



Show up and make a difference. The third annual WGA advocacy trip to Tallahassee is February 7 and 8th. We will be encouraging our elected officials to support the end of child marriage in Florida.

From 2001 to 2015, more than 16,000 children under the age of 18 married in Florida, the second highest rate in the United States for that period. Child marriage is linked to higher rates of dropping out of school, poverty, domestic violence and mental and physical health disorders.

Bills have been submitted to both the House and Senate with bi-partisan support. Lend your voice to the ban of child marriage by joining WGA in Tallahassee. An informational session will be held on January 31 at the Community Foundation from 5:00 to 6:00. Sign up here for both events or contact Kristi Brandon (Kristi.b.brandon@gmail.com) or Pam Field (pamfield@pobox.com) for more information.

Advocacy trip to Tallahassee – We will leave Jacksonville on February 7th at 2:00 p.m., traveling by car to arrive in Tallahassee for a group dinner. Hotel rooms have been reserved at the Home2 Suites. Call directly (850-402-8900) to reserve a room. The next day will begin with breakfast and a training session conducted by The Children's Campaign. At that time, we will be divided into smaller groups and provided with a schedule for the day. Most groups will make about five visits to local elected officials.

At the end of the day, we will convene for a short debrief and then head back to Jacksonville, arriving by 7:00 p.m. on February 8th. You will be provided with background materials and talking points. If you prefer to lend your support without taking an active role in the discussion, we are happy to have you. Being in Tallahassee and becoming familiar with the legislative process is educational and energizing.

Note: Participants will be responsible for their own meals and for contributing to cover the shared transportation charges.

Advocacy Information Session to End Child Marriage – Join us to learn more about ending child marriage in Florida and what WGA members will be saying in Tallahassee to provide support for this initiative. Come to an information and training session on January 31 at the Community Foundation, 245 Riverside Avenue, Suite 310, from 5:00 to 6:00. Sign up here.