



**1** in **5** New Hampshire children & young adults lives with a behavioral health challenge, which affects their daily lives and impacts their futures.

**New Hampshire is struggling with ongoing substance misuse, mental health, and child protection crises, all of which are drastically impacting our children.**

**The lasting impacts of trauma cannot be understated. As we continue to allow these crises to devastate our kids, we are putting them at further risk for developing behavioral health challenges.**

## **2019 POLICY PRIORITIES**

We can all make a difference by coordinating care and increasing supports, building on the strengths of children, youth, and their families. Together, we must continue to transform the behavioral health system. Policies that support all kids are critical to keep the Granite State healthy and prosperous.

### **Mobile Crisis Response and Stabilization Services**

Currently, children in a behavioral health crisis have limited options for support: law enforcement or emergency departments. Neither are equipped to provide appropriate care. Mobile Crisis Response and Stabilization Services provide timely care to effectively respond to children's unique psychiatric needs in their own communities.

### **Improvements to the System of Care**

Our youth need a connected and coordinated system of supports and services working together to get the right resources to them when and where they need them. NH currently has a System of Care law on the books that needs continued support & resources to best help our kids.

### **School Prevention Framework**

NH currently has an evidence-based prevention framework to support behavioral health needs in schools known as multi-tiered systems of supports (MTSS-B). Ensuring access to MTSS-B across the state will give all children what they need, while also supporting teachers and schools.

### **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 kids safe and well-supported.