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CAMPAIGN FOR A HEALTHY NH

2022

As the pandemic continues to devastate Granite State communities, lawmakers are currently considering 30+ pieces of legislation that, if passed, would undermine our public health infrastructure like never before. Together, through this campaign, we can protect & strengthen our public health system.

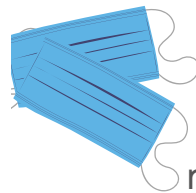
Through this campaign we hope to:



Improve
vaccine
access









Strengthen
healthcare
data and
delivery



Promote
public
health
measures








Support the
longterm
health
of NH

-  **HB 1035, relative to exemptions from school vaccine mandates.** Opens the door for many more families to send their children to school unvaccinated and at risk for spreading hepatitis, measles and many other deadly diseases.
-  **HB 1210, relative to exemptions from vaccine mandates.** Requires all private employers and colleges and universities to grant requests for a conscientious exemption from employees or students for all vaccines and prohibits an employer from requiring vaccines or any medical treatment approved by the U.S. FDA only for emergency or experimental use.
-  **HB 1606, making the state vaccine registry an opt-in program.** Weakens New Hampshire's vaccine registry, a critical tool in increasing vaccination rates and combatting infectious disease, by forcing individuals to opt-in to the program rather than allowing them to opt-out, as is the case under current law.
-  **HB 255, prohibiting vaccine mandates by New Hampshire employers.** Ties the hands of businesses, schools and other organizations, and limits their ability to adopt and enforce vaccine policies recommended by public health experts, by allowing any individual to request a conscientious exemption for the COVID-19 vaccine.
-  **SB 288, prohibiting the requiring of COVID-19 vaccinations for schools or child care agencies.** Unnecessarily and adversely impacts the childcare market in New Hampshire – potentially limiting both access for families and narrowing the market for providers.
-  **SB 374, relative to SARS-CoV-2 vaccinations.** Prohibits a person from requiring that an individual who had COVID-19 or who is under the age of 18 receive a vaccination against the virus as a condition for employment, education, or access to businesses or entities open to the public.





Legislative Priorities

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ACCESS TO TREATMENT/ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

-  **HB 503, relative to telehealth and medically assisted treatment for substance use disorder.** Increases access to substance use treatment over telehealth by eliminating requirement for in-person consultation prior to prescription of Medication-Assisted Treatment.
-  **HB 1591, eliminating the enforcement division of the liquor commission.** Jeopardizes safe operation of licensed vaping and alcohol establishments by eliminating enforcement division of the NH Liquor Commission.
-  **HB 1598, legalizing the possession and use of cannabis.** Fails to meet the principles required for safe cannabis commercialization policy and regulation. Optimal cannabis commercialization policy for our state must utilize the best available scientific evidence to reduce public harm, limit youth and problematic use, and purposefully advance social justice and equity in the state.
-  **HB 1622, relative to mental health parity.** Ensures access to behavioral health treatment by strengthening oversight of state and federal parity laws, which require insurers to cover mental health and substance use services as they do physical health care.
-  **SB 275, relative to the opioid abatement trust fund.** Strengthens substance use prevention by allowing opioid abatement funds, received through legal settlements from opioid manufacturers, to be used on evidence-based prevention programs.

CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

-  **HB 1531, modifies the oversight commission on children's services.** Supports New Hampshire children by strengthening Oversight Commission on Children's Services, which provides guidance to state lawmakers and helps ensure resources are available to support children and families.
-  **HB 1639, relative to the youth risk behavior survey in schools.** Weakens New Hampshire's children's behavioral health treatment systems by changing participation in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey to an "opt-in," reducing participation and data collection.
-  **SB 416, relative to behavioral health assessment and treatment for children in out-of-home placements.** Supports children with behavioral health needs by requiring an evidence-based behavioral health analysis or assessment before children are placed in institutional or out-of-home settings.
-  **SB 444, relative to childhood adverse experiences treatment and prevention.** Expands access to child-parent psychotherapy services, and creates a pilot program for young children who have experienced adverse childhood events and other emotional trauma.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

-  **SB 144, relative to child care scholarships; SB 446, establishing a child care workforce fund and grant program.** Helps increase access to quality, affordable child-care by creating a grant program to grow workforce and creating a pilot-program modifying New Hampshire’s child care scholarship program to be enrollment-based, rather than attendance-based.
-  **SB 407, relative to expanding Medicaid to include certain postpartum health care services.** Supports young families, childhood development by expanding New Hampshire’s Medicaid program to cover postpartum services for new mothers.
-  **SB 453, relative to statewide pre-kindergarten funding.** Supports children, working families by requiring public school districts to provide pre-kindergarten programs.
-  **SB 326, relative to establishing an office of early childhood.** Reinforces New Hampshire’s Birth – 8 system for children and families by strengthening statewide infrastructure and coordination.

HEALTH

-  **HB 103, establishing a dental benefit under the state Medicaid program.** Supports the health of Granite Staters by extending the state’s Medicaid program to cover dental services for individuals in need.
-  **SB 399, repealing the fetal health protection act; SB 434, relative to access to abortion care.** Support reproductive health by repealing New Hampshire’s 24-week abortion ban and invasive ultrasound mandate.
-  **HB 1028, relative to the form of individual health insurance policies.** Diminishes quality and affordability of health care by allowing unlimited renewals of short-term, low coverage insurance plans.
-  **HB 1526, relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance.** Increases access to health care by expanding income limits for participation in New Hampshire’s “In & Out” Medical Assistance” program, which supports certain individuals in need.

EQUITY & ADVOCACY

-  **SB 304, relative to discrimination in public workplaces and education.** Supports needed discussion about diversity, equity and inclusion by repealing ban on teaching of so-called divisive concepts, including race and gender.
-  **HB 1313, relative to rights to freedom from discrimination in higher education.** Prevents important discussion about diversity, equity and inclusion by extending state’s “divisive concepts” ban to public colleges and universities.
-  **HB 1014, allowing public meetings to be conducted virtually.** This would give the public a stronger voice in the policy-making process, allowing them to testify and participate remotely in public proceedings.

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