

Legislative Priorities for Children and Families in Pennsylvania

1. **PASS The Family Care Act**

- HB 200/SB 906 establishes a paid family and medical leave program for the 4 million workers in PA who currently don't have these protections through their employer.

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2. **Fight for FY 27 budget that invests:**

- At least \$565 million in the Public School **Adequacy Supplement.**
- \$50 million to guarantee 12-months of **child care recruitment and retention funding.**
- \$116 million more to meet the cost of care for **Early Intervention** for infants and toddlers.

3. **Guarantee lead testing & treatment for our youngest children:**

- HB 2041 ensures every child in Pennsylvania is tested for lead poisoning *twice by the age of two*, ensuring access to needed services.

4. **Secure House passage of juvenile justice reforms:**

- HB 1385 eliminates juvenile fines and most fees, and prohibits delinquency charges for failure to pay a fine associated with a summary offense.
- HB 144 expands and standardizes juvenile diversion across Pennsylvania, requiring it to be offered to youth who commit certain low-level offenses.
- HB 1936 reduces unnecessary time youth spend in detention by encouraging quicker placement in court-ordered programs and alternatives to incarceration.

5. **Move juvenile justice reforms through the Senate:**

- HB 1573 requires an inventory of all juvenile justice services and facilities to better inform what is - and isn't - available for kids in the system.
- HB 1576 requires the state to reimburse counties for half the cost of legal representation for kids in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.
- HB 1577 protects kids from the most egregious conduct by staff in juvenile facilities like cavity searches, being shackled, and solitary confinement.