



# Children's Day at the Legislature



## You Tube Youth Forum

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Wednesday, February 17, 2010 - WV State Capitol

*Let your voice be heard. Fill the halls of the State Capitol and speak up for children. Your message is important and now is the time to let your legislators know the issues that matter to you.*

**Register online - [www.preventchildabusewv.org](http://www.preventchildabusewv.org)**

<b>8:00 am - 10:00 am</b>	Registration	Lower Rotunda
<b>8:30 am - 4:00 pm</b>	Exhibits Open	Upper Rotunda
<b>10:00 am - 11:00 am</b>	Opening Session <i>Guest Speakers and Legislative Updates</i>	Lower Rotunda
<b>11:00 am</b>	Legislative Floor Sessions Begin	House and Senate Chambers
<b>11:00 am - 1:30 pm</b>	Visit with Lawmakers <i>Contact your representatives via <a href="http://www.capwiz.com/preventchildabusewv">www.capwiz.com/preventchildabusewv</a></i>	State Capitol Offices
<b>1:30 pm - 2:30 pm</b>	Children's Day Keynote Presentation <i>"The Impact of Online Grassroots Organizing for Legislative Action" - Jane Hamsher and Christy Hardin Smith, Co-founders of Firedoglake.com, one of the nation's leading grassroots political blogs.</i>	Cultural Center
<b>2:30 pm - 3:30 pm</b>	YouTube Youth Forum <i>A panel of lawmakers will address video questions submitted by West Virginia students. Log on to <a href="http://www.wvyouthforum.org">www.wvyouthforum.org</a> to submit your questions!</i>	Cultural Center
<b>3:30 pm - 4:00 pm</b>	Closing Reception	Cultural Center

For more information on participating or exhibiting at Children's Day, contact: Connie Leinen at (304) 523-9587 x.316 or [registration@teamwv.org](mailto:registration@teamwv.org).

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Firedoglake.com, one of the leading progressive blogs, is best known for its groundbreaking coverage of the Valerie Plame case and liveblogging of the Scooter Libby trial. FDL features energetic reporting on the leading issues of the day and features weekly Book Salons with such authors as John Dean, Naomi Klein, Matt Taibbi, and Paul Krugman. FDL is also the home of the Blue America column and Accountability Now PAC, which have raised millions of dollars for political candidates and causes.

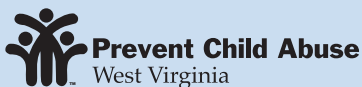


Christy Hardin Smith is a “recovering attorney,” who earned her undergraduate degree at Smith College, in American Studies and Government, concentrating in American Foreign Policy. She then went on to political science graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania, before attending law school at the College of Law at West Virginia University, where she was Associate Editor of the Law Review.

Christy was a partner in her own firm for several years, where she practiced in a number of areas including criminal defense, child abuse and neglect representation, domestic law, civil litigation, and she was an attorney for a small municipality. She then switched hats to become an assistant prosecutor, trying cases and working grand juries for everything from DUIs to murder. Christy has extensive trial experience, and has worked for years both in and out of the court system to improve the lives of at risk children.

Christy has been blogging with Jane Hamsher at FireDogLake since 2005, and she plans to keep making the world a little better for her daughter, one issue at a time.

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