

Proposed Solution

For this reason, we propose returning the changed policies back to where they were at the start of New Hampshire's last fiscal year which began in July 2009 to bolster our state's current prosperity and secure our future.

1. Return needed child care assistance to the February 2010 realistic level so working families can work;
2. Eliminate the newly-established waiting list for child care assistance; and
3. Restore the Strengthening Families, Licensed Plus and Accredited programs stipends to increase access for New Hampshire's working families to safe and reliable programs of good quality.

Call to Action

NH CAN Partners need to educate state leaders about the importance of access to good quality child care programs and to demonstrate the broad support these measures have. Partners will be asked to contact local legislators, to testify or to mobilize parents, early childhood educators and other concerned community members to take action.

Find out More

Early Learning New Hampshire (ELNH) is the NH CAN partner for this Priority. ELNH is a non-profit organization committed to ensuring that all New Hampshire children have the opportunity to reach their full potential by expanding access to affordable quality child care and early education, supporting the child care industry, building public-private partnerships, and helping families balance work and family. For more information regarding this *2011 NH CAN Priority* contact Katie Brissette at kbrissette@earlylearningnh.org or Jackie Cowell at jcowell@earlylearningnh.org.

Children's Alliance of New Hampshire - Download copies of the complete *Priorities for New Hampshire's Children*, additional fact sheets, and information about the New Hampshire Child Advocacy Network (NH CAN) at the Children's Alliance website, www.childrennh.org. You can also track the progress of all the Priorities-related bills.