

Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna is Awarded Washington State PTA's "Friend of Children"

Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna was recently awarded the prestigious Washington State PTA "Friend of Children" award.

The Washington State PTA "Friend of Children" Award was created in 1995 to recognize and honor an individual or organization whose work on behalf of children is exemplary. It is not an award which is given every year. It is only given when all children in Washington State have been affected in a positive way or on an ongoing or long-term basis. It is the highest award given by the Washington State PTA.

"His work on Internet safety, especially in providing tips for parents and for children about the safe use of the valuable resource has made an important contribution to the welfare of our children in Washington State and across the country," said Laura Bay, Washington State PTA president.

General McKenna's ongoing policy priorities include community safety, consumer protection, and government accountability.

"I'd like to accept this award on behalf of everyone in our office, because I think it is recognition for the work we do together and that we've been doing for years in the interest of the children in our state," said General McKenna. "Whether it's the work that our lawyers and legal assistants, our paralegals and investigators do, and our social and health services divisions to protect children, or the work that we do on our education division to assure and improve the quality of our education system, the work we do on our criminal justice division to protect our families and communities, especially our children, the work that we do in our consumer protection division we do in areas like internet safety and product safety; all of this is about protecting our communities and keeping our children safe."