



Prioritizing People in Our State Budget

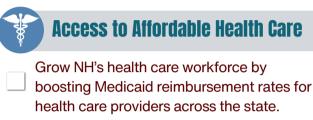
In New Hampshire, our health and well-being are our most critical assets.

Sustained and strategic investment in people and families is vital.

By prioritizing these foundational health investments, we secure not just individual well-being, but the long-term resilience and prosperity of the entire Granite State.

Checking the Box on People First Budget Priorities:

**	Early Childhood
	Protect investments in NH's Child Care Scholarship Program and stabilize programs that support appropriate rates of payment and ensure access to quality child care for working families.
	Maintain funding for home visiting programs and family resource centers to prevent and mitigate childhood trauma.
C	Access to Mental Health Services for Children and Youth
	Support sustainable financing for the emergency behavioral health crisis system, including the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
	Maintain investments in NH's Children's System of Care to ensure access to community- and school-based services.
***	Resources for Older Adults
	Support funding for the System of Care for Healthy Aging, caregiver respite, and senior volunteer programs to ensure older adults have a meaningful choice in services and care options.
	Expand eligibility for Medicare Savings Programs to ensure more older adults have access to affordable health care.



Access to Substance Use Treatment

Support New Hampshire's substance use treatment network by maintaining funding for Doorways, drug courts, and other programs across the continuum of care.



Ensure the Alcohol Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund ('Alcohol Fund') is fully funded (\$10.7 million estimated) to support prevention, treatment and recovery programs.

Public Health

Preserve funds for local and state public health services and protect critical programs such as NH's Vaccine for Children program.

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