



Legislative Priorities 2019

Support Medicaid Transformation Legislation that Values Lived Experience:

Including children and their families in case planning is related to better outcomes in keeping children safe in their homes and stabilizing their placements (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2005)

- Bring children, youth and families into the deliberations about statewide expectations and public policies on Medicaid managed care as a means of increasing the value of the services and improving the outcomes.
 - Include consumers and advocates in determining the best processes and strategies when children, youth and families need to transition across the Standard Plan and the BH/IDD Tailored Plan.
- Use the current mechanisms such as System of Care Collaboratives and Consumer and Family Advisory Committees as a springboard for meaningful interaction between payers, LME/MCOs and PHPs, and consumers.
 - Require in the PHP contracts to use State CFAC, local CFACs and NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families and local SOC Collaboratives in an advisory capacity.
- Formally include youth and young family representation in State CFAC and local CFACs.

Support Medicaid Expansion:

- We can bring 500,000 North Carolinians, many of whom are parents of children in the Medicaid and Health Choice programs, on Medicaid without having to use any State dollars.
- Medicaid expansion can be accomplished for no additional State dollars. The federal government will pay for 90 cents of every dollar spent and hospitals will pay for the remaining 10 cents of every dollar spent on services.

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Support Funding to Adequately Serve Youth Benefitting from the Raise the Age of Juvenile Jurisdiction

The General Assembly was wise to raise the age of the juvenile jurisdiction. This gives our state an opportunity to provide young adults treatment and support services that may put them on a path to independence and productivity.

- Support the \$47.6 million in FY20 and \$62.7 million in FY21 in increased funding that the Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee recommended to the General Assembly. This will ensure adequate staff, community-based programming, and facilities to work with those youth who will benefit from the Raise the Age change.

Support a Coordinated, Seamless System of Care for Children, Youth and Families

- Support the work of the Child Well-Being Transformation Council and ensure the Council is given clear expectations, sufficient time and adequate resources to achieve this important goal.

Bills We Actively Support:

- H 291: Extends the Social Services Regional Collaboration Work Group and Child Well-Being Transformation Council to continue their work to coordinate children's health and human services in the public sector.
- H 613: Allows for certain unaccompanied homeless minors to consent to some healthcare services, including mental health and substance abuse services, without an adult's approval. This increases access to services.
- S 549: Provides for a two-year child welfare and behavioral health pilot project to increase continuity of care for children in the foster care system.
- S 635: Increases the membership of the B-3 Interagency Council—a joint effort of the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a statewide vision for children aged 0-grade three system of early education.

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