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Children's Alliance of New Hampshire
Two Delta Drive
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Friends,

I want to thank the New Hampshire Children's Alliance for the critical role it plays in improving the lives of New Hampshire children and families, and in helping to ensure we provide our children with the best quality of life possible. This report serves as a critical tool for policy makers as we grapple with the many challenges facing our state's citizens.

As Governor, and now United States Senator, it has been my privilege to work with so many education, non-profit, business and civic leaders across our state to support children. By working together, we have been able to create the building blocks we have in place today to support our children, such as public kindergarten and NH Healthy Kids.

Because of the efforts of so many, New Hampshire is consistently rated as one of the best states in which to raise children. As a mother and grandmother, I appreciate the great resources our state offers families, but I am also keenly aware of the work that needs to be done.

I will continue to stand with you to support and strengthen programs that improve the lives of New Hampshire's children.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
U.S. Senator