

The Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy to Host Policy Luncheon on Tax Reform

Event aimed at educating voters on the issue that will be front and center during the 2013 legislative session

On Wednesday October 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy will host “Oklahoma's Future: Your Voice Matters,” a policy luncheon, at the Will Rogers Theatre in Oklahoma City.

The luncheon will feature a point/counterpoint debate about tax reform with Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs Policy Impact Director Tina Korbe and Oklahoma Policy Institute Director David Blatt. The debate will be moderated by Dr. Keith Gaddie, political science professor at the University of Oklahoma and well-known Oklahoma political pundit.

The tax cut debate dominated the 2012 legislative session, with lawmakers unable to reach an agreement on the issue before the gavel fell to adjourn the annual four-month work period for the Oklahoma Legislature. Throughout the summer and fall election season, tax reform has continued to dominate conversations across the state and is expected to once again take center stage when a new legislature is seated and begins its work in the 2013 legislative session.

“Every October, The Institute hosts a policy event that helps share our work during legislative session,” Linda Terrell, Executive Director at the Institute said. “The event format is getting a makeover this year, but our goal remains the same which is to educate Oklahomans about important policies that matter to the future of our state. We know the debate about tax reform has the potential to impact so much of our work moving forward and that is why we’ve decided to spotlight this issue during our October event. ”

Terrell said following the debate there will be a time built in for attendees to ask questions of the tax reform debate participants as well as an opportunity for attendees to use their own voice to guide the work of the Institute in the future. Terrell will also walk attendees through an important advocacy training that will include data from the latest Annie E. Casey Kids Count report--an important snapshot of the overall well-being of Oklahoma’s children.

The Institute’s Policy Director Amber England will provide an analysis of the 2012 legislative session highlighting key victories of the work of the Institute and important votes by Oklahoma lawmakers expected to impact Oklahoma families and children.

Online registration is open to anyone and can be found here: <https://support.oica.org/advocacy-tools/advocacy-events/OklahomasFutureYourVoiceMatters>

The cost to register is \$45 and increases to \$60 after October 19th. On-site registration will be provided on a space-available basis.

Facebook users can join the [official event page](#) from the [OICA Facebook page](#) and easily invite their friends and share with their networks.

Join the conversation on Twitter by following @OklaChildAdv and @OklaKIDSCOUNT and using the hashtag #OKFuture

Questions about the event, registration and payment options should be directed to info@oica.org

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