

SAVE THE DATE!!



Step Up and Act for Children

Press Event

September 16th, 9:30 am

South Side of the Capitol grounds,
downtown Raleigh

Across the country on September 16th, child advocates are planning nonpartisan events on Capitol steps to call on candidates to increase federal investments in children and make children's issues a priority in the 2008 elections.

Come out to help Action for Children and partners call on all 2008 candidates for federal office to commit to increased investments in children. Experts will speak briefly on SCHIP, Juvenile Justice, the Child Tax Credit and No Child Left Behind.

AGENDA (30-40 minutes)

- **Action for Children** to open with broad statement on declining federal funding for children and the need for federal candidates to commit to increased investments.
- **David Tayloe, Jr., MD**, President-Elect of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Action for Children Board Member, will speak about the need for immediate reauthorization of SCHIP and elimination of the CMS directive so that NC can insure more children.
- **Sheri Strickland**, President of NCAE and Educator, will speak about the need to overhaul and appropriately fund No Child Left Behind.
- **Linda Hayes**, Chair of the Governor's Crime Commission, will speak about reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.
- **Louisa Warren**, Policy Advocate at the N.C. Justice Center, will speak about expanding the Child Tax Credit.
- Tentative: A **business leader** from Action for Children's Board of Directors will speak about the importance of federal investments in children for a strong economy and workforce.
- **Action for Children** close, open for questions.

Action for Children will also be encouraging individuals and organizations before the event to **sign our letter to candidates** calling for more investments in children (posted on www.ncchild.org). Please urge your networks and members to sign on.

Thanks to all of you for your help and participation!!