

Children's Cabinet Mission Statement and Goals 6.22.2023

Russel Riehl

Goal 1 – All North Dakota children enter kindergarten prepared to succeed.

Goal 2 – All North Dakota youth enter adulthood healthy, connected to the workforce and/or education.

Kim Jacobson

The North Dakota Children's Cabinet provides leadership, vision, and advocacy to improve services to North Dakota's legacy, our children.

Goals:

1. Establish a long-term commitment and framework for effective and efficient cross systems services to children and their families.
2. To improve services, identify service gaps, and advocate for potential solutions.
3. To provide a voice for children's issues and strategies.

Veronica Zietz

Mission Statement: The Children's Cabinet guides the coordination of quality, comprehensive services and care for all children in North Dakota.

Goals:

1. Investigate the breadth and availability of existing mental health services for children in ND. Identify gaps and strategies to address them.
2. Learn about the current activity occurring in the juvenile justice realm and examine the implementation of CHINS with special attention to youth with behavioral and mental health challenges. Identify challenges and assist in developing solutions.
3. Study successful models of behavioral health programs in ND schools and develop ideas for replication. Identify schools who could be adopters of the model, create opportunities for school-to-school mentorship for BH program implementation, and explore requesting resources during the next legislative session.

Superintendent Basler

- 1) Increase state outreach and communication with families.
- 2) Increase family engagement with their children's education, health and well-being.

Justice McEvers

Proposed Mission Statement:

To improve child outcomes while protecting the best interests of children by addressing the unique characteristics and needs of each child that comes into contact with a social service zone or comes before the court as a child in need of protection or in need of services. To improve policies, increase funding, and improve communication among and between agencies and the courts to ensure children are provided a safe healthy living environment, are nurtured in their family and community, and provided an opportunity to learn and grow in order to reach their full potential.

Proposed Goals:

1. To increase youth and family access to evidence-based services, regardless of geographic location or access to insurance.

2. To provide appropriate substance use treatment for juveniles.

Senator Hogan

The Mission of the ND Children's Cabinet is to promote effective, equitable public and private services to assure that each child/adolescent's basic needs are met to protect and nurture both children and their families.

Possible Goals:

1. Understanding the status of children/adolescents today through a regular review of available data such as:

Kids Counts <https://ndkidscount.org/>

YRBS Survey

https://www.hhs.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/DOH%20Legacy/2021ND-High-School_YRBS-Summary-Tables.pdf

https://www.hhs.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/DOH%20Legacy/2021NDM_Summary_Tables.pdf

Insight data <https://insights.nd.gov/Education/State/Dashboards>

Behavioral Health

https://www.hhs.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/BH/BehavioralHealthDataBook_March2023_web.pdf

Health System

[Commonwealth Fund Scorecard on State Health System Performance](#)

Other possible topic areas: health status, family economics, childcare, juvenile justice, child welfare, social needs.

2. Identify two to three areas of focus for an 18-month period to hear of emerging needs and potential creative successful approaches to addressing needs.
3. Prepare a list of potential public or private solutions to address these needs for consideration by state/local public and private partners.
4. Submit a report to Legislative management for consideration and share with key public and private stakeholders.

Janelle Regimbal

The Children's Cabinet works to assure coordinated access to needed services for children across the state and tribal nations, working to constantly improve the awareness of services, the reduction of barriers in accessing services and service coordination across branches of government.

Goals to Consider:

5. To regularly review strategic plans across the branches of government related to the care and service needs of children, as well as data available, to stay informed and to seek information on gaps, needs and barriers that should be addressed.
6. To prepare a report to the Governor in advance of each legislative session, identifying key needs to address. (An example has been attached, that while not specific to children is a good example of something tangible coming from a current ND group.)
7. To provide an avenue where consumers and providers can raise up of concern related to gaps, barriers and coordination efforts related to the care and service delivery system of children.

Representative Strinden

Mission/Vision:

The ND Children's Cabinet works to coordinate and align quality services across agencies and develop strategies to address gaps and remove barriers; empowering our children and their families to thrive and reach their full God-given potential.

Goals:

1. To improve quality of services and advocate for effective and efficient delivery of those services across agencies.
2. To provide a voice for struggling children and their families.
3. To improve children's statewide reading and math proficiency ensuring our children are equipped with a foundation for future success.

Senator Axtman

Mission: To enhance the implementation and coordination of state policies and programs to ensure the health, safety, education and quality of life for all children in North Dakota.

Goals:

-Create communication mechanisms and strategies between state agencies to share information and resources

-Identify gaps and resources required to meet the health, safety, educational and support needs of children and their families

-Identify existing and potential public and private funding streams for children and youth services

-Develop public awareness and partnerships to benefit all children and youth