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**NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families**

**DATE: April 2, 2020**

**Upcoming Pertinent Legislative Meetings:**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Location</b>
		Legislative Office Building (LOB) Legislative Building (LB) Audio link: <a href="https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio">https://www.ncleg.gov/Audio</a>
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9:30 a.m.	House Select Committee on COVID-19, Health Care	1228/1327 LB, audio available
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2:00 p.m.	House Select Committee on COVID-19, Education	1228/1327 LB, audio available
April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 10:00 a.m.	North Carolina Child Well-Being Transformation Council	Virtual Meeting, audio available
April 28 <sup>th</sup> , 12:00 p.m.	House Session Convenes	Audio available
April 28 <sup>th</sup> , 12:00 p.m.	Senate Session Convenes	Audio available

**\$50 million for North Carolina Public School Funding:**

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Governor Cooper directed [\\$50 million in school funding](#) flexibility to help public schools serve their students during the COVID-19 crisis. This flexible funding allotment comes from unused funds from the current and previous school years and from the State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Fund. The Governor's Education and Nutrition Working Group collaborated with Local Education Agencies to develop plans to directly help students and their families. The funds can be used for remote learning, school nutrition programs, cleaning and sanitizing schools and buses, acquiring protective equipment, and child-care.

**Secretary Presents to House Select Committee on COVID-19:**

NC DHHS Secretary Cohen [presented](#) to the [House Select Committee on COVID-19](#) today to identify areas of the State plan to address COVID-19 that impact the budget as well as those areas of the State plan that will require discussions/actions with the NC

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General Assembly. Infrastructure to ensure that State facilities, public health offices, general hospitals and others are able to adequately serve the expected surge of patients was a focus of her comments. NC DHHS has applied for an 1115 Medicaid waiver (in addition to the Medicaid Transformation) that will assist North Carolina in addressing infrastructure while receiving a federal match to the funding.

### **NCDHHS Publishes COVID-19 Fact Sheet:**

NCDHHS recently released a [Coronavirus fact sheet](#) informing the public on the symptoms of the virus, complications, risk categories, and what to do if you are concerned you may be sick with Coronavirus. This helpful fact sheet breaks down step-by-step information for anyone looking track their symptoms and safely proceed with caution and quarantine protocol.

### **COVID-19 Resources for Parents & Families:**

#### **#JustCheckingIn**

*This campaign connects people practicing social distancing and encourages others to join in using the Instagram hashtag #JustCheckingIn.*

#### **COVID-19 Ancillary Costs**

*The HealthWell Foundation will provide up to \$250 in assistance to at risk or quarantined individuals for delivered food, medication, telehealth copays and transportation costs associated with COVID-19.*

#### **/r/COVID19-support**

*This subreddit offers support and guidance for individuals overwhelmed by COVID-19.*

#### **MHA webinar: Older Adults & Isolation during COVID-19**

*A webinar that discusses strengths and weaknesses of traditional behavioral health services in meeting the needs of clients in social isolation.*

#### **PsychU webinar: Impact of Novel Coronavirus Pandemic on Mental Health**

*Paul Gionfriddo, President of Mental Health America, and Christine Moutier, MD, psychiatrist and Chief Medical Officer for American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, discuss the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on mental health.*

#### **Yale webinars: Using emotional intelligence to combat COVID-19 anxiety**

*Starting March 25, the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence will host webinars on maintaining emotional health and building resilience.*

#### **Smithsonian Workshop: Meditation and Mindfulness**

*Free 30-minute online meditations four times each week provided through the Smithsonian. No previous experience is required.*

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## **N.C. Bills we are tracking:**

- [H5](#): Close the Medicaid Insurance Gap (see S3)
- [H76](#): School Safety Omnibus
- [H102](#): Enhance Permanency Innovation Institute (see S245)
- [H121](#): Expunction Related to Raise the Age/No Conviction
- [H234](#): Funds for Child Advocacy Centers
- [H241](#): Education Bond Act of 2019
- [H250](#): Dept. of Health and Human Services Revisions
- [H291](#): Continue Social Services Regional Supervision and Collaboration Work Group (SSWG) and Extend Children's Council
- [H297](#): Psychologist Interjurisdictional Compact
- [H434](#): Suicide Risk Ref./Mental Health/Teen Violence
- [H471](#): Reduce Administrative Duplication MH/DD/SAS Providers
- [H555](#): Medicaid Transformation Implementation, the Senate has withdrawn this bill from the calendar and re-referred it to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.
- [H580](#): Increase Foster Care Rates/Funds (see S636)
- [H601](#): Funds for NAMI North Carolina, Inc.
- [H613](#): Essential Services for Homeless Youth
- [H655](#): NC Health Care for Working Families, the bill was re-referred to the House Committee on Health, received a favorable committee substitute, and was re-referred to the House Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations.
- [H702](#): Modify Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (see S555)
- [H822](#): Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plan, the bill has been sent to the Senate, passed the 1<sup>st</sup> Senate reading, and has been sent to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.
- [H825](#): Strengthen Child Fatality Prevention System: passed first reading and referred to the House Committee on Health.
- [H826](#): Standardized Assessment/Foster Care Pilot
- [H956](#): Funds/Youth Villages and Other Purposes
- [H966](#): 2019 Appropriations Act, this bill was placed on the calendar for January 14, 2020, withdrawn from the calendar and re-referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations.
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- [S3](#): Close the Medicaid Insurance Gap (see H5)
- [S175](#): Funds/Eliminate NC Pre-K Waitlist
- [S212](#): NC Fast/Early Child/Transformation/ACH Assess., the conference committees have been appointed.
- [S245](#): Enhance Permanency Innovation Institute (see H102)
- [S251](#): Modernization of Drug Court Programs

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[S361](#): Healthy NC., the Senate failed to concur on the health committee substitution, so the Senate and House have appointed committee conferees for the bill.

[S382](#): School Psychologist Compensation and Recruitment (see H482)

[S427](#): Smart Start Funds (see H124)

[S476](#): Compt-Based Assess. & Mental Health/Teen Viol., after over three months of inactivity, the bill has conference committees appointed in the House and the Senate.

[S549](#): Child Welfare/Behavioral Health Pilot/Funds

[S624](#): Guilford County Mental Health Facility /Funds (see H360)

[S636](#): Increase Foster Care Rates/Funds (see H580)

### **N.C. Bills that have been signed into law:**

[H75](#): School Mental Health Screening Study, presented to the governor and signed into law as Ch. SL 2019-222.

[S199](#): Child Sex Abuse/Strengthen Laws, the bill was presented to the governor and signed into law on 11/7/19 as Ch. SL 2019 – 245.

[H301](#): CIP Revisions/Juvenile Code, signed by the governor on 6/21/19 as Ch. SL 2019-33.

[S413](#): Raise the Age Modifications, signed into law on 8/1/19 as Ch. SL 2019-186.

[H609](#): Once known as Raise the Age Modifications but now labeled Salary Increases/Adult Correctional Employees, the bill was presented to and signed by the governor as Ch. SL 2019-208.

[H656](#): Medicaid Changes for Transformation, signed into law by the Governor on 7/4/19 as Ch. SL 2019-81.

[H1001](#): Raise the Age Funding, ratified, presented to the governor and signed into law on 10/14/19 as Ch. SL 2019-229.

### **Upcoming Collaborative Mental Health Meetings:**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Collaborative</b>	<b>Location</b>
April 15, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<a href="#">NC Child Well Being Transformation Council</a>	Virtual meeting, audio available

### **Federal Bills We are Tracking:**

[S.1172](#): Keep Our Promise to America's Children and Teachers Act: read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

[S. 1465](#): Childhood Outcomes Need New Efficient Community Teams: read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

[S. 1642](#): Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

[S. 1668](#): Defending Access to Mental Health Care Act: Read twice and referred to the committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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[S. 1670](#): Care Across Generations Act: read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

[H.R. 1109](#): Mental Health Services for Students Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

[H.R. 1301](#): Mental Health Telemedicine Expansion Act: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

[H.R. 1395](#): Youth Mental Health Services Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

[H.R. 1838](#): Social Security Child Protection Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

[H.R. 2702](#): Family First Transition and Support Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

[H.R. 2958](#): Increasing Access to Mental Health in Schools Act: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

[H.R. 3074](#): Continuing Access to Mental and Behavioral Health Care Act: referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

[H.R. 3116](#): State Flexibility for Family First Transitions Act: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

[H.R. 3438](#): Child Welfare Data Modernization Act: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means

[H.R. 4025](#): Mental Health in Schools Excellence Program Act of 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

[H.R. 4420](#): Timely Mental Health for Foster Youth Act: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support

[H.R. 4428](#): Greater Mental Health Access Act: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

[H.R. 4602](#): Continuation of Useful Resources to States Act: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support

[H.R. 4835](#): Supporting Trauma-Informed Education Practices Act: referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

[H.R. 5569](#): Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act of 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor

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