



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.



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 Affordable Health Care

- Grow NH's health care workforce by boosting Medicaid reimbursement rates for health care providers across the state.



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.



Regulation of Addictive Products

- 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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