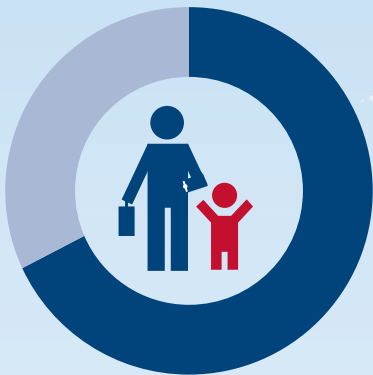


DID YOU KNOW?



1 in 8 Children in New Hampshire lives in poverty



67%

NH children under the age of 6 have all available parents in the labor force.

COST OF CHILD CARE

\$788/mo for toddlers

\$984/mo for infants

NH children were confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in 2014.



646

46%

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12,000

New Hampshire children were without health insurance in 2015.

85,055

New Hampshire children were enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP in 2013.

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In New Hampshire

OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

When every child gets a fair shot at success, America's families, communities and the economy as a whole will benefit. Lifting children from poverty and removing discrimination or other barriers to development and achievement are a key government function. As noted by eminent political scientist Robert Putnam, the denial of equal opportunity is a dagger to the heart of the American Dream. ***One in eight New Hampshire children lives in poverty, and the gap continues to grow.***

WORKING FAMILIES

Working and having a family shouldn't be so hard. Paid sick and family medical leave, access to affordable childcare and better incomes can help provide the economic security and flexibility that parents need to build their careers and support their families. Sixty-seven percent of children under the age of six have all available parents in the labor force, ***and in New Hampshire child care in a center costs about \$984 per month for infants and \$788 per month for toddlers and young children.***

EDUCATION

We believe all kids should have access to high quality schools regardless of their parents' income and whether they live in urban, rural or suburban areas. For early childhood and higher education, let's level the playing field. To educate the next generation of leaders and innovators, early childhood education and college affordability must be priorities. ***46% of New Hampshire's 3- and 4-year-olds did not attend a preschool program from 2011-2013. A year of tuition at the University of New Hampshire costs \$16,986. Add room, board, books, and incidentals and the yearly total is \$28,000+. The maximum Pell Grant award covers only \$5,775.***

SAFE CHILDREN

All children need a safe environment at home, in school and in their neighborhoods. Preventing child abuse and neglect and child deaths from maltreatment, as well as minimizing the gun violence that is a leading killer of children and teens, should be top priorities. ***In New Hampshire, 646 children were confirmed victims of abuse and neglect in 2014.***

HEALTHY CHILDREN

No child should be denied health care. While the State Children's Health Insurance Program (**SCHIP**) and the recently enacted comprehensive health reform bill will ensure that most children and youth receive timely and comprehensive medical attention, we must continue to advance policies that preserve and enhance this progress. ***12,000 New Hampshire children were without health insurance in 2014, and 85,055 New Hampshire children were enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP in 2013.***