



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the RFK National Resource Center, I'm excited to share that RFK Children's Action Corps has joined Dr. Franklin Perkins School (Perkins) as an affiliate agency and will fully merge in the near future. Please see the joint message, below, from Michael Ames, CEO of Perkins and now RFK Children's Action Corps, and Jim Geraghty, Chair of RFK Children's Action Corps Board of Directors.

Please join us in celebrating this announcement and welcoming Michael Ames and all of our new colleagues from Perkins!

Sincerely,

John A. Tuell, Executive Director

Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice
Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps



Shown above (left to right): Emma Carpenter, Vice Chair, RFK Children's Action Corps Board; Suzanne Frisch, Chair, Perkins Board; Michael W. Ames, President & CEO, Perkins and RFK Children's Action Corps; Stanley Starr, Perkins Board member; Jim Geraghty, Chair, RFK Children's Action Corps Board; Trix Oakley, Vice Chair, Perkins Board; Don Lowe, Perkins Board member.



Today, we're writing to share some exciting and historic news. As of September 1st, Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps has officially joined Dr. Franklin Perkins School (Perkins) as an affiliate agency with a full merger planned for the near future. Perkins President & CEO Michael W. Ames will serve in this capacity for both of the affiliated agencies and the eventual merged entity.

The combined organization will serve nearly 2,000 children, youth, and adults with complex needs annually through day, residential, and community-based programs. While this has no impact on day-to-day program operations at RFK Children's Action Corps in the short term, we believe that in the long term, this partnership will strengthen both organizations as we learn from each other and share resources to enhance our programs and services. In today's world, where scale helps to ensure sustainability for organizations like Perkins and RFK Children's Action Corps, this partnership is both historic and important.

We are thankful to each and every Board member of both RFK Children's Action Corps and Perkins for their vision and work to get us to this point, and to staff from both organizations for their diligence, support, and commitment to making a better future for the people we serve.

We look forward to continuing to share our journey with you and our new community members as we join with Perkins to create a strong and promising future. We hope that you share our excitement in this historic partnership and will reach out with any thoughts or questions. We value you deeply and look forward to sharing more with you as we combine forces to provide the best possible outcomes for children and families facing challenging circumstances.

In closing, we invite you to read our full press release to see how we're sharing the news more widely: [Perkins-RFK Children's Action Corps Announce Affiliation.](#)

Sincerely,

Michael W. Ames, PhD, President & CEO, Dr. Franklin Perkins School
and RFK Children's Action Corps

Jim Geraghty, Chair, RFK Children's Action Corps Board of Directors



Fiercely committed to Robert F. Kennedy's legacy of unwavering responsibility to the poor and disadvantaged, RFK Children's Action Corps advocates for children and embraces all social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds in order to build healthier families, more responsible citizens, safer communities and a more just society for us all.

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