

ADVOCACY

Children's Advocacy Days 2016

INTERIM ACTIVITIES

The World Does Not Stop Just Because the Legislative Session Ends

When the legislative session ends, legislators seldom take an extended break. Many return to jobs they hold in addition to their work as legislators. Others consider themselves full-time legislators and continue to be involved in various interim projects. Either way, all devote considerable time to legislative activities during the interim.

Activities in the District.

Whether or not it is an election year, legislators do their best to be involved and accessible to your request or inquiry. Individuals, businesses, and organizations in the district usually get quick attention.

Legislative Committee Work.

Study committees meet periodically from June through November to study proposals assigned to them. Be sure to get on the mailing list for study committee meetings. In addition to meeting at legislative plaza, committees sometimes meet in locations throughout the state during the interim. Plan to attend those in your area that are relevant to the issue(s) in which you are interested.

Much of the groundwork for the upcoming session is laid in interim committee deliberations. Attending interim meetings also gives you the opportunity to keep up contacts and show your ongoing interest.

Preparation for the Upcoming Session.

Preparation for the session includes meeting with legislators to discuss your proposals, researching those proposals, and strategizing with the legislators who will be authoring the legislation you support. Initiate these pre-session contacts early in the fall. Mid-September to mid-December is the best time period to begin and finalize these pre-session activities.