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COMMUNITIES FOR EVERY CHILD CALENDAR 2025-2026

This calendar helps local leaders team up with city departments, community organizations, youth groups, and others to mobilize around key moments like World Children's Day to center children and youth in decision-making and inspire action.

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JULY 15, 2025 World Youth Skills Day: Celebrate the importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work, entrepreneurship and civic engagement.	Workshop / Training Youth Skills Fair or Workshop Partner with local schools councils to organize a fair showcasing skill-building and include interactive sessions on topics like coding, financial literacy, public speaking, resume building. Event / Celebration Spotlight Local Youth Entrepreneurs Highlight young entrepreneurs through a pop-up market or showcase event where they can sell their products or share their projects. Highlight them on social media for #YouthSkillsDay to boost visibility.	Keep learning how you can engage in World Youth Skills Day Explore our UNICEF Club Resource for tools to build youth skills in public speaking and civic engagement.	CRC Article 28  CRC Article 29 
AUGUST 12, 2025 International Youth Day: Celebrate the contributions and potential of young people around the world and the importance of empowering youth to participate in decision-making.	Event / Celebration Youth-Led Community Event Organize a community celebration led by young people, featuring performances, art exhibits, or panel discussions highlighting youth voices and their contributions to local issues. Town Hall / Forum Host a Youth Town Hall or Forum Host a youth-focused town hall where young people can share their ideas, concerns, and visions for the community with local leaders, encouraging meaningful dialogue and action.	Learn more about International Youth Day Partner Spotlight <i>Read how Houston used International Youth Day to celebrate its commitment to youth participation in local decision-making through the UNICEF Child Friendly Cities Initiative (CFCI).</i>	CRC Article 12  CRC Article 13 


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SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 National Voter Registration Day: Join volunteers, organizations, and communities in an effort to increase voter participation by making registration accessible and promoting civic engagement.	Town Hall / Forum Youth Voter Registration Drive Organize a voter registration event at schools, community centers, or local gatherings to help young people register to vote, paired with resources on the importance of civic engagement. Social Media Campaign Social Media & Outreach Campaign Host a campaign to encourage youth voter registration, sharing step-by-step guides, deadlines, and stories of first-time voters.	Check out National Voter Registration Day Resources . Rock the Vote offers tools and resources to help youth engage in the voting process.	CRC Article 12  CRC Article 15 
OCTOBER 10, 2025 World Mental Health Day: Raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilize local efforts in support of mental health.	Workshop / Training Youth Mental Health Fair or Workshops Host a community event with workshops focused on mental health awareness, stress management, and self-care, featuring local mental health professionals and youth-led discussions. Service Project / Services Safe Spaces & Support Initiatives Create temporary or permanent safe spaces for youth to connect, share, and access mental health resources, or partner with local organizations to provide free mental health screenings or counseling services.	Learn about World Mental Health Day	CRC Article 24  CRC Article 31 

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ALL OF OCTOBER 2025 Trick or Treat for UNICEF!: Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF offers a chance to engage communities and highlights how local actions can impact children worldwide.	Service Project / Services Traditional Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF! Kids carry UNICEF orange boxes while trick-or-treating to collect donations and raise awareness. Local businesses and residents can also place educational flyers or candy in their trick-or-treat boxes. Event / Celebration Fundraising Events Host a Halloween-themed event such as a costume contest, haunted house, or pumpkin carving contest with entry fees or donation requests benefiting UNICEF.	Order Trick or Treat boxes, learn more about this 75 year tradition and find more interactive resources at unicefusa.org/trick-or-treat . Partner Spotlight <i>Learn about how Alton, IL hosted their annual Halloween Parade, tying in the Trick-or-Treat campaign and launching CFCI.</i>	CRC Article 31 
NOVEMBER 20, 2025 World Children's Day: World Children's Day is UNICEF's global day of action for children, by children, marking the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child .	Town Hall / Forum Youth-Led Advocacy Event Organize a youth-led event where children and young people can advocate for their rights, share their perspectives, and present ideas to local leaders through speeches or art. Amplify their voices on social media with #WorldChildrensDay . Event / Celebration Community Activities Celebrating Children's Rights Host family-friendly activities like art workshops, storytelling sessions, or interactive exhibits focused on the Convention on the Rights of the Child.	Learn more about World Children's Day . Explore resources for parents and teachers on child rights. Watch and share "We All Have Rights" (Ages 3 to 6.)	CRC Article 42  CRC Article 4 

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DECEMBER 10, 2025 Human Rights Day: Child rights are grounded in human rights. Human Rights Day commemorates the anniversary of one of the world's most groundbreaking global pledges: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).	Town Hall / Forum Youth-Led Human Rights Forum Organize an event where young people can discuss human rights issues, share personal stories, and present ideas for fostering inclusivity and equality in their city—highlighting the importance of child rights. Workshop / Training Art & Storytelling Showcase Host an exhibit or creative workshop where youth can express their perspectives on human rights through art, writing, or performance, centered around themes from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Showcase them on social media using #HumanRightsDay . Social Media Campaign Social Media Awareness Campaign Highlight the significance of human rights through posts featuring youth voices, key articles from the UDHR, and actionable ways for the community to support human rights initiatives. Use the hashtag #HumanRightsDay to boost visibility.	Learn about Human Rights Day . Human Rights Educators USA (HRE USA): Explore K-12 lesson plans and resources from this collaborative network focused on human rights education in the United States. Visit HRE USA .	CRC Article 2  CRC Article 30 

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<p>JANUARY 20, 2026</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day of Service: Honor the legacy of Dr. King by encouraging individuals to volunteer and give back to their communities.</p>	<p>Service Project / Services</p> <p>Youth-Led Community Service Projects Organize service activities such as park clean-ups, food drives, or community beautification projects where young people can honor Dr. King's legacy by giving back to their community.</p> <p>Workshop / Training</p> <p>Workshops on Social Justice & Civic Engagement Host educational sessions where youth can learn about Dr. King's impact, discuss social justice issues, and explore ways to become change-makers in their community.</p>	<p>Points of Light A leading organization in volunteer service, providing resources and opportunities for community engagement on MLK Day.</p> <p>AmeriCorps Leads the MLK Jr. Day of Service, offering resources for volunteers and organizations to participate in service projects.</p> <p>Teach For America Provides ideas and resources for educators and communities to engage in service activities on MLK Day.</p>	<p>CRC Article 13</p>  <p>CRC Article 29</p> 
<p>JANUARY 24, 2026</p> <p>International Day of Education: Celebrate the transformative power of education in fostering peace, development, and equality.</p>	<p>Event / Celebration</p> <p>Showcase of Educational Achievements Host an event or exhibit highlighting creative projects, achievements, and innovations from local schools and youth programs, celebrating the power of education.</p>	<p>Learn about International Day of Education.</p>	<p>CRC Article 28</p>  <p>CRC Article 29</p> 

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FEBRUARY 20, 2026 World Social Justice Day: Promote social justice, equality, and the elimination of poverty, discrimination, and exclusion.	Service Project / Services Community Pledge for Equity Invite youth and community members to sign a pledge committing to actions that promote equity and justice, displayed at a local library or community center. Event / Celebration Social Justice Art Walk Organize an outdoor art display or mural project where young people can create visual representations of their hopes for a more just and inclusive community.	Learn about International Day of Social Justice .	CRC Article 2  CRC Article 26 
MARCH 22, 2026 World Water Day: Take action to tackle the global water crisis and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water.	Service Project / Services Community Clean-Up Organize a river, lake, or park clean-up where young people learn about protecting local water sources and discuss global water challenges. Service Project / Services Water Conservation Challenge Engage schools and community groups in a week-long challenge to reduce water usage, track conservation efforts, and share creative ideas for saving water.	Learn about World Water Day .	CRC Article 24 

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APRIL 20-26, 2026 National Volunteer Week: Recognize and celebrate the impact of volunteers in your community. Encourage people to get involved, support local organizations, and acknowledge the valuable contributions of volunteers.	Event / Celebration Recognition Ceremony for Youth Volunteers Host an appreciation event to celebrate the contributions of young volunteers, featuring awards, certificates, and stories of impactful service. Service Project / Services Community Impact Challenge Launch a week-long challenge where youth participate in daily volunteer activities, such as park clean-ups or food drives, and share their experiences on social media.	Points of Light National Volunteer Week Toolkit Zeffy National Volunteer Week Ideas Calendar.com National Volunteer Week Blog	CRC Article 29 
APRIL 22, 2026 Earth Day: Recognize the importance of a sustainable economy that works for both people and the planet.	Service Project / Services Eco-Innovation Challenge Invite young people to brainstorm and present creative solutions for local environmental challenges, such as waste reduction or energy conservation, with prizes for the most impactful ideas. Service Project / Services Community Tree Planting Engage community members in planting trees or creating a garden to promote biodiversity and environmental stewardship.	Learn about Earth Day Take the Nature Everywhere Action Challenge Partner Spotlight <i>Read about youth-led climate in the National League of Cities newsletter</i>	CRC Article 24 

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MAY, 2026 Mental Health Awareness Month: Raise awareness about mental health issues and reduce stigma surrounding mental illness.	<p>Social Media Campaign</p> <p>Mental Health Awareness Month: Youth Blog or Vlog Series Organize a series of blog posts or video blogs (vlogs) created by youth, focusing on mental health topics. Each week, youth could write or film content on different themes such as coping strategies, the importance of self-care or mental health stigma.</p> <p>Event / Celebration</p> <p>Mental Health Resource Fair Organize a resource fair where local mental health professionals, youth organizations, and community centers set up booths. Youth could take part in the planning and execution of the event, helping with logistics and engaging with other teens about available mental health resources.</p>	<p>Learn about UNICEF's #OnMyMind Campaign. Check out the podcast.</p> <p>Mental Health Advocacy Brief Integrate mental health and psychosocial support into education</p>	<p>CRC Article 24</p> 
JUNE 11, 2026 International Day of Play: Celebrate children's fundamental right to engage in play!	<p>Event / Celebration</p> <p>Youth-Led Play Advocacy Event: Host a gathering where youth discuss the importance of play and how it can improve their communities. They can share ideas on creating more inclusive play spaces and ensuring that recreational activities are accessible to children and youth of all abilities. Youth could also work together to create a petition or advocacy message to present to local leaders, highlighting the need for more support for safe, inclusive, and accessible play in the community.</p> <p>Service Project / Services</p> <p>Creative Play Stations: Set up interactive play stations throughout local parks or community centers, where youth can engage in hands-on activities such as building obstacle courses with natural materials, participating in arts and crafts, or designing their own games. These activities can be guided by youth volunteers with the focus on creativity, collaboration, and fun.</p>	<p>Learn about International Day of Play and get fun and free play activities from UNICEF!</p>	<p>CRC Article 31</p>  <p>CRC Article 23</p> 

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