

## NC Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families

DATE: April 1, 2022

### NC General Assembly Short Session begins on May 18, 2022

Date and Time	Meeting	Virtual/Audio Access
April 4, 5:00 p.m.	<a href="#">House Select Committee on an Education System for North Carolina's Future</a>	Stanley Middle School, 317 Hovis Road, Stanley, NC 28164
April 6-7	<a href="#">NC State Board of Education</a>	<a href="#">livestream</a>
April 11, 1:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Joint Legislative Committee on Access to Healthcare and Medicaid Expansion</a>	643 LOB, <a href="#">livestream and audio</a>
March 2-3	<a href="#">NC State Board of Education</a>	<a href="#">livestream</a>
April 12, 2:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and Health Choice</a>	643 LOB, <a href="#">livestream and audio</a>
April 26, 9:30 a.m.	<a href="#">Joint Legislative Committee on Access to Healthcare and Medicaid Expansion</a>	643 LOB, <a href="#">livestream and audio</a>

### Joint Legislative Committee on Access to Healthcare and Medicaid Expansion:

[This legislative committee](#) now has two April meetings scheduled and held three in March (one in February). [In March](#), they heard about other States' experiences with Medicaid expansion and presentations on workforce issues around particular medical professions. Although the Committee is supposed to submit recommendations per the special provision of the last budget bill that created the committee, there are projections that they will continue their work after the Short Session has concluded. There is also concern that, if they wait until the Long Session, and after the 2022 elections, the motivation to close the insurance coverage gap may dwindle.

### First Recommendations on a Coordinated Action Plan for Better Outcomes in Children's Services Published:

The NC DHHS-formed [Child Welfare and Family Well-Being Transformation Team](#), consisting of a diverse group of mostly professional stakeholders, has formulated the first recommendations on a [coordinated action plan](#) for children's services. The focus of this Team is on children with complex behavioral health needs who come into the care of child welfare services. The recommendations include:

Recommendation:	Resources Needed:
Expand high-fidelity wraparound services statewide	\$5.1 million recurring State funds
Launch START substance use treatment pilots in 10 counties	\$2.8 million recurring in State Fiscal Year 2025 (current funding available through American Rescue Plan Act) and additional recurring funds would be needed to expand statewide

Expand MORES mobile crisis intervention teams statewide	\$28 million recurring State funds
Strengthen care coordination for children and youth in DSS care and for former foster youth through CCNC and LME/MCOs	No new funding is being requested to support this strategy. Recurring funding is secured through NC Medicaid until the launch of the Tailored Plans and Child and Family Specialty Plan.
Expand the NC Psychiatric Access Line (NC-PAL) Program statewide	Will use current Mental Health Block Grant and Medicaid funding.
Implement the “988” Statewide Crisis Hotline	\$2.7 million in recurring State funds
Establish Placement First pilots	\$8 million in recurring State funds
Establish crisis, inpatient, and residential bed tracking and crisis referral system	\$10 million in recurring State funds
Establish emergency respite pilots for caregivers	\$3.6 million in recurring State funds
Build professional foster parenting programs	\$2 million annual recurring for a pilot and additional recurring funds would be needed to expand statewide
Strengthen the NC DHHS Rapid Response Team	\$500,000 in recurring State funds
Develop a plan to increase supply of appropriate treatment and residential placements for children needing behavioral health services	No additional funding needed at this time but additional State funding will be needed for implementation of parts of the plan that is developed
Use administrative flexibilities and enforcement to create new placement and service options for children	\$200,000 in recurring State funds

### **NC Integrated Care for Kids (NC InCK) is Launched:**

In January 2022 the NC Integrated Care for Kids model was implemented in five counties—Alamance, Orange, Durham, Granville, Vance. This model is funded by a grant from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The model is available to serve the approximately 99,000 children in the five counties who are Medicaid or Health Choice eligible. The model enhances the Medicaid program regardless of whether it is managed care or fee-for-service by having a Family Navigator work with the Advanced Medical Home and other key providers on an integrated care approach for children and families. The Family Navigator will increase coordination of services to include health and human services, schools and juvenile justice with a strong focus on Social Determinants of Health.

The press release for the model can be found at this [link](#).

Resources for families can be found at this [link](#).

Resources for providers can be found at this [link](#).

### **President’s Budget Includes Increased Funding to Support Kids in Education and Behavioral Health Needs:**

President Biden submitted his Fiscal Year 2023 Budget to Congress. The budget includes a focus on health disparities, behavioral health and increasing support for children with disabilities in schools. Not unlike the North Carolina budget process, the US House and Senate will use

the President's budget proposal as a guide and resource as they develop their appropriations proposals.

To see overviews of the Education and Health and Human Service portions of the President's budget, see the press releases in the links below:

[Education](#)  
[Health and Human Services](#)

**Resources:**

- NC Carolina Health News [series on the North Carolina juvenile justice system](#)
- April 6, 7 – 8 pm, ECAC free webinar, “Extended School Year: What Is It & How to Talk About It”. Learn how children might qualify for special education services during school breaks. Use this [link](#) to register.
- Family Leadership Summit, ECAC, 6/3 (2 pm – 5:30 pm), 6/4 (9 am – 5 pm), accepted applicants receive a \$150 stipend for attending the event. For more information use this [link](#).
  
- [#OnOurSleeves](#), The Movement for Children's Mental Health, is a resource website sponsored by Big Lots.
- 3/15/22 [presentation](#) to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services by Deputy Secretary Dave Richard and Division Director Deepa Avula

**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  
[SL 2021-190](#): Landlord Submission of HOPE Application