright future for Nevada. Recognizing that the stakes were high, I joined with a fervent commitment to partnering with Nevadans across our state to ensure no child would be lost.

As I celebrate my first year with the Children's Advocacy Alliance, I am encouraged, empowered and emboldened by the work ahead. I am also thankful for what we have accomplished this year. Please join me in celebrating:

- CAA's inaugural Strong Start Youth Cabinet
- CAA's inaugural Constituent's Council
- CAA's inaugural Winter Policy Summit
- The Pritzker Foundation's multi-year \$1 million investment in the Strong Start Prenatal Three Initiative
- CAA's inaugural Foster Youth Workforce Transition Initiative

These accomplishments were undergirded by CAA's rich legacy of scholarship, advocacy and engagement, a legacy that enabled CAA to expand our stakeholder engagement, amplify advocacy on critical issues impacting children and families and fuel change during two legislative sessions in my first year.

I am excited to share the Children's Advocacy Alliance supported 81 bills seeking to improve conditions for children and families in the areas of education, health, welfare and economic well-being, as well as investments in maternal and child health, child care, home visiting, prekindergarten, and early intervention. Moreover, the Children's Advocacy Alliance supported 72 of these bills to passage! We were ecstatic to see developments like Nevada's first birthing center, community health workers and doulas as new Medicaid resources and expansions of home visiting.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tiffany Tyler-Garner