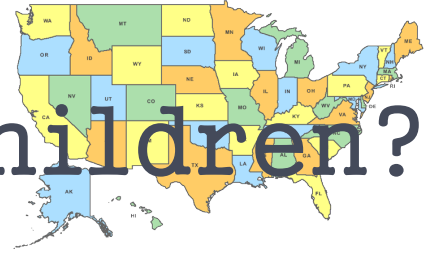


# Is your governor speaking UP for children?



*A look at 2017 state of the state and inaugural addresses*

State of the state and inaugural addresses offer a quick look at governors' top line priorities and are a great way for you to:

- **identify shared interests**
- **make a connection**, and
- **offer your chapter's expertise.**

We've been listening in to what governors are saying and are keeping track of some things you'll want to know.

## Here's how you can help.

- **Check out the summary of your governor's address(es). Are there areas of mutual interest?**
- **Want more detail? Follow the links for a closer look.**
- **Contact your governor and let him/her know:**
  - ☑ **That your chapter represents pediatricians who advocate for children.**
  - ☑ **That you share interest in issues he/she mentioned.**
  - ☑ **That you'd like to meet and work together on common goals.**
- **Let us know what you need to support your efforts. We're here to help!**

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**AL**

**Governor Robert Bentley | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Early Childhood Education | Substance Abuse
- "Once again this year we are expanding the reach of Pre-K so that even more 4 years olds have an opportunity for a new strong foundation, with a \$20 Million dollar increase to fund 160 more PreK classrooms."

**AK**

**Governor Bill Walker | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Budgets (Health and Human Services) | Intimate Partner Violence | Medicaid (Costs, Expansion) | Substance Abuse

**AZ**

**Governor Doug Ducey | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Adoption and Foster Care | Child Abuse and Neglect | Early Education/Literacy | Newborn Screening | Poverty (Food Insecurity, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families-TANF) | Substance Abuse

**AR**

**Governor Asa Hutchinsinon | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Adoption and Foster Care | Mental Health
- "We need to improve the system. We need to adequately provide for our foster children that are in our care."

**CA**

**Governor Edmund "Jerry" Brown | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Environmental Health | Immigration | Medicaid (Expansion)
- "That is why I intend to join with other governors - and with you - to do everything we can to protect the health care of our people."

**CO**

**Governor John Hickenlooper | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Behavioral Health | Early Childhood Education | Marijuana (Childproof Packaging, Legalization) | Medicaid (Costs, Expansion, Hospital Provider Fee) | Poverty (Homelessness, Housing) | Preventive Care

**CT**

**Governor Dannel Malloy | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Adoption and Foster Care | Child Abuse and Neglect

**DE**

**Governor John Carney | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Child Care | Early Childhood Education | Health Care Costs | Poverty | Substance Abuse | Violence Prevention

**FL**

**Governor Rick Scott | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Disaster Preparedness | Infectious Diseases (Zika) | Injury Prevention (Firearms)

**GA**

**Governor Nathan Deal | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Autism | Behavioral Health | Foster Care | Infant Mortality | Medicaid (Costs, Payment) | Mental Health | Substance Abuse

**HI**

**Governor David Ige | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Child Care | Environmental Health | Poverty (Homelessness/Housing)

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**ID**

**Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Adolescent Mental Health | Environmental Health | Health Care Costs | Physician Workforce
- "Idaho's first medical school is being developed on the Idaho State University health sciences campus in Meridian, with construction set to begin early this year."

**IL**

**Governor Bruce Rauner | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Children's Cabinet | Environmental Health (Lead) | Juvenile Justice | Violence Prevention
- "We created the Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth, bringing together all state agencies that serve our children to ensure that Illinois' young people are healthy, safe, well-educated and on the road to becoming self-sufficient."

**IN**

**Governor Eric Holcomb | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Early Childhood Education | Substance Abuse
- "Our most vulnerable children deserve a fair start, too, so I've called for us to double the state's investment in pre-kindergarten to 20 million dollars annually."

**IA**

**Governor Terry Branstad | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Distracted Driving | Medicaid (Costs, Expansion)

**KS**

**Governor Sam Brownback | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Adoption and Foster Care | Child Abuse and Neglect | Medicaid (Managed Care) | Physician Workforce

**KY**

**Governor Matt Bevin | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Adoption and Foster Care | Medicaid | Substance Abuse
- "And it is my vision, it is my intent, and I am determined to see happen the fact that Kentucky will be the model for America when it comes to adoption and foster care."

**LA**

**Governor John Bel Edwards | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Adoption and Foster Care | Medicaid (Expansion, Preventive Care) | Poverty (Minimum Wage)
- "What we're proposing is to increase the minimum wage to \$8.50 over a two year period. It's a simple change that will produce countless benefits."

**ME**

**Governor Paul LePage | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: No pediatric issues discussed.

**MD**

**Governor Larry Hogan | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Environmental Health | Human Trafficking | Poverty (Paid Sick Leave) | Substance Abuse

**MA**

**Governor Charlie Baker | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Adoption and Foster Care | Child Abuse and Neglect | Environmental Health | Human Trafficking | Poverty (Housing/Homelessness) | Substance Abuse

**MI**

**Governor Rick Snyder | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health (Lead) | Medicaid (Expansion) | Oral Health | Public Health | Substance Abuse
- "On education, we have over 400 new positions for early childhood education in the community of Flint..."

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**MN**

**Governor Mark Dayton | State of the State Address**

• Issues mentioned: Affordable Care Act | Child Care | Early Childhood Education | Environmental | Health Insurance Marketplace | Medicaid (Expansion, Public Option)

**MS**

**Governor Phil Bryant | State of the State Address**

• Issues mentioned: Adoption and Foster Care | Physician Workforce  
• "I have dedicated my remaining time in office to ensuring our foster children get the care they deserve. It will be my top priority. We cannot and will not fail at this endeavor. Our children will be protected."

**MO**

**Governor Eric Greitens | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address**

• Issues mentioned: Child Abuse and Neglect | Early Literacy | Poverty (Earned Income Tax Credit, Housing, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program–SNAP)

**MT**

**Governor Steve Bullock | State of the State Address**

• Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Autism | Child Abuse and Neglect | Child Care | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Mental Health | Nutrition | Poverty (Food Insecurity, Minimum Wage) | Suicide Prevention

**NE**

**Governor Pete Ricketts | State of the State Address**

• Issues mentioned: Child Welfare | Poverty (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program–SNAP)

**NV**

**Governor Brian Sandoval | State of the State Address**

• Issues mentioned: Juvenile Justice | Marijuana Legalization | Physician Workforce | Substance Abuse  
• "Additionally, I will ask regulators to limit the sale of marijuana products and packaging that appeal to children or may be mistaken for candy."

**NH**

**Governor Chris Sununu | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address**

• Issues mentioned: Child Abuse and Neglect | Environmental Health | Poverty (Food Insecurity) | Substance Abuse (Inaugural Address)

**NJ**

**Governor Chris Christie | State of the State Address**

• Issues mentioned: Behavioral Health | Poverty (Earned Income Tax Credit) | Substance Abuse  
" Next, I am announcing an additional \$5 million for the statewide expansion of a successful pilot program on pediatric behavioral health."

**NM**

**Governor Susana Martinez | State of the State Address**

• Issues mentioned: Adoption and Foster Care | Child Abuse and Neglect | Early Childhood Education/Literacy | Home Visiting | Medicaid  
• "We have invested in and prioritized early childhood education and literacy."

**NY**

**Governor Andrew Cuomo | State of the State Address (Regional Addresses–1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)**

• Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Child Care | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Juvenile Justice | Marriage Equality | Medicaid | Poverty (Child Care Tax Credit, Minimum Wage, Paid Sick/Medical Leave)

**NC**

**Governor Roy Cooper | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address**

• Issues mentioned: Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Disaster Preparedness | Health Care Costs | LGBT Issues | Medicaid (Expansion) | Poverty (Food Insecurity, Housing/Homelessness) | Substance Abuse

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ND

**Governor Doug Burgum | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Substance Abuse

OH

**Governor John Kasich | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Health Care Technology | Infant Mortality | Health Care Costs | Human Trafficking | Medicaid (Expansion, Growth Rate, Transformation) | Poverty (Food Insecurity) | Substance Abuse

OK

**Governor Mary Fallin | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: No pediatric issues discussed.

OR

**Governor Kate Brown | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned (Inaugural Address): Access to Health Care | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Medicaid (Expansion) | Nutrition | Obesity | Poverty (Minimum Wage)

PA

**Governor Tom Wolfe | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Early Childhood Education | Medicaid (Expansion) | Substance Abuse
- "I pledge to continue doing everything in my power to keep protecting our communities from the scourge of heroin and opioid abuse."

RI

**Governor Gina Raimondo | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Early Childhood Education | Poverty (Minimum Wage and Paid Sick Leave) | Substance Abuse
- "It's time to give every Rhode Islander an opportunity to earn paid leave if they're sick or if the need to care for a sick child or parent."

SC

**Governor Nikki Haley | State of the State Address**

- Governor Haley delivered a state of the state address before becoming US Ambassador to the United Nations. Henry McMaster is the new governor.
- Issues mentioned: Domestic Violence | Poverty

SD

**Governor Dennis Daugaard | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Juvenile Justice | Medicaid (Reform) | Mental Health | Substance Abuse
- "The statutory purpose of our juvenile justice system is rehabilitation, and locking up youth has been shown to make them more likely to commit crimes as adults."

TN

**Governor Bill Haslem | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Adoption and Foster Care | Child Abuse and Neglect | Medicaid (Costs) | Substance Abuse
- "It is also both smart and just to increase the amount of reimbursement we pay to some of the providers that take care of our most vulnerable citizens through the Department of Children's Services."

TX

**Governor Greg Abbott | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Adoption and Foster Care | Child Abuse and Neglect | Early Childhood Education

UT

**Governor Gary Herbert | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Environmental Health | Poverty (Housing/Homelessness) | Substance Abuse | Suicide Prevention
- "We need to get on top of intergenerational poverty, teen suicide, homelessness and addiction."

**VT**

**Governor Phil Scott | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Substance Abuse
- “Investment in early education is a proven approach to reducing special education and health care costs.”

**VA**

**Governor Terry McAuliffe | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Child Abuse and Neglect | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Juvenile Justice | LGBT Equality | Medicaid (Expansion) | Nutrition/School Meals | Substance Abuse | Universal Background Checks/Firearms

**WA**

**Governor Jay Inslee | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Firearm Safety | Poverty (Homelessness, Paid Leave)
- “We need to continue expanding access to early learning so more kids can get the strongest possible start in school.”

**WI**

**Governor Scott Walker | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Adverse Childhood Experience /Toxic Stress | Child Abuse and Neglect | Poverty (State Public Benefit Programs, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-SNAP)

**WV**

**Governor Jim Justice | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Adoption and Foster Care | Substance Abuse (Prescription Drugs)

**WY**

**Governor Matt Mead | State of the State Address**

- Issues mentioned: Environmental Health | Suicide Prevention
- “It’s important to talk about suicide and ways to reduce suicide. People who are hurting need help, and we need to look for ways how we can better provide it.”

**DC**

**Mayor Muriel Bowser | State of the District Address**

- Issues mentioned: Child Care | Immigration (Sanctuary City) | Poverty (Housing/Homelessness, Paid Leave, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)