

Justice for Children Dinners

At St. John's Presbyterian Church

Sundays April 19, April 26 & May 3, 5:30-7:30 pm

What: A series of discussions with prominent child advocates in the areas of education, health care, child welfare, and juvenile justice.

When: Sundays, April 19, April 26, and May 3, from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Where: St. John's Presbyterian Church, 5020 West Bellfort, Houston.

Who: Any one interested in the state of Houston's children and in ways to serve the most vulnerable among us. Come join us!

More: We'll continue the conversation over a light supper following the presentations.

April 19th: Introduction & Overview of The State of Houston's Children
Ten Things Churches Should Know About Children: Dr. Robert Sanborn, President, Children at Risk

April 26th: Panel on Education and Health Care

- *Children's Health Insurance and the Healthy Children Program:* Barbara Best, Chairman, Texas Chapter, Children's Defense Fund
- *The Whole and Healthy Child:* Michael Aceves-Lewis, Development Director, Mission Houston
- *Why Pre-School Matters:* Evan Harrel, Executive Director, Small Steps Nurturing Center
- *Special Education:* Robin Rettie, special education advocate & consultant

May 3rd: Panel on Juvenile Justice and Child Advocacy

- *The Cradle to Prison Pipeline:* Brandi Brown (and guests), Director, Texas Youth Leadership Program/Freedom Schools, Children's Defense Fund
- *A Prosecutor's View of the System:* Lynne Parsons, Prosecutor, Harris County District Attorney's office
- *A Music Ministry Serving Incarcerated Youth:* Bill Ward, Crosswalk Ministries
- *Child Advocacy:* Claire Sabatier, Recruitment, Training and Retention Manager, Child Advocates, Houston

Further information is available on the St. John's web site: www.stjohnspresby.org . or contact the church office at 713-723-6262.