

What is the New Hampshire Child Advocacy Network?

NH CAN is a statewide, nonpartisan network of child-serving organizations working to improve the health and well-being of New Hampshire's children by driving governmental policy, changing budget priorities, and inspiring community action. NH CAN is a project of the Children's Alliance of New Hampshire.

What is the Children's Summit?

Each year, NH CAN develops a collective set of *Priorities for New Hampshire's Children* in four issue areas: child safety and protection, family economic security, education, and health. It is a child-centered plan of action for the legislature, state leaders, state agencies, social service providers, schools, communities and families.

The annual Children's Summit is a chance for the NH CAN partners to learn more about the *Priorities*, to debate current issues, to develop advocacy skills, and to vote on the lead issues for the *2008 Priorities for New Hampshire's Children*.

NH CAN Membership

NH CAN welcomes grassroots organizations, child-serving agencies, professional membership groups, local coalitions, schools, and any other organizations that seek to improve the health and well-being of our state's children.

Partners may submit action steps for the annual *Priorities*, attend and vote at workgroups and the Children's Summit, nominate representatives to the NH CAN Steering Committee, and attend special trainings and workshops at low or no cost.

In the spring of 2006, the NH CAN Steering Committee launched the First Annual Membership drive in its effort to move NH CAN from a grant-funded organization to a self-sustaining partnership. For more information on the membership drive, please contact the NH CAN Coordinator, Destie Hohman Sprague, at 225-2264.

Summit Schedule

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| 8:30 a.m. | Registration opens |
| 9:00 a.m. | Welcome and plan of action |
| 9:30 a.m. | Presentation of Action Steps |
| 11:30 a.m. | Voting on lead <i>2008 Priorities</i> |
| 11:45 a.m. | Lunch |
| 12:30 p.m. | Keynote Speaker Bill Bentley |
| 1:30 p.m. | Professional Dev. Workshops |

Keynote Speaker Bill Bentley, President, Voices for America's Children

Bill Bentley is an exceptional leader with skills honed in non-profit, government and private sector experience. Bill joined Voices after serving as the Executive Vice President & COO of the Points of Light Foundation, a premier national organization promoting community service throughout the country. Bill has also been a leader at the Corporation for National and Community Service, at the Florida Network of Youth and Family Services, and has served in state government.

Workshop: Electoral Advocacy: Focusing on families through the election cycle

With a two-year legislative cycle, it's always election season in New Hampshire. This panel of experts will help you understand how to turn up the volume on kids and families during the election cycle through bird-dogging, candidate education, volunteer recruitment, voter guides, and getting on board with issue-based campaigns, even if this is the first time you've considered getting involved in electoral advocacy.

Workshop: Using Data for Community Change

We've all seen the annual Kids Count data book, but how many of us are using this product effectively to make change? Our panel will walk you through the numbers and data resources from Kids Count to the online Census Bureau information, then show you how to use them, whether it's for grant-writing, board education, community outreach, priority-setting, or supporting public policy. Good data can make or break your efforts, and packaging it right can mean all the difference to your work.

How do I register?

The Tenth Annual Children's Summit is open to all representatives from NH CAN partner organizations whose membership is current. Each partner organization may designate one representative to cast the organization's vote. Those who have not paid dues for the 2007-08 membership year may attend the Summit as NH CAN guests, but will not be able to cast a vote for lead *Priorities*.

The Summit is also open to representatives from NH State agencies and members of the NH General Court, all of whom are invited to become NH CAN Advisors. As Advisors, they are eligible to cast votes at the NH CAN workshops and annual Children's Summit.

For more information on becoming a NH CAN partner or advisor, or to ensure that your organization's membership is up to date, please contact the NH CAN Coordinator, Destie Hohman Sprague, at dsprague@childrennh.org, or at 225-2264.

NH CAN Partners or Advisors: \$35/pp

NH CAN Guests (non-members): \$50/pp

**Registration Deadline:
October 5**

A \$10 processing fee will be applied to registrations received after October 5.

To thank our NH legislators for their tireless service to the state, members of the General Court may register at the rate of \$25/pp.

Send this form and your payment to:

NH CAN
c/o Children's Alliance of NH
2 Greenwood Avenue
Concord, NH 03301

Or fax to: (603) 225-8264

Please complete other side →



Yes, I will attend the Tenth Annual Children's Summit!

NH CAN Partner or Advisor Organization:

Address: _____

City/town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Summit Attendees:

Please attach another sheet to register additional members of your organization.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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Summit Voting Representative:

Each NH CAN partner may designate only one person as a voting representative.

Please indicate your organization's voting representative:

Total enclosed registration fee: _____

Please see other side for more information.

Checks may be made payable to NH CAN.

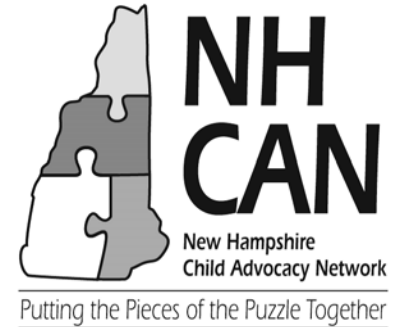
The New Hampshire Child Advocacy Network Core Principles:

- ◆ Every child in New Hampshire should have a meaningful opportunity to develop to his or her full potential.
- ◆ Parents, families, communities, all levels of government, and the business sector have a shared obligation to assure this meaningful opportunity for all children.
- ◆ Supporting children means supporting families.
- ◆ Prevention is the most effective intervention.
- ◆ Any and all interventions must respect diverse racial, cultural and economic differences.



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