

WHERE TO FIND LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY UPDATES

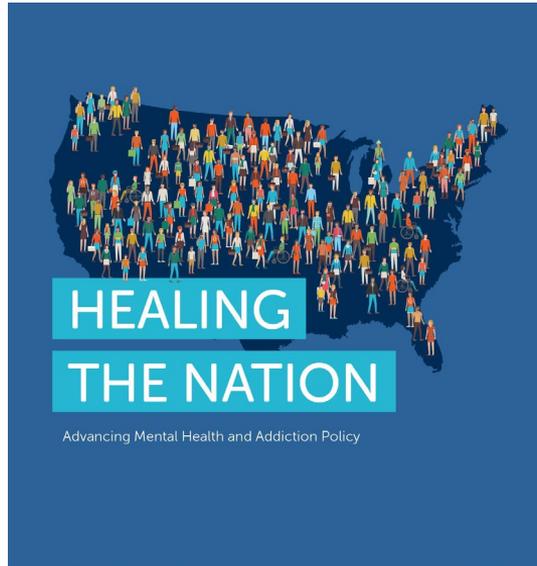


*National Federation of Families
for Children's Mental Health*

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ABHW



Advancing Health Care Policy
for Mental Health and Addiction

www.abhw.org/advocacy



American Academy of Pediatrics



DEDICATED TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHILDREN™

For Advocacy Issues



<https://services.aap.org/en/advocacy/>

State-Focused Advocacy



<https://services.aap.org/en/advocacy/state-advocacy/>



AMERICAN **BAR** ASSOCIATION

Center on Children
and the Law



The Center aims to improve children's lives through advances in law, justice, knowledge, practice and public policy.

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/child_law/



Campaign for Youth Justice - Raise the Age

www.campaignforyouthjustice.org



Get a national snapshot of current legislation being introduced that removes children from the adult system here: [Weekly Legislative Roundup](#).

Keep up with the latest here: [Federal News and Legislation](#).



State Budgets and Tax Issues
<https://www.cbpp.org/topics/state-budget-and-tax>

TANF in the States
<https://www.cbpp.org/topics/tanf-in-the-states>

Medicaid and CHIP
<https://www.cbpp.org/topics/medicaid-and-chip>

SNAP Basics
<https://www.cbpp.org/topics/snap-basics>



Child Trends is the nation's leading research organization focused exclusively on improving the lives of children and youth, especially those who are most vulnerable.

<https://www.childtrends.org/>



ChildFocus connects people, programs and policy to support non-profits, philanthropy and government as unrelenting champions for children, youth and families.

<https://www.childfocuspartners.com/>



children's
defense fund
Leave No Child Behind®

The Children's Defense Fund Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

<https://www.childrensdefense.org/activism/advocacy/speak-up/>



The Child Welfare League Of America (CWLA) is a powerful coalition of hundreds of private and public agencies that since 1920 has worked to serve children and families who are vulnerable. Their expertise, leadership and innovation on policies, programs, and practices help improve the lives of millions of children across the country.

<https://www.cwla.org/>

<https://familyfirstact.org/>



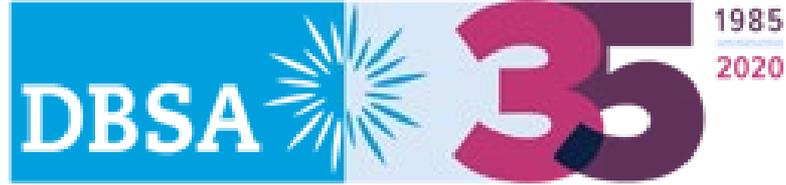
Kids involved with the child welfare system should grow up in safe, stable and secure families.

Take part in the historic reform of the child welfare system. Learn more at

[FamilyFirstAct.org](https://familyfirstact.org)

Kids should grow up in safe, stable and secure families who support their long-term well-being. Research makes clear — growing up in a family is essential for all kids, especially those who have experienced abuse or neglect. Family First is an opportunity moment that offers exciting possibilities for us to be responsive to the specific needs of children, teens and families.





**Depression and Bipolar
Support Alliance**

Building on a long history of championing personal advocacy, DBSA also advocates for placing peers at the forefront when determining needs and best practices for mental health services. They support both policy and media related advocacy at national and state levels, ensuring the needs and concerns of peers are front and center in policy, service delivery, and treatment decisions.

<https://www.dbsalliance.org/get-involved/advocacy-center/>



Families USA, a leading national, non-partisan voice for health care consumers, is dedicated to achieving high-quality, affordable health care and improved health for all. Their work is driven by and centered around four pillars: value, equity, coverage, and consumer experience. They view these focus areas - and the various issues unique to each area - as the cornerstones of America's health care system.

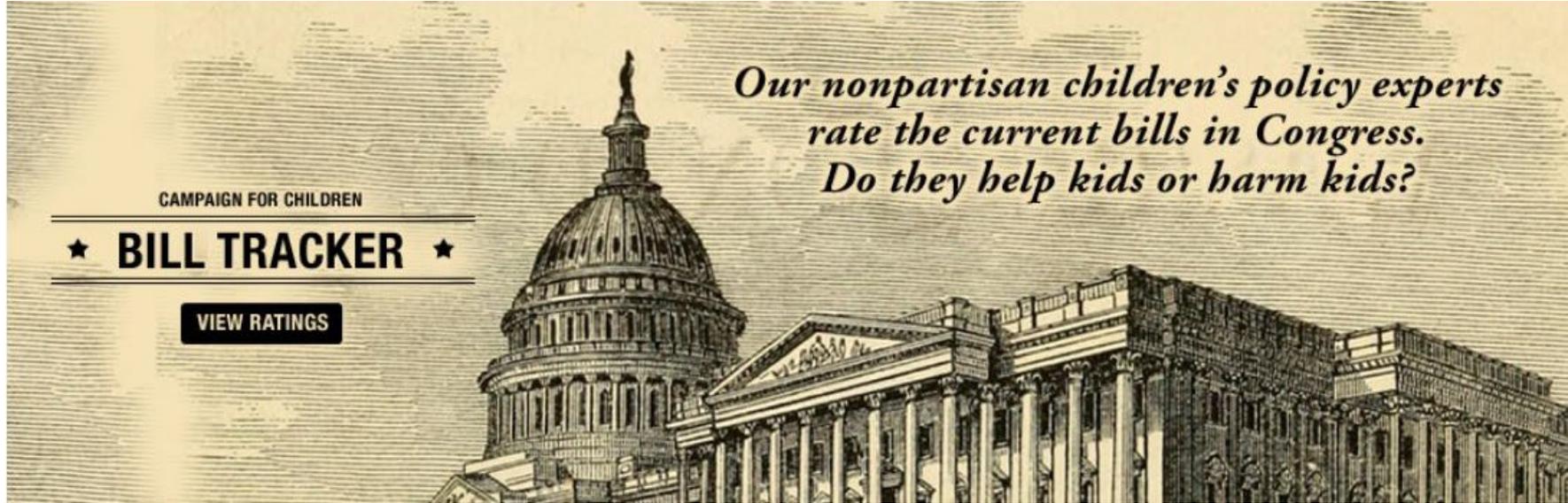
<https://familiesusa.org/act/>



Family Focused Treatment Association

In 1988, the Foster Family-based Treatment Association, now Family Focused Treatment Association, (FFTA) was founded to develop, promote and support treatment foster care. Over the years, they've grown to become the only national, nonprofit association representing treatment foster care programs across North America.

<https://www.fftta.org/page/Advocacy>



CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN

★ **BILL TRACKER** ★

VIEW RATINGS

*Our nonpartisan children's policy experts
rate the current bills in Congress.
Do they help kids or harm kids?*

The First Focus Campaign for Children is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization affiliated with First Focus, a bipartisan children's advocacy organization. The Campaign for Children advocates directly for legislative change in Congress to ensure children and families are a priority in federal policy and budget decisions.

<https://campaignforchildren.org/about-us/>

generations united®

Because we're stronger together®

Generations United believes that public policy should meet the needs of all generations and that resources are more wisely used when they connect generations rather than separate them. They promote an intergenerational approach to framing public policies that impact children, youth and older adult issues.

<https://www.gu.org/what-we-do/public-policy/>

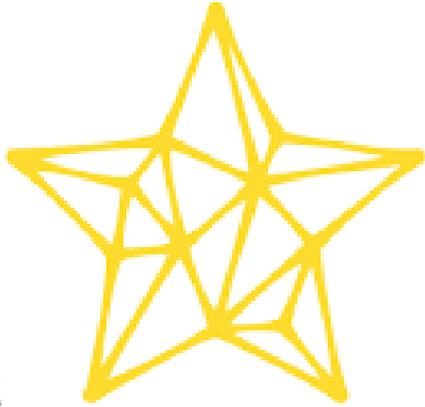
Juvenile Law Center

advancing the rights and
well-being of children in jeopardy

Juvenile Law Center advocates for rights, dignity, equity and opportunity for youth in the child welfare and justice systems. Founded in 1975, Juvenile Law Center is the first non-profit, public interest law firm for children in the country. Through litigation, appellate advocacy and submission of amicus (friend-of-the-court) briefs, policy reform, public education, training, consulting, and strategic communications, they fight for children who come into contact with the child welfare and justice systems.

<https://jlc.org/>

The Kennedy Forum seeks to transform the way mental health and substance use disorders are treated in our health care system by advancing:



THE
KENNEDY
FORUM

PARITY

QUALITY &
TRANSPARENCY

INTEGRATION

TECHNOLOGY

BRAIN HEALTH &
FITNESS

<https://www.thekennedyforum.org/>



Mental Health America takes a unique approach to policy. MHA believes policy should ask people what they need to live the lives they want and support them in getting there. Recovery is founded on the principle that people can take on meaningful roles in the community despite mental health challenges, when they receive the support they need. MHA's goal is recovery for all. There is nothing more important than allowing everyone, and those they care about, the chance to live the life they want with meaningful roles in the community.

<https://mhanational.org/policy-issues>



National Alliance on Mental Illness

Take Action

https://nami.quorum.us/action_center/

State Fact Sheets

<https://www.nami.org/Advocacy/State-Fact-Sheets>

Policy Priorities

<https://www.nami.org/Advocacy/Policy-Priorities>

Public Policy Reports

www.nami.org/Support-Education/Publications-Reports/Public-Policy-Reports

NAMI's Federal Advocacy

<https://www.quorum.us/spreadsheet/external/WQymilirtkqgyATOehgR/>

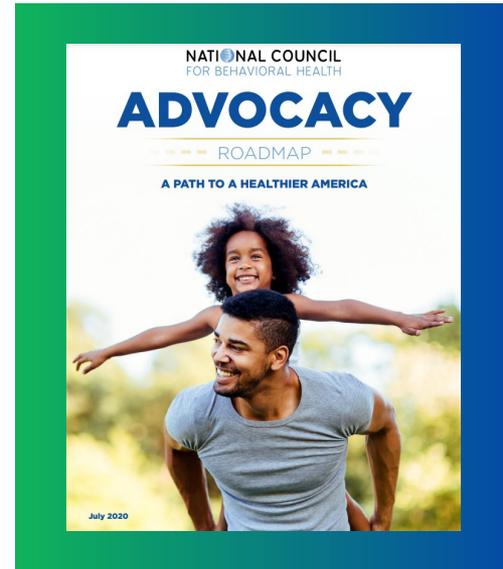
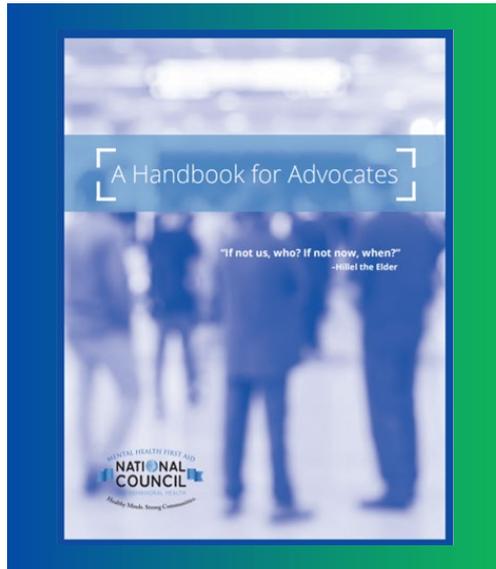


NARMH
National Association for
Rural Mental Health

The National Association for Rural Mental Health seeks to promote the linkage of the diverse voices of rural mental health, through its activities as a membership organization. As a national organization, NARMH provides a forum for rural mental health professionals, advocates, and consumers to identify issues and problems, share innovative solutions and model programs, and speak with a shared voice on issues of rural mental health concern.

<https://www.narmh.org/index.php/legislative/>

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



<https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/>



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

WWW.NCJFCJ.ORG

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is the oldest judicial membership organization in the country and provides all judges, courts, and related agencies involved with juvenile, family, and domestic violence cases with the knowledge and skills to improve the lives of the families and children who seek justice.

<https://www.ncjfcj.org/>

Parity is about fairness. Americans with behavioral health conditions often have more difficulty getting the treatment and services they need when compared to individuals seeking other medical care. Explore parity-related information at the federal level regarding legislation, statutes, and regulatory actions since the Federal Parity Law was passed in 2008.

[Federal Parity Reports](#)

[State Parity Reports](#)



PARTNERSHIP FOR AMERICA'S **CHILDREN**

Connecting, strengthening, and inspiring
state and local child advocates

The Partnership for America's Children's mission is to support its network of state and community child advocacy organizations in effective advocacy. The Partnership connects its members to peer expertise and national resources and facilitates interstate collaborations to deepen the level of impact of child advocacy within and across states. It fosters policy expertise, advocacy skills, and strong organizations.

<https://foramericaschildren.org/content/about-partnership>



Partnership to End Addiction

The Partnership to End Addiction partners with families, professionals and other organizations to end addiction in this country. Theirs is a public health approach, rooted in science and compassion.

<https://drugfree.org/advocate-for-change/>



Within Our Reach

Within Our Reach is an office established within the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities to further the recommendations of the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities.

<https://www.alliance1.org/web/within-our-reach/about-within-our-reach.aspx>

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR LEGISLATIVE UPDATES?



Please let us know where you
get the legislative news
for your state.



Send additional organizations
and resources to
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Keep up with the latest on the National Federation of Families Legislative and Advocacy Facebook Page



<https://www.facebook.com/NationalFederationLegislationAdvocacy>

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