

What early childhood issues should be addressed during the next legislative session?

- Licensure for Pre-K
- Pre-K (3)
- Oral Health (3)
- Health consultant nursing services for early care and school age children (4)
- Development for early care and education (5)
- Sustainable/equitable programs for early childcare (2)
- After school programs
 - Age appropriate
 - Culturally appropriate
 - Accessible
- Childcare issues
 - Address salary and benefits
 - View as a profession
- Address youth leaving the state
- Poverty issues
- Living wages
- Rural service incentives
- Funding for Visitation Centers
- QRIS – parent choice and education (3)
 - How to talk about it
 - Recruitment, retention and reinforcement
- Funding for parental leave for parents
- Medicaid waiver for all children with autism (2)
- Continued funding for the Healthy Families program
- Childcare license on-line
- Address childcare shortage issue (3)
- Newborn hearing screening
- Early intervention funding
- Medical home

- Tax incentives for childcare providers
- Funding for respite care and diapers
- Education and special education
- Facilities for childcare
 - Address the access issue
 - Quality
- Waiting list for Head Start and Pre-K
- Funding assistance for childcare providers to obtain 4-year degrees
- Childcare in rural communities
- Integrated Pre-K
- Secure dollars for accreditation
- High quality standards for funding linked to Pre-K
- Pilot project modeled after the military system
- Dollars for facility upgrades
- Include Native American issues

What legislative activity would you like to see happen during the next legislative session?

- Policy makers understand early childhood and health
- Groups prioritizing issues and collaborating
- Decrease silos – link with others
- Support Northern Tier GF Summit
- Build state and local advocates
- Dedicate funds for a foundation for children
- Dollars for Youth Works site
- Unified voice to send a united message
- More bi-partisan support
- More public awareness events
- Submit bills
 - Determine role for HNDECA

- Children's Caucus – weekly communication
- Expand trust fund (designate to EC)
- Establish board for early childhood at Governor's office (Children's Cabinet)
- Legislation for 1st time equity building
- Establish childcare R-zone
- Increase CCA subsidy
- Parent tax credits
- Business tax credits
- Fund childcare infrastructure
- Build on GF legislation
- Message:
 - Consumer choices
 - QRIS
 - Capacity building
 - Recruit and retain
- Podcast legislative messages (and interagency blog)
- Fund PRC
- Child development investment
 - Critical for next 20 years in ND
 - Group initiatives
 - Multi-faceted approach
 - Determine theme
 - Identify frame/message
 - Convene focus group of legislators
- Link to workforce development
 - Loss of workforce due to lack of childcare
- Build on GF legislation (2007)