

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 Ellen Fineberg Efineberg@ChildrenNH.org or 225-2264.

Summit Schedule

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 *2009 Priorities*
11:45 a.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker
1:30 p.m. Professional Dev. Workshops

The planning of the Children's Summit is underway. It will feature a keynote speaker and two professional workshops – all of which are to be announced in the near future.

Keynote Speaker TBA

Workshop: TBA

How do I register?

If you would like to register early:

The Eleventh 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 2008-09 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 Partners or Advisors: \$35/pp

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

**Registration Deadline:
November 21**

A \$10 processing fee will be applied to registrations received after November 21.

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
103 North State Street
Concord, NH 03301

Please complete other side →



Yes, I will attend the
Eleventh 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: _____

Name: _____

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Name: _____

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Phone: _____

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 Children's
Alliance of New Hampshire.*

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**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.