

2018 Children's Week



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- Largest annual event held at the State Capitol that celebrates and honors its commitment to children and advocates
- Over 4,000 children, advocates, parents and partners attend the event each year
- The week-long event includes:
 - Awards Dinner and Reception
 - Advocacy Workshops
 - Storybook Village
 - Hanging of the Hands



Hanging of the Hands

Sunday, January 21, 2018

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.



- Thousands of hand art pieces are hung throughout the Capitol Rotunda, creating an amazing display of children's artwork
- Hand art is decorated by children with assistance by teachers, parents and educators
- Collected at child care centers, schools and libraries across the state
- The hands serve as a reminder to legislators and advocates that we must take care of our most precious resource—our children



#GiveUsAHand

Share your hand artwork from November 18, 2017 to January 18, 2018 via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using #GiveUsAHand

Contest Categories:

1. Best Individual Hand-Art
2. Best Group Piece
3. Most Creative

How to Enter:

1. Design your hand art; take a photo
2. Share your photo on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram
3. Tag us @ChildrensWeek and #GiveUsAHand.
4. Win prizes!



Storybook Village



- Interactive reading booths for children to explore and learn about their favorite storybook characters
- Children hear stories read by adults and volunteers, see stories come to life with hands-on art projects, and listen to stories told through music
- Dozens of booths, hosted by adults dressed as storybook characters, allow children to have an interactive hands-on learning experience



Get Involved

- Partner with your local Early Learning Coalition (ELC) to collect Hand Art and host local events; Find your local ELC here:

floridaearlylearning.com/coalitions.aspx

- Organize your own Storybook Village event at your local libraries that leads up to the cumulating Storybook Village event in Tallahassee

- Organize creative hand art stations (construction paper, scissors and crayons) at your libraries to hang in your library and mail to us for Hanging of the Hands event in Tallahassee

- Local event partners can request free t-shirts and books by December 1, 2017, by registering your local event on our website

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Thank you for giving children an opportunity
to read, learn and have their voices heard!

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