2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Children’s Advocacy Alliance serves as an independent voice for Nevada’s children and families – dedicated to achieving public policy wins in the areas of child safety, health, and school readiness. We bring people together to identify issues and build consensus around solutions, leveraging our collective strength toward real changes in policy and practice.

Through this work, we have identified the following policy priorities for the 2021 Nevada Legislative Session.

**CHILDREN’S SAFETY**

- Revise Nevada’s Independent Living Programs for former foster youth to increase positive outcomes for youth and maximize available local, state, and federal resources by opting into the federal Title IV-E funded Extended Foster Care program and maintaining Nevada’s Voluntary Court Jurisdiction program. (Follow-up on AB 150 from the 80th Nevada Legislative Session) - BDR 502 will be introduced by the Interim Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice

**SCHOOL READINESS**

- Increase the state’s child care development fund contribution to maintain slots for Nevada’s child care subsidy and QRIS programs. (Budgetary Ask - Budget 3267)

**CHILDREN’S HEALTH**

- Establish 12-month continuous eligibility for children on Medicaid. (Follow-up on SB198 from the last session) (BDR 56 sponsored by Senator Scheible)

- AB189 Expand Medicaid presumptive eligibility (PE) for pregnant women to receive early prenatal care by expanding the pool of providers allowed to process PE claims. (BDR 452 sponsored by the Interim Committee on Health Care)

- Expand Medicaid coverage to include 12-month eligibility for post-partum care. (BDR 452 sponsored by the Interim Committee on Health Care)

- Eliminate the 5-year wait-period for lawfully residing pregnant women to be eligible for Medicaid. (BDR 452 sponsored by the Interim Committee on Health Care)

- AB191 Require Medicaid to reimburse the services of Community Health Workers who provide services under the supervision of a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse.