

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

**DATE: September 18, 2021**

***September is Suicide Prevention Month!***

**NO PERTINENT UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

### **Judge Gives NCGA Leandro Case Funding Deadline:**

The Leandro case began in 1994 when four low-income counties in North Carolina sued the State stating that they had failed to their constitutional duty to provide equal educational opportunities for all students. On September 8, 2021, a Superior Court judge has given legislators a deadline of October 15, 2021 to fully fund a school improvement plan that would increase funding for education kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in North Carolina by 2028. To that end, the judge has scheduled a hearing for October 18<sup>th</sup> to hear next steps for fully funding the plan. On August 6, 2021 the State submitted [a report](#) to the judge that included actions to implement the Comprehensive Remedial Plan. The Plan includes action items around increasing funds for students with disabilities and increasing funds for school counselors, nurses, social workers and psychologists. Below are two articles that recount the most recent action:

Indy Week September 9, 2021 article, [“Judge Gives State Lawmakers 'One More Last Chance' to Fully Fund the Leandro Plan”](#)

NC Political News September 13, 2021 article, [“GOP lawmakers fire back after judge sets arbitrary funding deadline in Leandro”](#)

### **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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **National Feedback Opportunity:**

US Senators Ron Wyden and Mike Crapo, Chair and Ranking Member, respectively, of the Senate Committee on Finance, are asking for input from stakeholders on barriers to accessing mental health treatment and specifically to workforce, integration, coordination and access, parity and telehealth. Wyden and Crapo wrote [a letter](#) to their colleagues laying out a process to gather stakeholder input. Comments are due by October 1<sup>st</sup> and can be sent to [mentalhealthcare@finance.senate.gov](mailto:mentalhealthcare@finance.senate.gov).

### **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.

**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/NCFAS
- [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-119 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