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NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: November 13, 2021

November is National Family Engagement Month!

November 16th is National Parental Involvement Day!

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities Under Scrutiny:

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) are inpatient psychiatric settings for children and adolescents under the age of 21 (see 2019 [NACBH definition of PRTF](#) for more information). It is a high-level service that is used in North Carolina. The Fayetteville Observer is doing a series of stories on PRTFs in North Carolina and has published [the first of the series](#).

At the same time, Disabilities Rights of North Carolina (DRNC) has issued a [statement of support](#) for a proposed federal bill, the Accountability for Congregate Care Act of 2021 (ACCA). The bill will create a Bill of Rights for Children in residential facilities and will address systemic inadequacies. In addition, the National Disability Rights Network has published [a report](#) on the state of residential treatment facilities across the country.

Medicaid Expansion Discussed in North Carolina:

News reports indicate that the NC Senate leaders are considering support for Medicaid expansion as a part of the budget negotiations for State Fiscal Year 2021-2022 that began on July 1, 2021. A 11/5/21 WFAE 90.7 [news](#) story covered the legislative positions on Medicaid Expansion. House Speaker Tim Moore continues to have concern about Medicaid Expansion even with new federal incentives and a \$0 budget increase for North Carolina.

Make an Impact: NCCCYF Policy and Research Work Group has taken a position to support Medicaid Expansion in North Carolina based on the benefits to children, youth and families. To contact House Speaker Moore to express the support of the Work Group for Medicaid Expansion, use the following contact information:

NC House Speaker Tim Moore
16 West Jones Street, Rm. 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096
Tim.Moore@ncleg.gov
919-733-3451

BH/IDD Tailored Plan Provider Trainings an Opportunity for Children, Youth and Families:

If you have missed some of the weekly webinar series that began on October 1, you can find the webinar recordings and presentations at this [link](#).

	Register for the webinar series .
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Nov. 19, 2021	Conflict-Free Care Management and Additional Care Coordination Functions for Members Enrolled in the Innovations or TBI Waiver
Dec. 3, 2021	Billing
Dec. 10, 2021	Oversight and Quality Measurement/Improvement

Judge Continues to Pressure NCGA for Leandro Funding:

The Superior Court Judge in charge of the Leandro case has ordered the State to transfer \$1.7 billion from reserves in the State general fund to help finance the Leandro improvement plan for schools. Lawmakers have questioned the position of a judge to order funding of particular programs. The Leandro case was heard in 1997 and has not yet been fully funded by the NC General Assembly.

Resources:

- The NC Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has launched the [Literacy at Home: NC Children's Digital Reading Initiative](#). This digital resource provides literacy activities at each grade level, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade.
- The ECAC is conducting a survey of parents of children with special needs, ages birth-26. Parents completing the survey can be entered to win a \$100 Amazon gift card. To complete the survey, use this [link](#).
- A free webinar, Navigating the Transition from Early Intervention to Pre-School, is offered by ECAC on Tuesday, November 16th from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. To register for this webinar, use this [link](#).
- Thursday, November 18th at 6 pm, **Pass the Mic: Family Engagement Parent Panel** will begin with a 15-minute opening segment with Sherry Thomas, NCDPI Director, Exceptional Children Division followed by the Parent Panel. The panel will talk about Family Engagement, the role of parents and share their experiences of parenting a child with disabilities. To register for this free event, use this [link](#).
- A presentation from ECAC's Youth Advisory Team, *Gratitude is Attitude*, Tuesday, November 23rd, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. To register for this free event, use this [link](#).
- ECAC has developed Family Engagement Month resources that can be accessed at [this link](#).

Bills on the Move:

[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. 110](#), Landlord Submission of HOPE Application

[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

