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After thirteen years, D.C. Action for Children finds itself, more than ever, working shoulder to shoulder with the city council and the mayor on the needs of children in the city. *That relationship-building approach—attending city council meetings, answering council member questions, sharing data and research—lies at the heart of the organization’s advocacy work. “Our power rests in our consistency and in our credibility. We believe in cooperation and collaboration with the government,” says Angela Jones Hackley, executive director of D.C. Action.*

“I used to think ‘Why are we doing their work? They should be doing it.’ I’ve changed. Our work is not proprietary. We deal with children’s issues—welfare, healthcare, early education, teens aging out of foster care—every day. We know the statistics and the figures. And they use us more and more. If they can do something good with our work, then it’s a win. And it doesn’t even have to be our win.”

DC ACTION FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY WORK CONTRIBUTED TO
A \$21.5 MILLION INCREASE
IN DC'S FY2006 BUDGET FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

