



The Child Labor Coalition Invites You To:

Children in the Fields: An American Problem

A Capitol Hill Briefing In Recognition of
ILO World Day Against Child Labor
June 12, 2007

Did you know more children work in agriculture worldwide than any other industry? This year, the International Labor Organization's World Day Against Child Labor focuses on children working in agriculture.

As many as 500,000 children work as seasonal and migrant farmworkers in the United States. These children are currently denied the same protections under federal law that other working youth receive. They work longer hours, earlier and later hours, and at younger ages than the law allows for other working youth. They work as young as age 16 with hazardous equipment and chemicals. Many farmworker children become discouraged trying to keep up with schoolwork, and drop out of school.

Join us on June 12th ILO World Day Against Child Labor -- to bring attention to the hidden problem of child farmworkers in America.

What: Capitol Hill Briefing. Breakfast provided.

When: June 12, 2007
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Longworth House Office Building, Room 1334
Washington, DC

Who: Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard, sponsor of the Children's Act for Responsible Employment (CARE Act), which raises protection for children working in agriculture to same level as children working in other industries.

Norma Flores, a former child farmworker.

Armand Pereira, Director, ILO, Washington.

CLC Co-Chairs: Antonia Cortese, Executive Vice President, American Federation of Teachers and Linda Golodner, President, National Consumers League

Screening of a seven-minute segment of the documentary, **Stolen Childhoods**.

Introduction of new educational materials:

In Our Own Backyard: The Hidden Problem of Child Farmworkers in America: New classroom resources from the American Federation of Teachers

Children in the Fields: An American Problem: New report from the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs