

Coalition Meeting

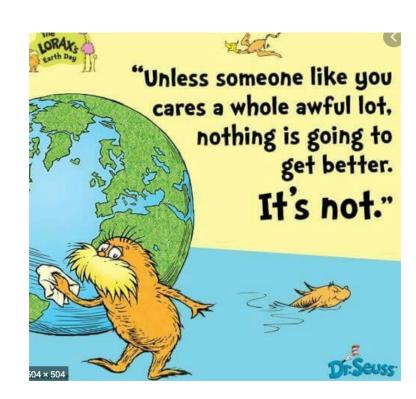
January 13, 2021



Goals for the Webinar

- Breaking New/Latest Updates
- Legislative Session Preview
- Showcase the 2021 policy agenda for the NC Early Education Coalition
- Advocacy Opportunities

- Polling
- Small Group Discussions





Message of Hope from Elliott



"There's a light at the end of the tunnel!"

What's your hope for 2021?





Early Childhood Education Breaking News

Child Care Priority to Get COVID-19 Vaccines

Child
 Care
 Workers
 are in
 Group
 1B for
 vaccines

Health care workers fighting COVID-19 & Long-Term Care staff and residents.

- Health care workers caring for and working directly with patients with COVID-19, including staff responsible for cleaning and maintenance in those areas
- Health care workers administering vaccine
- Long-term care staff and residents—people in skilled nursing facilities and in adult, family and group homes

Adults 75 years or older and frontline essential workers.

There is not enough vaccine for everyone in this phase to be vaccinated at the same time. Vaccinations will be available to groups in the following order.

- Group 1: Anyone 75 years or older, regardless of health status or living situation
- Group 2: Health care workers and frontline essential workers 50 years or older*
- Group 3: Health care workers and frontline essential workers of any age
- * The CDC defines frontline essential workers as first responders (e.g., firefighters and police officers), corrections officers, food and agricultural workers, U.S. Postal Service workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, and those who work in the education sector (teachers and support staff members) as well as child care workers

Adults at high risk for exposure and at increased risk of severe illness.

Vaccinations will happen by group in the following order:

- Group 1: Anyone 65-74 years old, regardless of health status or living situation
- Group 2: Anyone 16-64 years old with high-risk medical conditions that increase risk of severe disease from COVID-19 such as cancer, COPD, serious heart conditions, sickle cell disease, Type 2 diabetes, among others, regardless of living situation
- Group 3: Anyone who is incarcerated or living in other close group living settings who is not already vaccinated due to age, medical condition or job function
- Group 4: Essential workers not yet vaccinated*
- * The CDC defines these as workers in transportation and logistics, water and wastewater, food service, shelter and housing (e.g., construction), finance (e.g., bank tellers), information technology and communications, energy, legal, media, and public safety (e.g., engineers), and public health workers

Students

Everyone who wants a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination.

- College and university students
- K-12 students age 16 and over. Younger children will only be vaccinated when the vaccine is approved for them



For more information: YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov



New Federal COVID Funding!

FY2021 Consolidated Appropriations and COVID Relief Act (P.L. 116-260) Support for Individual, Families, Communities and Small Businesses

Child Care: \$10 B, NC will receive \$338 Million through CCDBG

Head Start: \$250 M

• Unemployment Insurance: \$300 per week supplement Dec. 26, 2020 to March 13, 2021

• Individual Direct Payments: \$600 for individuals up to \$75,000 and \$1200 for couples up to \$150,000

• Paid Leave Credit: Extends use of previous credit through 3/31/21

Small Business Assistance: Paycheck Protection Program – forgivable loans – through March 2021

Emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)

Housing Assistance: Emergency Rental Assistance

Broad Band: Includes Emergency Broadband Connective Fund to help to low-income

families access broad band

Summary from Partners:

NC Early Childhood Foundation: https://buildthefoundation.org/2021/01/what-does-the-new-federal-coronavirus-relief-bill-mean-for-early-childhood/



Federal Child Care COVID Funding

- NC will receive \$338.7 million of \$10 billion in federal bill
- Purposes:
 - Support the child care market
 - Support working families who depend on child care
- Coalition Priorities
 - Bonus Pay/Hazard Pay for Teachers and Staff
 - Child Care Assistance for Working Families, priority for waitlist families
 - Operating Grants for Child Care Programs
 - Better Child Care Subsidy Reimbursement Rates statewide floor for all counties

See Handout

- Share your opinion in chat
- Tell us your top priorities in the poll



2021 Legislative Session Preview



2021 Legislative Session Preview

- Session Starts Today! January 13, 2021
- Long Session
- Divided Government Continues
 - Governor Roy Cooper (D)
 - NCGA Republican majority in both House and Senate
 - Who will be the early childhood champions?
- Key Issues
 - COVID-19 Congressional Funding
 - Medicaid expansion?
 - Budget crisis looming impact on the 2021/22 budget?
 - Leandro Court Order State Plan Implementation?

NC Early Education Coalition Activities

- Reach out to all legislators
- Legislative briefing on ECE and Think Babies priorities
- New toolkit for 2021
- New lobbying team

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NCGA Leadership - Senate

SENATE	
President of the Senate	Mark Robinson
President Pro Tempore	Phil Berger
Majority Leader	Kathy Harrington
Majority Whip	Jim Perry
Joint Majority Caucus Leader	Norman Sanderson
Minority Leader	Dan Blue
Minority Whip	Jay Chaudhuri
Minority Caucus Secretary	Ben Clark



NCGA Leadership - House

HOUSE	
Speaker	Tim Moore
Speaker Pro Tempore	Sarah Stevens
Majority Leader	John Bell
Deputy Majority Leader	Brenden Jones
Minority Leader	Robert T. Reives



Leadership Appointments – HHS Appropriations

Senate

- Sens. Joyce Krawiec (chair)
- Jim Burgin (chair)
- Jim Perry (chair)
- Members:
 - Deanna Ballard,
 - Steve Jarvis,
 - Paul Lowe,
 - Natalie Murdock,
 - Gladys Robinson and
 - Joyce Waddell

House

- Reps. Larry Potts (chair)
- Wayne Sasser (chair)
- Donna White (chair)
- Kristin Baker
- Members:



Legislative Appointments Senate Health Committee

- Sens. Joyce Krawiec (chair),
- Jim Burgin (chair),
- Jim Perry (chair),
- Members:
 - Deanna Ballard, Lisa Stone Barnes, Danny Earl Britt Jr., Ralph Hise, Steve Jarvis, Todd Johnson, Michael Lee, Sarah Crawford, Don Davis, Mujtaba Mohammed, Gladys Robinson, and Mike Woodard



NC General Assembly New Members

*See Handout

House

HD 3 (Craven) – Steve Tyson, R

HD 7 (Franklin, Nash) - Matthew Winslow, R

HD 9 (Pitt) – Brian Farkas, D

HD 19 (New Hanover, Brunswick) - Charlie Miller, R

HD 24 (Wilson) – Linda Cooper-Suggs, D (appointed 7/27/20, won reelection)

HD 37 (Wake) – Erin Pare, R

HD 38 (Wake) – Abe Jones, D

HD 43 (Cumberland) – Diane Wheatley, R

HD 53 (Harnett) – Howard Penny, Jr., R (appointed 9/8/20, won reelection)

HD 63 (Alamance) – Ricky Hurtado, D

HD 66 (Richmond, Montgomery, Stanly) – Ben Moss, R

HD 68 (Union) - David Willis, R

HD 72 (Forsyth) – Amber Baker, D

HD 74 (Forsyth) – Jeff Zenger, R

HD 80 (Davidson) - Sam Watford, R

HD 85 (Avery, Mitchell, McDowell) - Dudley Greene, R

HD 92 (Mecklenburg) - Terry Brown, D

HD 93 (Ashe, Watauga) – Ray Pickett, R

HD 95 (Iredell) – Grey Mills, R

HD 98 (Mecklenburg) – John R. Bradford III, R

HD 117 (Henderson) – Timothy Moffitt, R

HD 118 (Haywood, Madison, Yancey) – Mark Pless, R

HD 119 (Swain, Jackson, Haywood) – Mike Clampitt, R

HD 120 (Cherokee, Macon, Clay, Graham) – Karl Gillespie, R

Senate

SD 3 (Vance, Warren, Northampton, Bertie, Martin, Beaufort) – Ernestine Byrd Bazemore, D

SD 6 (Jones, Onslow) - Michael Lazzarra, R

SD 9 (New Hanover) - Michael Lee, R

SD 11 (Johnston, Nash) – Lisa Stone Barnes, R

SD 18 (Franklin, Wake) – Sarah Crawford, D

SD 24 (Alamance, Guilford) – Amy Galey, R

SD 26 (Guilford, Randolph) – Dave Craven, R (appointed 7/17/20, won reelection)

SD 29 (Montgomery, Davidson) – Steve Jarvis, R

SD 39 (Mecklenburg) – DeAndrea Salvador, D

SD 42 (Catawba, Alexander) – Dean Proctor, R (appointed 8/10/20, won reelection)

SD 49 (Buncombe) - Julie Mayfield, D

SD 50 (Cherokee, Clay, Macon, Jackson, Haywood, Swain, Graham) – Kevin Corbin, R





2021 Policy Agenda



NC Early Education Coalition Policy Priorities



Top Line – Child Care is Essential!

- Maintain current level funding for all early childhood programs!
 - Smart Start, NC Pre-K, Child Care Subsidies
- Expand policy and funding for key priorities
- COVID Child Care Funding stabilize and sustain the child





Advocacy



What Can You Do Now?

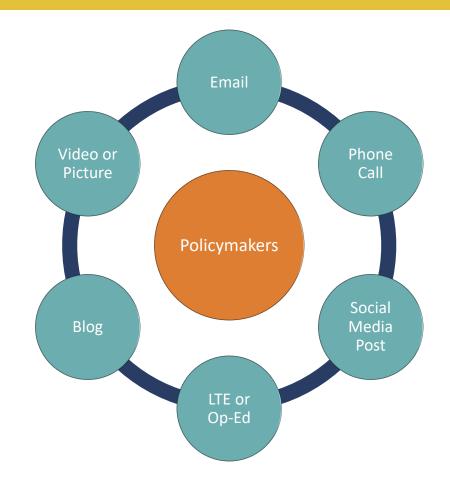
- Get to know your legislators!
 - Campaign websites
 - Social media
 - Subscribe to emails and newsletters
- Build a relationship
 - Introduce yourself (new sample email template available)
 - Share resources
 - Turn them into champions for children and families
 - Use our toolkits to help:
 - ncearlyeducationcoalition.org/resources





Keep the Momentum Going

- Share your story! Tell policymakers what is happening on the ground in your community
 - Social media
 - Videos and pictures
 - Letter to the Editor, Op-Ed, blog, newsletter
 - Share it with us on our **Action Center**
 - Use our toolkits and let us know how we can help!



Thank you!

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