

Welcome







Welcome and Overviews:

- The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
- The next three days
- Introductions
- Tour
- Dinner



Agenda

Opening Session

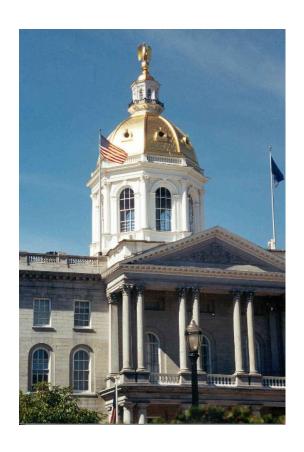
Thank you!



The National Conference of State Legislatures



- Bipartisan membership organization
 - All 50 states and the territories
 - 7,386 state legislators
 - All state legislative staff (30,000+)
- Goals:
 - To improve the quality & effectiveness of state legislatures
 - To promote policy innovation and communication among state legislatures
 - To ensure states a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system
- Research, education, technical assistance
- Voice of the states in the federal system



NCSL Leadership and Officers





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How NCSL Strengthens Legislatures





Policy Research

NCSL provides trusted, nonpartisan policy research and analysis



Connections

NCSL links legislators and staff with each other and with experts



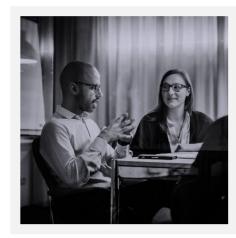
Training

NCSL delivers training tailored specifically for legislators and staff



State Voice in D.C.

NCSL represents and advocates on behalf of states on Capitol Hill



Meetings

NCSL meetings facilitate information exchange and policy discussions

Publications, Legislative Tracking Databases & Resources

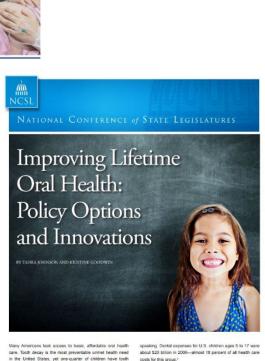












decay before they enter kindergarten and one-third of adults



NCSL State Liaisons



All state legislators and staff are encouraged to contact their assigned NCSL State Liaison for personal assistance. No matter what your question is about, your State Liaison will connect you with the information-or expert-you need quickly.



www.ncsl.org/stateliaisons

Visit the State Liaison map to find your personal contact.







The DC office works to:

- ensure state legislatures have a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system
- protect state sovereignty and flexibility
- fight against unfunded mandates and oppose unwarranted federal pre-emption of state authority.



NCSL is committed to the success of all legislators and staff.











Congress, the administration and U.S. Supreme Court



Report

Capitol to Capitol, committee newsletters, blogs, etc.



Connect

Federal agencies, coalitions, Big 7



Advocate

NCSL Policy Directives and Resolutions



- Budget and Revenue
- Communications, Financial Services and Interstate Commerce
- Education
- Health and Human Services
- Labor and Economic Development
- Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety
- Natural Resources and Infrastructure
- Redistricting and Elections



NCSL Standing Committees

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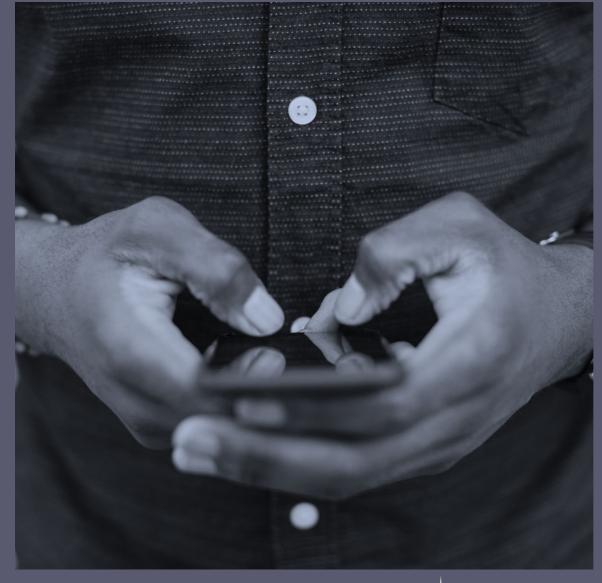
Lawrence,

LED Jon Jukuri, Deanna Ross, Emily Maher

NRI Kristen Hildreth, Megan Bland, Jennifer

Schultz

R&E Wendy Underhill, Ben Williams





HHS Committee-- jurisdiction





Wide array of topics related to health and children and families— primary health areas include:

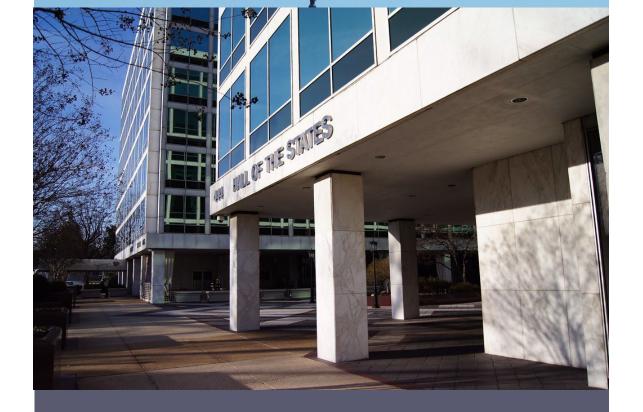
- behavioral health (opioid epidemic, 988, youth mental health, etc.)
- maternal and child health
- Medicaid/CHIP/Medicare
- prescription drugs
- public health
- supports to seniors and people with disabilities
- workforce issues

Shameless plug...



- As a member of the <u>HHS committee</u>, you will have the opportunity to:
 - Communicate your interests and share expertise to help identify issues to explore—either at NCSL meetings or webinars.
 - o **Participate** in committee-sponsored meetings and webinars
 - Serve as a speaker or moderator for committee programing.
 - Connect with colleagues from other states at NCSL events about state policy solutions and actions at the federal level.
 - Vote on committee policies by sharing the perspective of your chamber in committee discussions about state issues and to the
 development of state-federal policy positions. Voting is open to legislators only.
 - Receive timely alerts from NCSL about federal issues of concern to states and communicating about them to your own state's congressional delegation.
 - Participate in advocacy opportunities representing the committee's policy positions before federal agencies or Congress. More
 on advocacy opportunities can be found here.
 - Join NCSL at the <u>2023 NCSL Legislative Summit</u> in Indianapolis Aug. 14-16 to attend educational sessions, exchange ideas, network with colleagues and develop and vote on committee policy.











Lame Duck Lobbying Victories

COVID Funding Flexibility

One-year extension of TANF

Several Reauthorizations

2023 Priorities

Farm Bill Reauthorization

Immigration/Workforce

IIJA/IRA Implementation

Data Privacy

End of Public Health Emergency



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- Labor, Economic Development, Housing, Trade | Jon Jukuri, Deanna Ross
- Law, Criminal Justice, Public Safety, Immigration, Elections | Susan Frederick and Nicole Ezeh
- Natural Resources and Infrastructure | Kristen Hildreth, Megan Bland
- Communications Team | Mick Bullock, Uyen Vong, Bakara Johnson
- Autumn Rivera | Denver Education Program
- Heather Wilson | Denver Children and Families Program



The Faces of NCSL's D.C. Office





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State Roles in Health Policy

Purchaser

Access Broker

Regulator

Guardian of the Public's Health

Safety Net Provider

Educator

Kickoff Meeting Objectives



Build knowledge about health policy

Exchange ideas and solutions related to health policy

Meet and learn from legislators from other states

Connect with policy experts

Identify practical information and resources to use in your state

Have fun! ©

Ground Rules & Expectations

- Engage and participate
- Approach with open mind and assume best intentions
- Take advantage of each other, experts, NCSL and other resources
- Modified "Vegas rules"

Meeting Sessions



Friday, May 5

- Welcome, Overview, Introductions
- Novartis Tour
- Reception & Dinner

Saturday, May 6

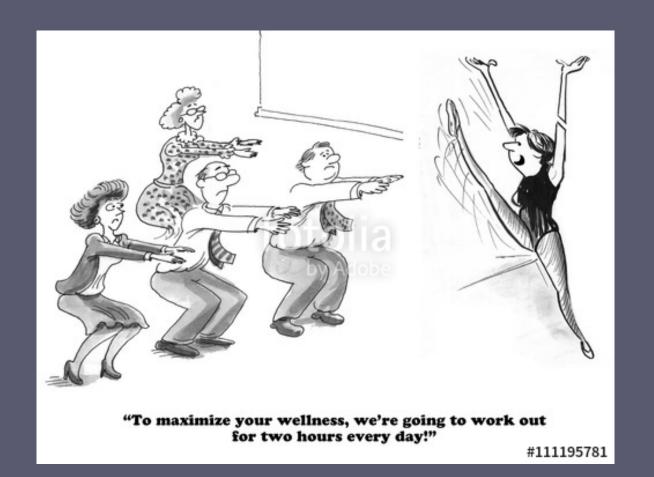
- Health Coverage
 - Medicaid
 - Private Insurance
- Maternal and Child Health
- Behavioral Health
- Hot Topics

Sunday, May 7

- Prescription Drugs
- Workforce

Take care of yourself!

- Exercise Opportunities
 - **■** Fitness center
 - Optional group walk tomorrow
- Healthy Food Options
 - Yes, we also have bacon
- □ Feel free to stand or stretch!
 - Breaks





Introduce Yourself! **Add map of states in attendance



- Name
- State
- What is one thing you hope to learn about?
- Fun Fact

Please keep your responses to ~1 minute in length.







Closed Toe Shoes

No Photos

Stay Connected

- <u>Learn</u> about NCSL training
- Subscribe to policy newsletters
- Read State Legislatures magazine
- Bookmark the NCSL Blog
- <u>Listen</u> to "Our American States" podcast
- Watch recorded policy webinars and training sessions
- Attend a meeting or training
- Follow @NCSLorg on social media

