

# 2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



## Keeping Children and Families Healthy

- **ACCESS TO CARE:** Protecting AHCCCS and KidsCare, which provide needed health care services for Arizonans, especially children, people with disabilities, and seniors. Reductions in AHCCCS coverage will destabilize the health care system and cause a significant cost shift to local employers and small businesses.
- **ORAL HEALTH:** Support overall health by expanding adult dental coverage to include preventative services. This is especially important during pregnancy, as oral health disease is associated with pre-term and low-birth-weight births.



## Increasing Access to Child Care

- **AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE:** Expand quality options for children by supporting investments that make child care affordable for families.
- **ACCESSIBLE CHILD CARE:** Increase the number of quality child care facilities in rural and underserved communities by investing in child care construction projects.
- **CHILD CARE WORKFORCE:** Address the shortage of early care educators by making them categorically eligible and waitlist exempt for child care assistance.



## Supporting the Well-Being of Children and Families

- **PREVENTION:** Support the economic well-being of families to avoid crisis.
- **NUTURING HOMES, NOT INSTITUTIONS:** Support the safety of children in foster care by committing to placement with families, not institutions, especially for young children.
- **YOUTH WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED FOSTER CARE:** Strengthen the stability of youth who transition out of foster care by funding supportive aftercare services.
- **GRANDPARENTS AND KINSHIP CAREGIVERS:** Restore child-only TANF for children living with kin outside of the foster care system.