



Tips for working with elected officials

- Reach out to Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin (Alliance) when you have an opportunity to meet with an elected official. The Alliance will help prepare you for your meeting, provide leave-behind materials and suggest talking points.
- Be prepared with a brief summary of the topic you are discussing. Provide a short personal story or a real-life illustration to convey the importance of the issue.
- Ask directly and politely for the policymaker's viewpoint and support.
- Build a relationship by remaining courteous and respectful.
- Provide concise leave-behind materials and your contact information at the end of a meeting.
- Follow up with a thank you card or email.

Resources:

<http://spinabifidaassociation.org/advocacy/top-10-tips-for-meeting-with-elected-officials/>