

2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PRIORITIES



OUR 2024 POLICY PRIORITIES

FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

- Improve wages and economic supports for low-income families
- Enact a paid family and medical leave program
- Address child hunger and strengthen food security

CRADLE-TO-CAREER EDUCATION

- Increase funding for early childhood care and education services and implement a wage and career ladder for early childhood providers
- Protect the Early Childhood Trust Fund from being used for programs that do not serve young children
- Increase targeted K-12 funding to support students named in the *Yazzie/Martinez* lawsuit
- Create a Tribal Education Trust Fund
- Fully fund the Opportunity Scholarship

HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES

- Enact new measures to reduce child gun deaths and improve gun safety
- Create a Public Health and Climate Resiliency program and fund
- Leverage federal funding opportunities for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting our climate through matched state funds

TAX FAIRNESS AND BUDGET ADEQUACY

- Increase the Child Tax Credit for young children and increase other targeted tax credits and rebates for families earning low and moderate incomes
- Diversify and stabilize revenue and make our tax code more equitable by raising income taxes for those at the very top and for corporations, and limiting the capital gains deduction

2024 COALITION POLICY PRIORITIES

FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

- Increase TANF cash benefits
- Provide assistance for families in transition from fossil fuels jobs
- Address housing stability and affordability
- Pass the Dignity Not Detention Act to cancel for-profit prison contracts with ICE

CRADLE-TO-CAREER EDUCATION

- Fully fund child care assistance to maintain \$0 co-pays for parents and pay increases for teachers
- More state accountability in responding to the *Yazzie/Martinez* lawsuit
- Ensure smaller class sizes
- Strengthen the educator pipeline and improve teacher training programs
- Increase investments in workforce development and training and ensure these opportunities are available and accessible to all New Mexicans

HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES

- Ensure full funding of Medicaid and the Developmental Disabilities Waiver
- Improve access to affordable health care coverage through the Medicaid Forward plan
- Fully fund New Mexico Health Councils
- Reform and modernize the Oil and Gas Act

HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION

- Modernizing the Legislature



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