# Dynamic. Astute. Goal-oriented. Inspirational. Indefatigable. And a pivotal influence on others.

As a Jewish girl in 1940s Mississippi, Florette Angel saw crosses burned on her family's front lawn after her parents resisted community pressure to fire a black employee. She carried into adulthood the lesson of speaking for those who could not, and challenged West Virginia to create a better life for its children. This award was established by the National Association of Child Advocates after her death in 1993.

The Florette Angel Memorial Child Advocacy Award is given to the executive director of a Partnership member organization who has:

- demonstrated exemplary leadership in child advocacy as a representative for the interests of children and their families across a number of policy issues
- successfully advocated for public policies and investments that help improve the lives of children and families, with a particular focus on children living in poverty and their families
- played a critical role in articulating and championing the needs of children and defending their interests in the political process, even when those positions may not have been popular
- advanced the growth and credibility of multiissue child advocacy as a profession



# 2021 Florette Angel Memorial Child Advocacy Award Presentation

# Honoring Kate Breslin

Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy
New York

"Kate is a passionate and terrifically effective advocate for disenfranchised individuals, particularly New York children and families. She embodies the traits honored by this award."

~ Dede Hill and Larry Marx

## Host John Brandon MCCOY, Inc. (IN)

### Award Presentation Dede Hill

Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy (NY)

#### **Larry Marx**

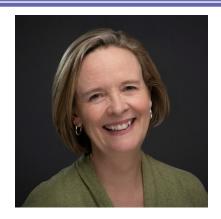
The Children's Agenda (NY)

#### Paul J. Kaye, MD

President, Board of Trustees
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**September 22, 2021** 

#### **Kate Breslin**



Kate Breslin has been President and CEO of the Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy since 2010. With Kate's leadership, the Schuyler Center is building on its 150-year history as a strong, independent voice and coalition-builder that holds government accountable and helps shape public debate around policies that affect disenfranchised New Yorkers. Schuyler Center is focused on advancing concrete solutions to improve the lives of children and families, particularly those experiencing poverty.

In the past year, Kate and Schuyler Center led a child poverty reduction initiative that passed with near-unanimous support in the legislature. Kate also has helped lead efforts to increase Medicaid investment in children, families, and social determinants of health. Kate's policy expertise crosses health, family economic security, tax policy, child welfare, and early childhood development. Her advocacy success is rooted in developing and sustaining strong relationships and she is well-known as a trusted partner. Kate generously offers her time and expertise to colleagues in New York and beyond.



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#### **Past Florette Angel Award Honorees**

1996	David Richart, Kentucky Youth Advocates
1997	Jetta Bernier, Massachusetts Committee for Children
	and Youth
1998	Anne Arnesen, Wisconsin Council for Children and
	Families
1999	Carol Kamin, Children's Action Alliance (AZ)
2000	Anne Roberts, Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy
2001	Roz McGee, Utah Children
2002	No recipient
2003	Gail Nayowith, Citizens' Committee for Children of
	New York
2004	Shelly Yanoff, Philadelphia Citizens for Children and
	Youth
2005	Judy Watts, Agenda for Children (LA)
2006	Karen Crompton, Voices for Utah Children
2007	Elizabeth Burke Bryant, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
2008	Ellie Goldberg, Maine Children's Alliance
2009	Cecilia Zalkind, Advocates for Children in New Jersey
2010	Kathy Bigsby Moore, Voices for Children in Nebraska
2011	Joan Benso, Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children
2012	Charlie Bruner, Child and Family Policy Center (IA)
	Susan Randall, South Dakota Voices for Children
2018	Cora Greenberg, Westchester Children's Association
	(NY)
	Dana Wolfe Naimark, Children's Action Alliance (AZ)
2019	Paola Maranan, Children's Alliance (WA)
2020	Rich Huddleston, Arkansas Advocates for Children
	and Families

#### **SPECIAL THANKS**

**2021 Florette Angel Award Selection Committee:** 

**Elizabeth Burke Bryant** 

2007 Florette Angel Award Honoree

**Rich Huddleston** 

2020 Florette Angel Award Honoree

**Kathy Bigsby Moore** 

2010 Florette Angel Award Honoree