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This Issue:

We have less than two weeks until the 2020 election and you can still register to vote! In this month's issue of eAdvocate, we highlight ways to help spread the word on voting in November. While the presidential election is one reason to vote this November, it is not the only reason. The Fair Tax is on the ballot for Illinois as well as other Illinois elected positions that need your vote!

Vote early! Vote today!



Election Day is on November 3, 2020, but we strongly encourage you to vote early in person or vote by mail if you cannot vote in person. Not sure if you're registered? Just check your registration status (<https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationLookup.aspx>)!

DEADLINE TO:

DATE:

We are NOW in the voter registration grace period.

You can register to vote **IN PERSON** between now and Election Day because the grace period to register to vote in Illinois is from October 6-Nov 3.

During this grace period, you can register and vote at your local election office, a permanent polling place, at early voting sites, at some polling places on Election Day, or at any other location specifically designated for grace-period voting by your election authority. Contact your local election office

(<https://www.elections.il.gov/ElectionOperations/ElectionAuthorities.aspx?MID=cQHxtxVEmuo%3d>) for more information on grace period locations and hours.

OCTOBER 29	Deadline to request an absentee ballot. Be sure to get it in the mail by November 3.
NOVEMBER 2	Last day to vote early.
NOVEMBER 3	Election Day is on November 3, 2020, but we strongly encourage you to vote early by mail. Not sure if you're registered? Just check your registration status! (https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationLookup.aspx)

Voter toolkit



We're happy to introduce our 2020 Voter Toolkit (<https://www.actforchildren.org/for-advocates/2020-voter-toolkit/>). Week-by-week, our toolkit will provide the most up-to-date information on registering to vote, a weekly parent newsletter, social media posts, and family-friendly voting activities for parents and providers!

This week on our Voter Registration Toolkit (<https://www.actforchildren.org/for-advocates/2020-voter-toolkit/>), our message is The Future is in Our Hands! The Voter Toolkit is your one-stop-shop for early childhood activities and information for voting this election.

Vote YES on the Fair Tax



Illinois' current tax structure is unfair. On November 3, Illinoisans will have the opportunity to vote YES on the Fair Tax. Currently, everyone in the state pays the same tax rate, regardless of their income. This is fundamentally unfair because when other taxes such as sales taxes are added, middle- and working-class families pay significantly more in taxes as a percent of their income than the wealthy.

Under the Fair Tax plan, 97 percent of Illinois residents would see no income tax increase, and there will be greater investments available to our youngest children.

Make sure you're registered to vote

(<https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationLookup.aspx>)and vote YES on the Fair Tax!

(<https://events.actforchildren.org/NTS2020/home>)

Join us TOMORROW for A (Virtual) Night to Shine!



The feature presentation of A Night to Shine, on October 22, 2020, is **Unscripted: Three Generations of Women**. It will be hosted by abc7 Chicago news anchor Tanja Babich in conversation with:

- **Barbara Bowman**, co-founder of the Erikson Institute and known by many as the godmother of early childhood;
- **Valerie Jarrett**, former Sr. Advisor to President Barack Obama and best-selling author of, *Finding My Voice: My Journey to the West Wing and the Path Forward*; and
- **Laura Jarrett**, CNN Early Start anchor and new mom.

These accomplished women will share their personal stories about motherhood, life plans, and the ways that unforeseen circumstances and the general uncertainties of life have shaped and influenced their journeys.

And that's not all we have planned for **A Night to Shine!** You will hear from special musical guests, pay tribute to Maria Whelan, our beloved president and CEO who passed away suddenly in June, and get a preview of how we will continue to advance our mission in the years to come. Oh yes, there will be raffles prizes too!

New for this year's virtual event, we are offering a variety of ticket pricing options (<https://events.actforchildren.org/NTS2020/home>) **beginning at just \$50— our lowest price ever!**

Additional Updates

Return to School (School Age Children)

Schools reopened with modified schedules that include in-person, remote and hybrid learning models. To accommodate the needs of working parents, CCAP will pay a full-time day for school age children if you are working or going to school five (5) or more hours during the day and your child is in the provider's care during that time through December 2020. This includes time that the child is participating in their school's distance learning activities while in the provider's care. CCAP will not pay any

additional fees to the provider for assisting with school activities, or any other fees beyond the approved daily rate for care. Parents should notify their provider and the CCR&R of any changes in their child's care arrangement due to school schedules.

80 Percent Attendance Rule

The 80 percent payment rule was revised to 50 percent effective July 1, 2020. Licensed and license-exempt centers and licensed home providers were paid for all approved days of care if children attend at least 50 percent of the days. The 50 Percent Rule has been extended through December of 2020. Providers may request a waiver if attendance falls below 50 percent or if the program is forced to close due to COVID-related reasons.



**Thursday, October 22,
2020 | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
(virtual event)**

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The most important fundraiser of 2020 for
children and families in Illinois.

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