



2026 POLICY PRIORITIES



New Futures works to solve problems through policy change. In the 2026 legislative session, we will be working to improve the health and well-being of Granite Staters by advancing these policy priorities.

Early Childhood

- Expand access to quality child care by supporting legislation that removes local zoning restrictions on child care programs (**HB 1195** ✓) and incentivizes businesses to create child care seats through tax credits (**HB 1433** ✓).
- Improve access to child care scholarships for kinship caregivers (**SB 608** ✓).

Children's Behavioral Health

- Close the private insurance coverage gap for enhanced care coordination ("wraparound") for youth through a public-private partnership (**SB 498** ✓).

KEY

- ✓ = NF Supports the Bill
- X = NF Opposes the Bill

Health Care Access

- Address rising prescription costs by bringing a no-cost, privacy-first prescription discount card program to New Hampshire (**SB 647** ✓).
- Improve patient access to timely health care by verifying that health insurance companies keep their provider lists accurate and up to date (**SB 546** ✓).

Healthy Aging

- Support family and kinship caregivers to ensure they have the resources they need, including training and child care, to continue caring for their loved ones (**SB 608** ✓).
- Help more older adults afford their health care by making it easier to qualify for Medicare Savings Programs (**SB 545** ✓).

Public Health

- Protect New Hampshire's public health system and critical programs such as NH's Vaccine for Children program (**HB 524** X, **HB 1449** X, **HB 1584** X, **HB 1616** X, **HB 1719** X, **HB 1811** X).
- Keep NH teens healthy by maintaining access to critical insights from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (**HB 1191** X).

Substance Use Disorder

- Support access to safe and healthy housing resources for individuals in recovery from substance use disorder (**SB 298** ✓).
- Strengthen oversight and patient protection within the substance use treatment system (**HB 751** ✓).

Regulation of Addictive Products

- Close illegal loopholes that allow companies to market and sell addictive and dangerous products to young people (**SB 461** ✓, **SB 557** ✓, **SB 624** ✓, **HB 1538** ✓, **HB 1630** ✓).

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