



nh kids count coalition

Kick Off

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Common Priorities

- Social Impact Bonds (Education, Economic Security)
- Child Care (Health, Economic Security, Education)
- Medicaid Expansion (Health, Economic Security)
- Substance Misuse (Health, Economic Security)
- Revenue (Education, Economic Security)

Specific Bills Mentioned:

- Breast Feeding SB 219
- Revenue HB 654
- “Complete Streets”
- Prevailing Wage – Kathy Rogers, Jackie Cilley
- Flexible Work Schedules – Dan Feltes
- Medicaid Reauthorization- Jeb Bradley, Tom Sherman

Health and Wellness

- **Oral Health**
 - Examine Public Health Dental Hygienist
 - How should they be paid?
 - Medicaid vs. Private Insurance
- **Community Health Workers**
- **Children’s Behavioral Health Collaborative**
 - Integration of governance structures?
- **Sununu Youth Center**
 - Current and future funding streams
- **Increased early childhood screenings**
 - Autism and developmental delays
- **Early intervention system**
 - State funding
 - Family cost sharing
 - Universal insurance
- **Mandate for early intervention system**
 - Based on existing legislation
- **Breast feeding**
 - Bill SB 219
- **Support for Medicaid Expansion**
- **Transportation** (brought by Representative Higgins)
 - Complete streets project
 - Motor vehicle registration fees- earmarked for transportation in community
- **Medicaid Managed Care**
- **Substance misuse**
 - Prevention, treatment, screening

Education

- **Social Impact Bonds** (Brought by Laura Milliken (Spark NH))
 - Private investment that can be reinvested into preschool or early education as well as recidivism prevention etc.
 - State government agrees to reimburse some investment amount, but only if money has been saved
- **Bullying** (brought by Lynn Stanley (NH Afterschool Network), Mark Joyce (NH School Administrators Association))
 - Schools are not alerting parents when children have been bullied in some cases
 - Seeking some way to clarify/strengthen existing statute that mandates notification of parents
- **“Re-establish education as a public good”** (brought by Scott McGilvray (NEA NH), Lynn Stanley (NH Afterschool Network) and Mark Joyce (NH School Administrators Association))
 - Create a common statewide understanding of the importance of public schools using infographics and other communication’s materials
 - Increase funding for building aid (untouched for 7 years) and public education general funds
- **Able Act (Federal bill)**
 - Enables disabled persons to save money on education living expenses
 - The state has to pass its own version of this act
- **Special Needs** (brought by Diane Wolff, Mark Joyce (NH School Administrators Association), Christopher Rueggeberg (Council on Developmental Disabilities))
 - Aid continuously diminishing
 - Goals:
 - Localize responsibility for funding and services
 - Allow family cost- sharing based on income
 - Establish universal coverage by insurance of early supports and services
- **High Quality Child Care**
 - Early education and afterschool programs (Jeanine Lesser)
 - Expanding oral health prevention for Head Start
- **Sustainable Revenue** (Brought by Ann Marie French, NH Fiscal Policy Institute)
- **Full- Day Kindergarten**
- **Affordable Higher Education**

Safety

- **Emancipation**
 - Looking at pseudo authority for teens that need medical or educational support
 - Want to rename to better reflect intent
 - Use existing reproductive health laws to expand
 - May be multi-year priority
- **Juvenile Justice Reform**
- **Child Abuse and Neglect Data**
- **Family Resource Centers**
 - 1st year study, 2nd year funding
 - Group may need to consider asking for funding in 2018
 - Seeking to mimic Vermont Model to develop a sustainable funding system
 - Tiered bill to provide for 5 resource centers in the first year, and 5 in the 3 years following that
 - Goals: fund prevention services, reinstate incentive funds
 - Legislative brainstorming in the works
 - Must keep calendar in mind
 - Data shows 90% do not reenter system with support is provided early on
- **Optional registration fee for Complete Streets**
- **TANF Funding (children at risk of homelessness and other safety concerns)**
 - Increase TANF grant

- Because of \$75 per month fee for childcare, many families relying on “invisible child care” with relatives
- Will be a waitlist for childcare as a result of new quality mandates
- Food stamp funding also a concern

Economic Security

- **Prevailing Wage** (Brought by Representative Rogers)
 - Projects run by the state must pay a livable, prevailing wage determined by the market
 - Implemented previously and then repealed during Benson administration
 - Bill being drafted
 - Sponsored by Reps. Cilley and Rogers
 - In partnership with Labor Commissioner Craig and coalition
 - Wage amounts are set by project and within each project based on specialties
 - Questions remain : state vs. municipality, federal model and examples
 - Representatives trying to get bill heard in Finance, not labor
 - Workers are now traveling out of state to get livable wages, and those that remain are hired at low wages and are often unqualified.
 - Federal example: Davis Bacon bill
 - When federally administered project, must have prevailing wage, but when federal grant and state administered, doesn't have to
 - Messaging must be consequences of poverty and the benefits of a livable wage, not labor vs. non-labor
- **Kids Caucus has been reactivated**
- **Family Friendly Work Places**
 - Breast Feeding Policies (SB 219) brought by NH Citizens Alliance
 - Paid Leave (brought by Representative Rosenwald)
 - Child Care
 - TANF provides <\$51 per month less than rent due for families
 - Child Care is an additional \$75 a month, and only 26% of TANF families are utilizing the child care subsidy
 - This gap is in part due to being priced out of quality care but also because of hours, fees and prevalent sickness
 - Quality benchmarks have just gone up, with no new funding
 - May result in wait lists for childcare
 - Raising minimum wage
 - Flexible Work Schedules
 - Senator Feltes has brought forward a bill
- **Medicaid Expansion Reauthorization**
 - Tom Sherman and Jeb Bradley addressing
 - Expansion will sunset December 31, 2016, but \$12-15 million is still needed for the last 6 months of the biennium
 - Republicans want hospitals to pay for it
 - Savings from settlement + ER visits = ~ 100 million
 - Substance misuse is a good moral cover for the party if they can find a way to pay for it
- **Social Development Block Grants (aka social impact bonds)**
 - Senator Watters
- **Raise Revenues**
 - HB 654 retained
 - Focuses on the low-moderate income housing tax credit (sponsored by Ames)