



Addendum To: Commonly Asked Questions & Answers

Question: Based on the work Voices for Ohio's Children (Voices) is doing to change public policy in so many different areas related to children and their families, it sounds to me like your work will lead to nothing more than an increase in my taxes. Is that correct?

Answer:

No. In fact, much of Voices' work is focused on ensuring children and their families gain access to programs that already exist. Voices also strives to impact public policies that streamline rules and regulations, thereby helping to make it easier for nonprofits to serve a growing number of children and families. You should also know that every dollar that goes into Medicaid generates a \$3.17 economic value. *(Consider expanding on this—e.g., provides families access to more services (welfare to work) and enables them to be self sufficient).*

For Partners' Use:

Question: What is the benefit of aligning your organization with Voices for Ohio's Children?

Answer:

Voices gives my organization *(state name of organization when answering)* and me the resources and training I otherwise wouldn't have to do advocacy work. For a minimal investment, our organization's alignment with Voices helps streamline our public policy work and save money because I don't have to hire a full-time staff person to lobby for us. Voices also has greater clout and impact because it brings together the voice of many organizations that otherwise would have to lobby for changes in public policies solely on their own. *(Note: Consider adding a sentence about the benefit of Voices' statewide presence.)*