The Convention on the Rights of the Child: Why It is Time to Ratify

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How can the CRC impact the lives of children and families in the U.S.?

To facilitate a better understanding of the CRC’s applicability, six interactive panel discussions will explore the Convention in the context of Education, Health, Participation, Special Protection Measures, Supportive Environments for Children, and Needs, Rights, and the Human Family.

Keynote Speakers:

**June 1:**
- **Marian Wright Edelman**  
  President and Founder  
  The Children’s Defense Fund
- **Charlie MacCormack**  
  President and CEO  
  Save the Children

**June 2:**
- **Chris James-Brown (invited)**  
  President and CEO  
  CWLA
- **Kul Gautum**  
  Former UN Assistant  
  Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF
- **Yanghee Lee**  
  Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

Confirmed Panel Participants:

**Education:** Richard Tagle (Higher Achievement), Karabelle Pizzigati (National Association of State Boards of Education), and Amy Totenberg (Law Office of Amy Totenberg)

**Health:** Phyllis Magrab (Georgetown University, Center for Child and Human Development), Jennifer Kasper (American Academy of Pediatrics), Gary Melton (Clemson University, Institute of Family and Neighborhood Life), and Jonathan Todres (Georgia State University College of Law)

**Participation:** Ejim Dike (Urban Justice Center), Edmund Bruyere, (Loyola University, Center for the Human Rights of Children), Stuart Hart (International Institute for Child Rights), Kristin Henning (Georgetown University Law Center, Juvenile Justice Clinic), and Ed O’Brien (Street Law, Inc., Executive Director, Emeritus)

**Special Protection Measures:** Tim Briceland-Betts (CWLA), Howard Davidson (ABA Center for Children and the Law), Robin Kimbrough-Melton (Clemson University, Institute of Family and Neighborhood Life), Wally Mlyniec (Georgetown University Law Center, Juvenile Justice Clinic), and Kimberly Svevo (Child Rights and Protection Consultant)

**Supportive Environments for Children:** Jennifer Woolard (Georgetown University, Psychology Department), Larry Aber (NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development), James Garbarino (Loyola University, Center for the Human Rights of Children), and Linda Spears (CWLA)

**Needs, Rights, and the Human Family:** Howard Dubowitz (University of Maryland School of Medicine), Tarunjit Butalia (Religions for Peace), Sr. Ann Patrick Conrad (The Catholic University of America NCSSS), Robin Mama (Monmouth University School of Social Work), and Barbara Bennett Woodhouse (University of Florida Levin College of Law)

Breakout Sessions: Additional information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

For additional information and online registration, visit [http://childrightscampaign.org](http://childrightscampaign.org).