

2018



NH Children's
Behavioral Health
Collaborative

Creating a better future for all

POLICY SUMMARY

The NH Children's Behavioral Health Collaborative (CBHC) envisions Granite State children and their families have appropriate, effective, diverse, and integrated behavioral health services that they can access when and where they need them. During the 2018 legislative session, the CBHC advocated for and successfully supported legislation which will help New Hampshire reach that vision.

HB 1341 | HB 1532 MEDICAL ACCESS FOR
HB 1560 | SB 331 TRANSGENDER YOUTH
CBHC OPPOSED | BILLS FAILED

These bills jeopardized access to medically necessary treatment options for children & youth and took away the ability for families and medical professionals to use supportive and gender-affirming treatment.

HB 1275 MINORS' PLACEMENT AT
THE SUNUNU CENTER
CBHC OPPOSED | BILL FAILED

HB 1275 would have created a procedure for youth who were revived with naloxone to be referred for treatment at the Sununu Youth Services Center, which is only appropriate for a certain level of care. A young person's level of care should be assessed by appropriate providers.

SB 313 MEDICAID EXPANSION
REAUTHORIZATION
CBHC SUPPORTED | BILL PASSED

This bill reauthorized NH's Medicaid Expansion program, which provides health care to over 50,000 Granite Staters and is an important program to reach eligible but uninsured children. The CBHC was part of a large coalition which worked to pass SB 313.

HB 1743 SUNUNU YOUTH
SERVICES CENTER
CBHC SUPPORTED | BILL PASSED

A provision in this bill took away any possibility that funds from New Hampshire's Alcohol Fund be diverted to operating costs at the Sununu Youth Services Center. It is widely-recognized that community-based treatment programs are a more effective response for youth with behavioral health needs.

HB 1319 PREVENTING TRANSGENDER DISCRIMINATION

CBHC SUPPORTED | BILL PASSED

The bill prohibits discrimination based on gender identity. The CBHC joined a large coalition of advocates to support and pass HB 1319.

SB 487 STATE SUD SERVICES PROGRAM

CBHC SUPPORTED | BILL PASSED

This bill establishes a state substance use disorder treatment services program and modifies license requirement to help increase access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

HB 1217 SCHOOL NURSE CERTIFICATION

CBHC OPPOSED | BILL FAILED

HB 1217 would have repealed the necessity that school nurses be professional nurses certified by the state board of education. School nurses provide critical behavioral health supports to children.

HB 1369 LIMITING EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

CBHC OPPOSED | BILL FAILED

This bill would have limited educational assessments to skills and knowledge, taking away professionals' ability to properly assess children's behavioral health in schools.

SB 480 | SB 584 ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY

CBHC OPPOSED | BILL FAILED

These bills would have removed potentially medically-necessary and life-saving treatment options for children and youth. Families and medical professionals should have the ability to use individualized treatment approaches.

SB 431 NON-ACADEMIC SURVEYS

CBHC SUPPORTED | BILL FAILED

This bill would have prevented the obstruction of children's behavioral health programs in schools from gathering critical information and reporting on outcomes to comply with federal grants.

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