



2022 Legislative Agenda

The 2022 Children's Action Alliance legislative agenda works to assure the community conditions necessary to allow all Arizona families to have equitable access to high-quality education, health care, child well-being, services, and employment. We strive to live in an Arizona where all children and families thrive.



Early Childhood

- Secure state general fund investment in child care assistance
- Expand eligibility for child care assistance to job seekers, full time students
- Increase Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) provider rates
- Secure state investment in Healthy Families home visitation program
- Fight any use of state funds for online preschool programs



Education

- Prevent a \$1.2 billion cut to public schools by authorizing an annual exemption to the K-12 expenditure cap for this school year by March 1
- Refer a measure to the ballot to update or eliminate the outdated K-12 expenditure cap
- Expand access to affordable, higher education and prevent increases in student debt
- Reduce inequities in school funding



Family Health

- Extend postpartum Medicaid coverage to 12 months (currently 60 days)
- Comprehensive adult dental coverage through Medicaid (currently emergency only for most adult populations, and capped at \$1000 annually)
- Streamline Young Adult Transitional Insurance (YATI) re-enrollment for former foster youth

Children's Health

- Waive the Medicaid five-year residency requirement for otherwise eligible pregnant people and kids who are lawfully present immigrants AND reimburse for their care at a higher rate.
- Provide 12-month continuous enrollment for children participating in Medicaid or KidsCare (cover them for 12 months without having to renew, even if family income changes)
- Get rid of the 3-month wait period for KidsCare enrollment



Child Welfare & Juvenile Justice

- Bring kinship care stipend to parity with foster care supports
- Reduce barriers to licensure for foster care and kinship care providers
- Increase the independent living subsidy provided to youth in extended foster care
- Reduce or eliminate juvenile court fines and fees



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