

Hello,

We are excitedly preparing for this year's Advocacy Day for Children virtual rally to be held on March 16, 2022 and hope that you will join us! Advocacy Day for Children is an incredible event where we remind our Legislators to keep early childhood top of mind as they vote this session.

Sharing children's voices at the capitol through art.

Please help us bring the voices of our children virtually "to the Capitol" by participating in our art project!

We're asking our parents, educators and early care-givers to share a fun coloring page with their children or students, to help them share their BIG dreams for the future, and encourage them to draw or decorate what their future selves will be.

This is a great way to be engaged in Advocacy Day for Children since we can't be there in person. It's important for legislators to hear your voices and stories to understand the importance of early childhood investments in your community.

We are reminding our Legislators that our kids are our future!

Feel free to have the children decorate their future self in any way that is fun and engaging. Some children might like drawing their future selves, some might like decorating with glue and paper, or paint.

Email your child or student's art along with a message to your legislator.

Please email a brief message and photos or scanned artwork to your legislator. You can find your legislators and their email addresses [HERE](#).

Thank you for your commitment to children and making sure they get a strong and healthy start!

DATE

Dear **[Representative or Senator]**

I'm writing you in support of this year's virtual Advocacy for Children Day (March 16, 2022) to encourage you to support our children's big dreams for their future! Minnesota's youngest citizens represent our future, and it's important we provide them with what they need to be healthy, happy and successful in life. That means high quality early development and learning environments from birth.

[Personal story here why early childhood is important to you and your family.]

In our community and others around the state, we are working hard to support and prepare our young children for school and life. We know that investing in high quality early learning will reap numerous benefits for our children, communities, and state. We are moving in the right direction with recent state investments, but we must do more to ensure all children have access to these important opportunities.

I've included art from my child/ren and their hopes for a bright future. Please keep us in mind as you make decisions in the coming weeks.

I urge you to support early learning by **[funding Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), Early Learning Scholarships, Targeted Home Visiting, Early Childhood Workforce Supports, Department of Early Childhood].**

Thank you for your service to our district and state.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

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[Personal story here, including the type of early learning program - family, child care center, Head Start or school district]

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As an illustration of the learning that takes place in my program, **I've included art from the children in my program** and their hopes for a bright future. Please keep us in mind as you make decisions in the coming weeks.

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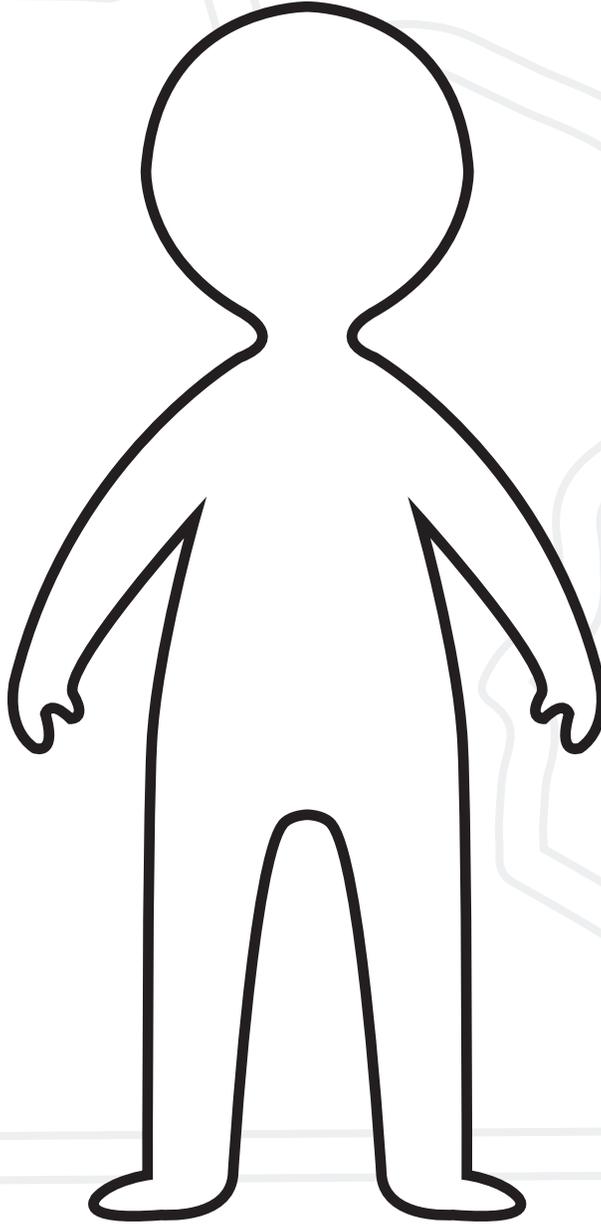
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Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

DREAM BIG



My name is _____

I am from _____

My dream of the future is _____

I have big dreams for my future. You can make it reality.