Face It partners know both policy and practice solutions are necessary to end child abuse. Each year during the Kentucky General Assembly, Face It partners actively work on policies that will prevent and end abuse. Face It’s 2020 policy priorities include:

- Strengthen Kentucky’s efforts in child abuse and neglect prevention by investing in programs that keep kids safe and families together and making commonsense changes to state law that would protect kids and help kids who have experienced maltreatment heal.
- Remove the clergy-penitent privilege exemption to ensure that if abuse is disclosed to a member of a clergy, that clergy member must report the abuse to the proper authorities.
- Modify the mandated reporting law to disallow “chain of command” procedures within public and private agencies to ensure child abuse and neglect is reported in an accurate and timely manner.
- Ensure appropriate reporting of child abuse and neglect is communicated across agencies when maltreatment is suspected by employees of a reporting agency.
- Strengthen the current statute of limitations timeframes for misdemeanor physical and sexual abuse offenses to accommodate for delayed abuse disclosures.
- Close the gaps in fingerprint background checks by requiring foster care agencies to screen their employees.
- Eliminate the use of corporal punishment in schools to create safe and nurturing learning environments for students.
- Ensure adults providing K-12 educational instruction in the home setting meet minimum educational and safety requirements, and that the child being enrolled in homeschool has not received a truancy summons.

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