

NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: September 11, 2021

September is Suicide Prevention Month!

NO PERTINENT UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS SCHEDULED

No Movement on Budget:

It's September and the NC General Assembly continues the Long Session as they work through two big issues: budget and redistricting. The two legislative processes are playing out very differently. The budget is presumably being negotiated behind closed doors. There are no public conference committee meetings. At the same time, the redistricting discussion includes a series of meetings at various locations around the State to gain public input. Some of the drawn-out budget process may be the desire of legislators to negotiate as much as possible to avoid a veto from the Governor, the voting process to override a veto and the lengthy process of developing an alternative budget that he will sign. In the meantime, State government continues to operate based on the previous fiscal year budget numbers.

20 Years After 9/11:

The scenes of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centers, Pentagon and Flight 93 crash on September 11, 2001 are vivid and clear memories for many Americans. The twentieth anniversary has caused reflection about the mental health impact of the attacks. The experience did provide some insights to trauma-informed treatment for individuals. For children and youth who were not alive for 9/11 but have experienced loss during the pandemic, having context and understanding could help them in their thinking about global traumatic events. Here are some resources available to learn more about the impact of 9/11 and how to address it with children and youth:

- A 9/9/21 NPR [article](#) that includes a list of books that help children understand national and global tragedies.
- A 9/8/21 The City [article](#) on using the experience of 9/11 to help children through the pandemic.
- A 9/9/21 Washington Post parenting [article](#) on how to talk to children about 9/11.
- A 9/8/21 NPR [news story](#) with an interview of an individual who was 16-years old and in her high school 8 blocks away from the World Trade Center when the attack occurred.
- A 9/5/21 [interview](#) with a Columbia University researcher who has studied the mental health impact of 9/11.

Bill Gutted to Address Spending Funds for HOPE Rental Assistance:

[H. 110](#) was introduced in February as a bill to increase the building permit exemption threshold for single family residences and farm buildings. The bill made it through the House and over to the Senate. In August, the bill was replaced by a Senate Commerce and Insurance Committee substitute. The new language has now passed the Senate and been sent to the House for concurrence.

Now the bill will allow landlords to submit applications to the Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions Program (HOPE) on behalf of tenants who meet the federal requirements. The language also expands reimbursable expenses. Potential eviction became an issue for many who were economically impacted by the pandemic. The federal government, through the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, worked to provide assistance for individuals who could not cover their rental and utility expenses. Assistance funding was sent to states and, in North Carolina, the funding is being disbursed through the HOPE program.

If the House concurs with the new language, the bill will be ratified and sent to the Governor for signature.

How are Families Incorporated in Person-Centered Planning? Opportunity for Feedback:

NC DMHDDSAS is seeking feedback on an updated Person-Centered Planning [guidance](#). Comments are due by September 30th. The guidance includes values and principles, life domains, action plans, crisis plans and both individual and systemic indicators that the person-centered plan has been implemented.

Opportunities:

- NC DHHS is conducting a survey to gain feedback for the Strategic Housing Plan for the state. The survey will remain open until September 15. Use this [link](#) to give your feedback.
- The UNC School of Social Work, Focus on Family and Disability Seminars is offering a webinar on September 14th, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm, “The Mental Health Needs of Students During COVID-19: A Parent’s Perspective”, and discounts/scholarship are available. For more information follow this [link](#).

Resources:

Bills on the Move:

[H. 110](#), Landlord Submission of HOPE Application, passed by Senate and sent to House for concurrence.

[S. 105](#), 2021 Appropriations Act, passed by House and Senate, Senate did not concur with House proposal, [conference committee appointed](#)

[SL 2021-144](#): Foster Parents’ Bill of Rights, signed into law by the Governor on 9/10/21.

Bills:

[H. 29](#), Verification of Immigration Status: SAVE

[H. 32](#), Equity Opportunity Act – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 42](#), 2020 COVID Relief Bill Modifications

[H. 91](#), Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 149](#), Improving Access to Care through Telehealth – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 173](#), Separate Divisions, Juvenile Justice and Adult Corrections—AB (Agency Bill)

[H. 183](#), Juvenile Court Counselors/Sensitivity Training—AB (Agency Bill) – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 192](#), COVID Response, Supplemental Spending 2020-2021

[H. 205](#), Abuse & Neglect Resources in Public Schools – MET CROSSOVER

[H. 212](#), Social Services Reform

[H. 215](#), Early Childhood Data Analytics/Pilot/Guilford

[H. 232](#), LRC Study – Affordable Housing, MET CROSSOVER

[H. 247](#), Standards of Student Conduct – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 249](#), Children with Disabilities Funding Formula
[H. 261](#), Raise Min. Age/Juvenile Jurisdiction
[H. 262](#), Smart Start Funds
[H. 274](#), 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act
[H. 277/S. 249](#), The SAVE Act
[H. 298](#), 2021 Current Operations Appropriations Act
[H. 300](#), 2021 Pandemic Recovery Appropriations Act
[H. 305](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
[H. 313](#), 2021 Pandemic Recovery Appropriations Act
[H. 314](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
[H. 325](#), 2021 Omnibus Coronavirus Relief Act
[H. 382](#), Hospital ED Care/Medicaid Behavioral Health Service
[H. 389/S. 350](#), NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021
[H. 424](#), Juveniles/Eliminate LWOP/Parole Eligibility
[H. 430](#), Advisory Council on PANS & PANDAS
[H. 470](#), Medicaid Expansion
[H. 516](#), Raise Dropout Age to 18
[H. 568/S. 721](#), Youth Mentoring Services Act
[H. 579](#), School Self-Defense Act
[H. 615](#), Juvenile Court Mental Health Assessments – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 621](#), Increase Drop Out Age/Completion Indicator – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 653](#), Mental Health and SUD Parity Report
[H. 657](#), School Safety/Threat Assessment Teams – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 658](#), Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFAST
[H. 664](#), County Service Districts/Early Childhood Education – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 665/S. 610](#), Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid
[H. 732](#), Peer Support Specialist Certification Act
[H. 747](#), Merge NC Health Choice & Medicaid
[H. 749](#), Healthy Students – School Psychologists/COVID-19
[H. 809](#), NC Healthy Family Act
[H. 823](#), Child Advocacy Centers/Share Information – MET CROSSOVER
[H. 837](#), Increase Student Access to School Counselors
[H. 882](#), Behavioral Health Services for Students
[H. 908](#), Access to Affordable Health Care Coverage for All
[H. 914](#), Support our Direct Care Workforce
[H. 928](#), Opioid Overdose Prev. Pilot Program/Funds
[H. 934](#), Student Success Program
[H. 946](#), Sound Basic Education for Every Child
[H. 947](#), The GREAT Broadband Expansion Act
[H. 952](#), Mental Health Unit Triage Pilot Program
[H. 953](#), Funds for School Mental Health Support Persons
[S. 37](#), In-Person Learning Choice for Families, ratified, vetoed by Governor on 2/26
[S. 61](#), Dental Services/Medicaid Transformation
[S. 78](#), A Safe Return for In-Person Learning
[S. 86](#), Medicaid Recs/School-Based Health and InCK evaluation/ Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec

[S. 88](#), NC FAST Child Welfare Case Mgmt./PED Study
[S. 89](#), Regional Supervision/Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
[S. 90](#), Social Services Reform/Inter-County Collaboration/Child Well-Being Transformation Council Rec
[S. 93](#), Assisting NC Families in Crisis
[S. 106](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 107](#), 2021 Appropriations Act
[S. 154](#), Fully Funded School Social Works and Psychologists
[S. 350/H. 389](#), NC Innovations Waiver Act of 2021
[S. 402](#), Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap
[S. 463](#), Deploy Child Welfare & Aging Component/NCFAST
[S. 501](#), Create Department of Adult Corrections
[S. 514](#), Youth Health Protection Act
[S. 515](#), Health Care Heroes Conscience Protection Act
[S. 518](#), Protecting and Supporting NC's Children
[S. 530](#), Medicaid for Twelve Months Postpartum
[S. 593](#), Special Education Due Process Hearings – MET CROSSOVER
[S. 595](#), Taskforce on Adverse Childhood Experiences
[S. 610/ H. 665](#), Address Direct Support Staffing Crisis/Medicaid
[S. 615](#), Direct Care Worker Wage Passthrough/Medicaid
[S. 622](#), 2021 Governor's Budget
[S. 721/H. 568](#), Youth Mentoring Services Act

Bills Signed into Law:

[SL 2021-1](#): COVID Relief Bill Modifications
[SL 2021-3](#): 2021 COVID-19 Response and Relief
[SL 2021-4](#): The Reopen the Schools Act of 2021
[SL 2021-7](#), Summer Learning Choice for NC Families
[SL 2021-8](#): Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021
[SL 2021-18](#): Modify Termination of Parental Rights Appeals
[SL 2021-22](#): Reduce Regulation to Help Children with Autism
[SL 2021-25](#): Additional COVID-19 Response and Relief
[SL 2021-61](#): Medicaid Modernized Hospital Assessments
[SL 2021-62](#): Medicaid Administrative Changes and Technical Corrections
[SL 2021-77](#): DHHS Revisions
[SL 2021-88](#): GSC Technical Corrections 2021
[SL 2021-100](#): Juvenile Code Rev's/CIP Recommendations—AB (Agency Bill)
[SL 2021-118](#): Expand Expunction Eligibility
[SL 2021-123](#): Various Raise the Age Changes/JJAC Recs.
[SL 2021-132](#): Expedite Child Safety and Permanency
[SL 2021-144](#): Foster Parents' Bill of Rights