Hi! We're MomsRising NH!



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Each of us has a story...





What were you up to in 2017?

MomsRising is...








NO R&D WITHOUT THE CHILD TAX CREDIT
CHILD TAX CREDIT NOW!






PAID LEAVE FOR ALL

"Mental Health Access"

"Cost of Living"

"Sununu Center"

"Special Education Funding"

"Public School Funding"

"Property Taxes"

"Head Start"

"Quality Child Care"

"Restoring SNAP Benefits"

"Diapers"

"Affordable Housing"

"Healthcare"

"Disability Justice"

"Paid Family Leave"

"Feeding Hungry Kids"

"Recess"

"Democracy"



So, What Are We Working On?

Child Care

Disability Rights

Freedom to Read

Healthcare

LGBTQ+ Rights

Maternal Health

Paid Leave

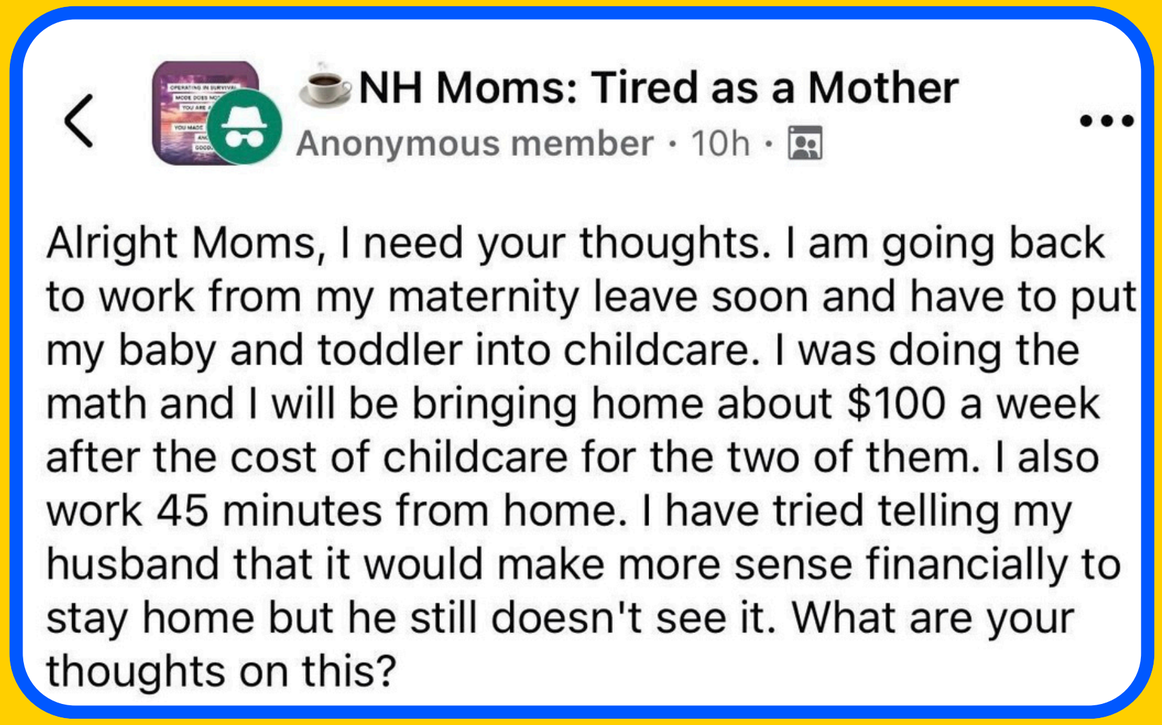
Public Education

Racial & Gender Equity

Reproductive Rights

... and more!

What's up with child care?



NEW HAMPSHIRE EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

2026 Policy Data Basics



Granite Staters need child care

62,000 children under age 5 live in NH





70% of NH families with young children use child care

75,000 NH adults have a child under age 5



About **16,000** NH adults don't work because they are caring for a child

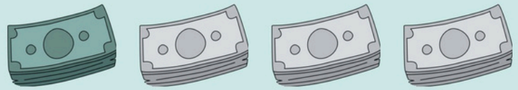


Families face high prices

$29,082

Tuition cost for **infant** + **4-year-old** in a NH child care center

Equal to... **25%** of median NH family income

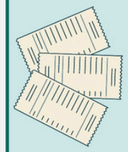


Low wages, high operating costs

Average **annual salary**



for NH child care workers



$1.1 million

Estimated **cost to operate** a 3-classroom NH child care center

Uneven supply has economic toll

New Hampshire has...

667 **licensed programs** that serve children under age 5

10% fewer than in 2017

Number of **formal slots** for children under 5

40,000

New Hampshire has...

34% **fewer home-based slots** in 2026 than 2017...

...reducing options for families



$35,000

each unavailable slot's cost in lost income, revenue, and taxes

Building a better system

Continue to grow the NH Child Care Scholarship Program to level access

Partner with schools, employers, & municipalities on solutions

Strengthen data capacity to evaluate and scale what works.

Sources

Need: Census Bureau (HPS Phases 3.6-4.2; ACS 2023, 5-year)

Prices: CCA 2024; ACS 2023, 5-year

Wages: BLS OEWS, 2024; P5 Cost Model

Supply: NH DHHS, 2017 - 2026; UNH Carsey School 2025 Preschool Study; NHFPI 2025

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What's been happening with child care?



(State Legislature Wins Only)

- **2023 Child Care for NH Working Families Act (SB 237):**
  - Expanded income eligibility to 85% of State Median Income
  - Capped child care cost share at 7% of income
  - Reduced cost share to $0 for the lowest-income families and $5/week for families between 100–138% FPL
  - Increased state reimbursement rates to the 75th percentile of market rates
  - Moved from attendance based to enrollment based billing
  - Allowed TANF reserve funds to help prevent a Scholarship waitlist
- **2023: $15M for workforce recruitment and retention grants** (General Fund)

- **2024: Categorical Eligibility for Child Care Providers (SB 404)**
- **2024: Expanded Disability/Special Needs Eligibility (HB 1202)**

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- **2025: Presumptive Eligibility + Provider Payment Reforms (SB 243)**

- **2026: Kinship Caregiver Support (SB 608)**
  - Eliminating the Scholarship cost share for children in kinship care and adding retirement as an allowable circumstance
  - Provisions are contingent on federal approval and sufficient funding
- **2026: Municipal zoning requirements for child day care providers (HB 1195)**

What's going on with maternal health?

New Hampshire has lost 11 maternity wards in 20 years, leaving us with just 15 hospitals and 2-3 free-standing clinics

Racial and ethnic maternal health disparities persist in the Granite State, particularly amongst Black and brown women and birthing people

From the start of pregnancy until their baby's first birthday, more than 1 in 5 moms will experience a mental health condition such as anxiety or depression.

Nationwide, Black women lose their lives at 3-4x the rate of white women due to maternity-related causes, independent of age, economic background, or education

In New Hampshire, maternal mental health conditions are the primary contributing factor in maternal deaths.

What's been happening with maternal health?



(State Legislature Wins Only)

- **2023: MOMnibus (SB 175):**
  - Medicaid coverage for 1 year for pregnant and postpartum women
  - Medicaid coverage of donor breast milk, lactation services and doula services
  - Investments in home visiting, family resource centers
- **2025: MOMnibus 2.0 (SB 246):**
  - Covers maternal mental health screening at child's well visit
  - Perinatal psychiatric consult line
  - Allows insurance to waive copays for care
  - Maternal health training for rural EMS providers
  - DHHS to study barriers & sustainability of independent birth centers
  - Requires insurance coverage of home visiting
  - DHHS to develop a plan for certifying perinatal peer support specialists
  - Creates unpaid job protection to attend postpartum and pediatric appointments

Paid Leave?

ORIGINAL

HB 517 ('25)

"repealing the Granite State paid family leave plan. "

FAILED

HB 1761 ('26)

"establishing a new state paid family and medical leave program.

AMENDMENT

HB 517 ('25)

"repealing certain outreach and marketing requirements under the Granite State paid family leave plan."

~18,000 Granite Staters currently enrolled

NH ranks last in New England for work-family policies

MA offers 26 weeks—NH families are leaving

86% of NH voters support paid leave

Without paid leave, parents are forced to choose between a paycheck and their family

Where MomsRising Shines

- Breaking barriers to ensure family voice is at the table
- Two way: community input and feedback
- Translating complex to relatable
  - Toolkits
  - Training
  - Approachable social media
- We are truly statewide
- Connection through storytelling
- Experiencing joy while kicking ass

Disussion, Feedback & Questions







Thank you!

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