

# 20 POLICY 20 PRIORITIES



The NH Children's Behavioral Health Project envisions a Granite State where children and their families have appropriate, effective, diverse, and integrated behavioral health services that they can access when and where they need them. During this 2020 legislative session, the CBHC will advocate for and support needed legislation to help reach that vision.



## **Improved System of Care**

Our youth need a connected and coordinated system of supports and services to get the appropriate resources to support children's behavioral health needs. NH currently has a System of Care law (135-F) that needs to be strengthened to best support our children.

## **10-Year Mental Health Plan**

NH has put together a plan to improve NH's mental health system. For the first time, children are included in the plan. Ensuring that children have access to comprehensive home and community-based supports and services is a high priority to keep our youth safe and well-supported.

## **School Discipline Reform**

It is important that all New Hampshire students remain in school to increase their likelihood of graduation and other favorable outcomes. Modifying our current but outdated discipline and expulsion policies, will make sure our most vulnerable students have access to a free and appropriate public education.

## **School Prevention Framework**

It is important we ensure NH youth get the social, emotional, and behavioral support they need. This can be achieved by providing assistance to school districts to implement Multi-Tiered System of Supports for Behavioral Health and Wellness (MTSS-B). This evidence-based prevention framework supports our youth and helps improve school culture.