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Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet

Because of my longtime involvement as a child advocate, I was appointed by former Governor Charlie Christ to the Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth, a statutorily created body. That role offered a significant forum to continue advocating for children's needs.

As a member of the Cabinet, I was very vocal on the need to increase funding for children's programs in such a way that the funding would be cost-avoidance in nature – the children should get the services earlier in life, so as to mitigate against more serious costs later on.

For the past 30 years I have also sponsored a 5K run to support the Howard Philips Center, raising more than \$1.3 million to treat abused children in Central Florida.

– **Dick Batchelor**

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