

# State Representative Ruth Kagi



Ruth is a small business owner and represents the 32nd District, including North King and South Snohomish County. She chairs the House Early Learning & Children's Services Committee. Nationally, she is the past-chair of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Human Services Committee. Ruth's long history of community and public service includes serving as Vice President of the League of Women Voters of Washington. She received her B.A. from the University of Washington and M.P.A. from Syracuse University. During her ten plus years in the legislature, she has focused on improving early learning and child care, strengthening foster care, and reforming the state's drug sentencing and truck safety laws. Ruth has five grown children and lives in Lake Forest Park.

## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEES:**

Early Learning & Children's Services, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
Education Appropriations Committee

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

Children's Legislative Oversight Committee  
Vice Chair, Thrive by Five Washington  
Past Chair, NCSL Human Service Committee

## **HONORS & AWARDS:**

2009, Champion for Children, Children's Alliance  
2009, Friend of Children Award, Washington State PTA  
2009, Washington State Parent Advocacy Award, Catalyst for Kids  
2009, Champion of Family Support Award, Children's Trust Foundation  
2008, Appreciation of Outstanding work for children with developmental disabilities, Arc of King County  
2007, Lee Ann Miller Award, Children's Justice Interdisciplinary Task Force  
2007, Grace Cole Outstanding Volunteer Award, Center for Human Services  
2006, Outstanding Vocational Service Award, Shoreline Rotary Club  
2006, Hero Award, Childhaven  
2005, Hunger Relief award, Food Lifeline  
2004, 'Speak Up For a Child' Award, Washington State CASA  
2004 Community Hero Award for Legislator of the Year, Washington State Coalition for the Homeless  
2003, Strong Kids, Families and Community Award, YMCAs of Washington State  
2003, Children's Champion Award, Children's Trust  
2002, Special Recognition Award, WA Council for Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect  
Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award, WA State Head Start & Early Childhood Education Programs

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

### *Current:*

Vice Chair, Thrive by Five Washington Board of Directors; Board Member, Shoreline Community College Foundation; Member, League of Women Voters of Washington; Member, Sierra Club

### *Past:*

Board Member, Tree House; Vice President, League of Women Voters of Washington; Trustee, Children's Trust Foundation; Co-Chair, Children's Campaign Fund; Chair, Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect; President; Board of Directors, Center for Human Services; Chair, Seattle Commission on Children and Youth; King County Children and Families Commission