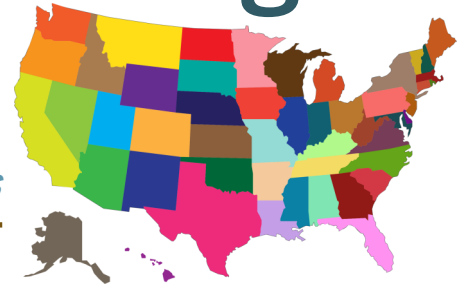


Is your governor speaking UP for children?

A look at 2019 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** | **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.

- Find out the top 5 children's health and well-being issues mentioned.
- 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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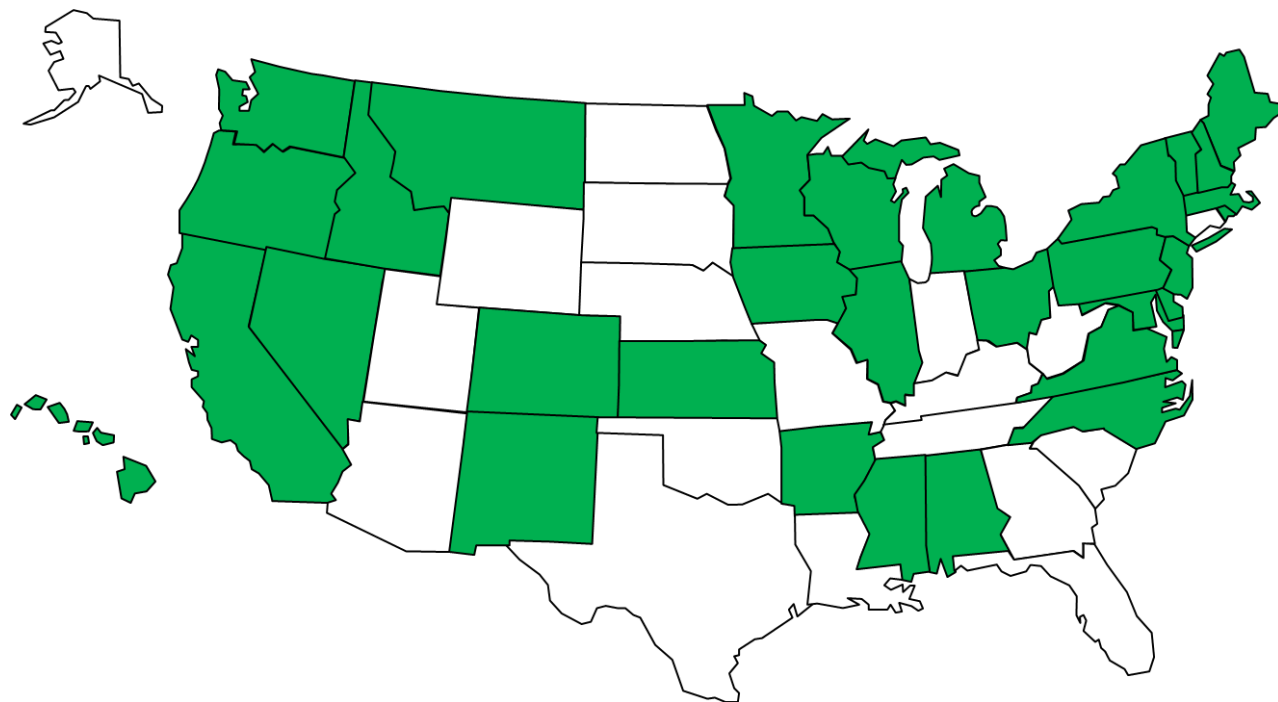
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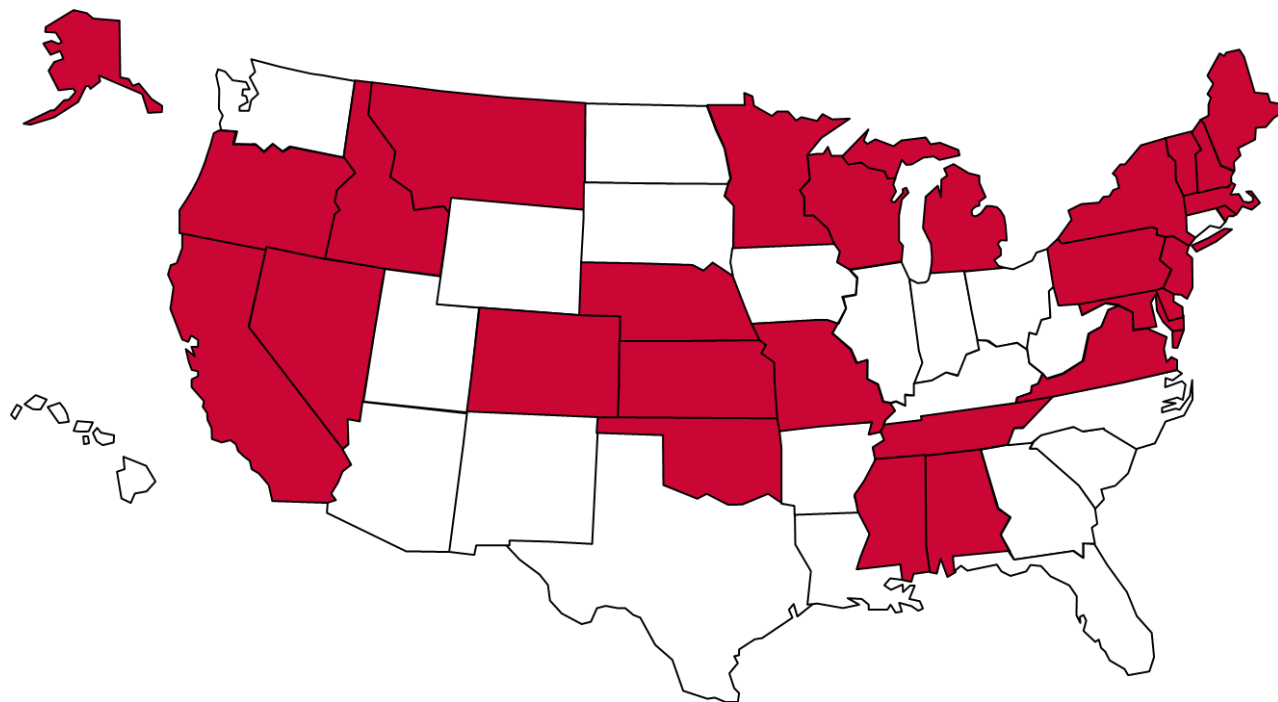
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Early Childhood

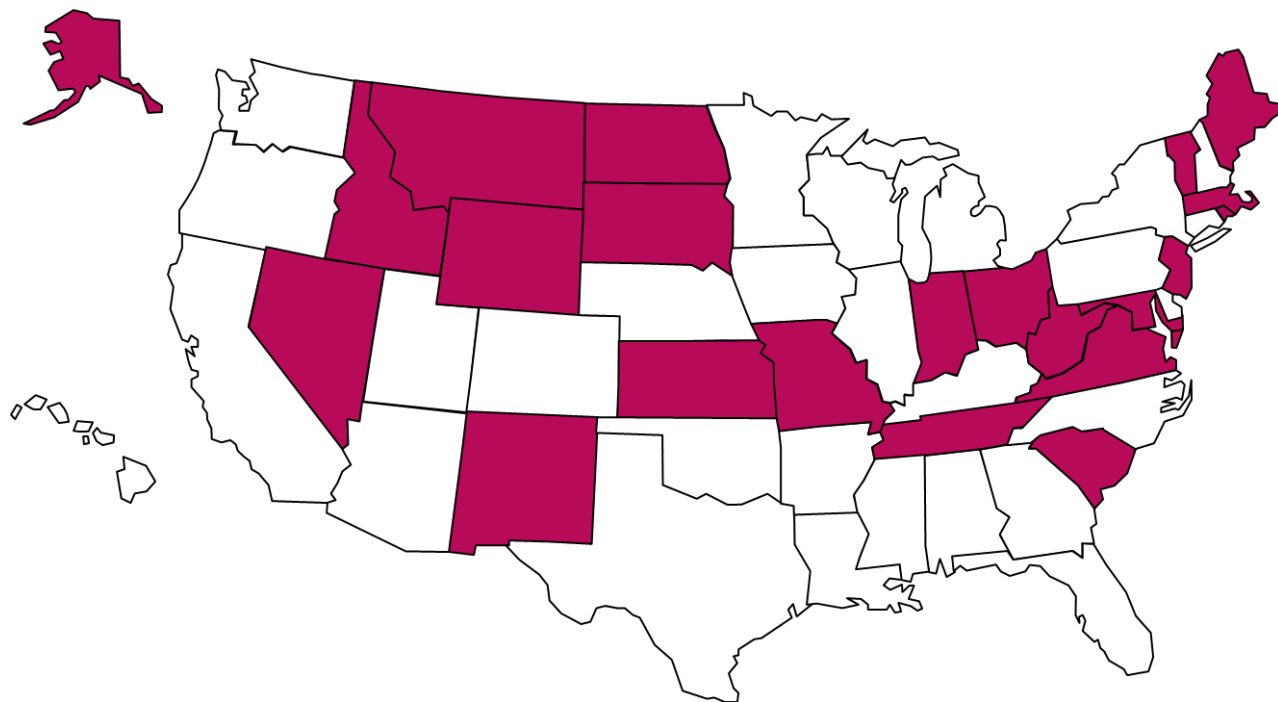


Access/ACA/Medicaid/CHIP

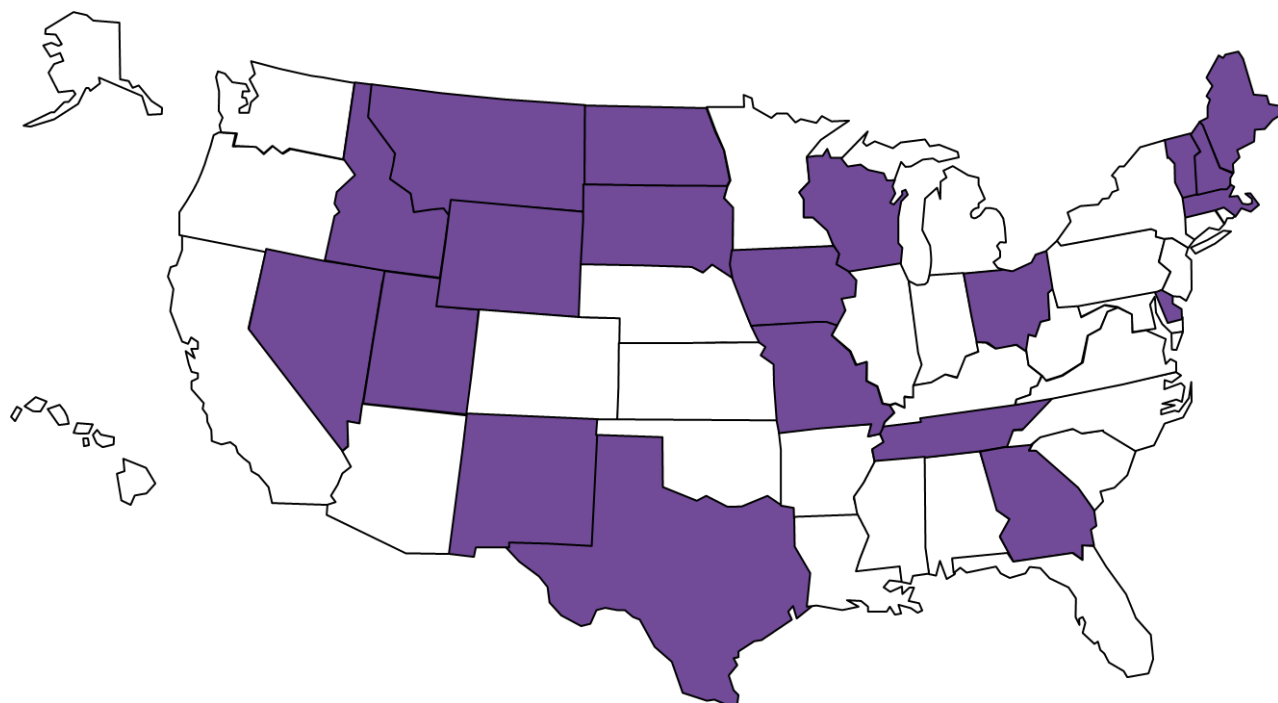


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Opioids/Substance Abuse

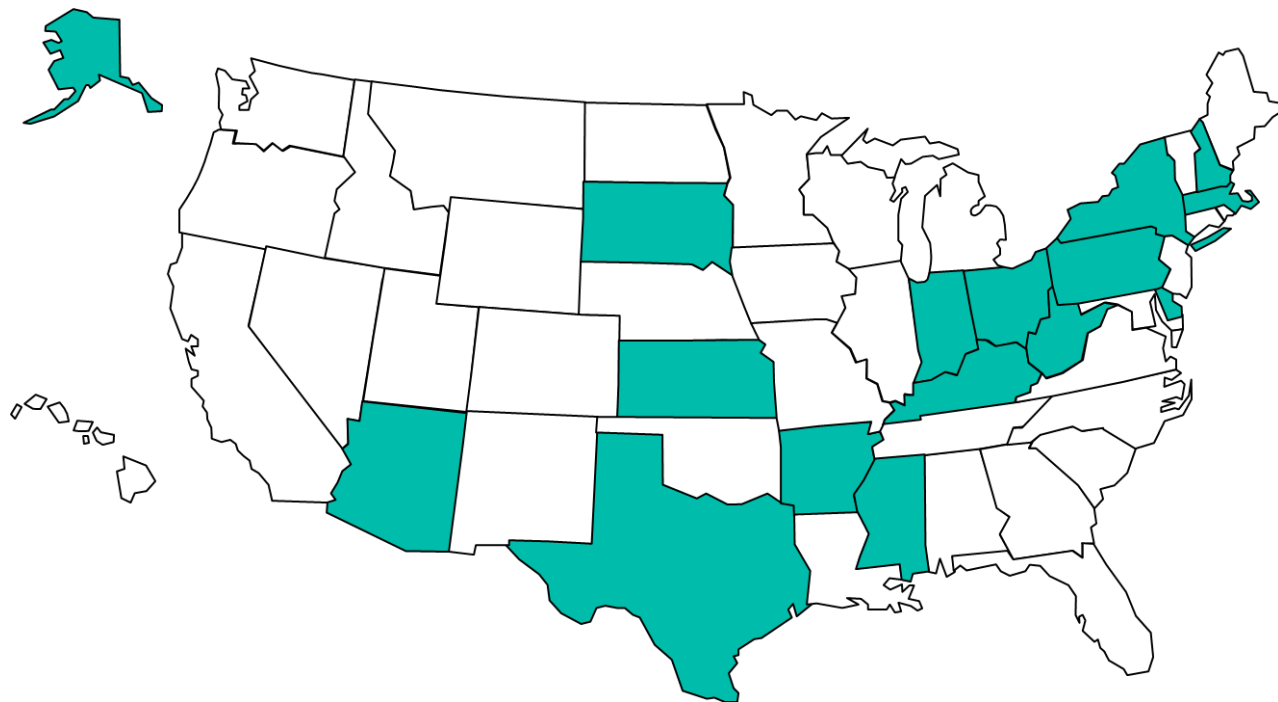


Behavioral/Mental Health



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Child Welfare



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AL

Governor Kay Ivey | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: 2020 Census | Disaster Preparedness | Early Childhood Education | Health Care | Mental Health |
- “My education budget will provide \$25 million dollars to expand our nationally-recognized First Class Pre-K program.”

AK

Governor Mike Dunleavy | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Child Abuse and Neglect | Disaster Preparedness | Substance Abuse | Violence Prevention

AZ

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

- Issues mentioned: Child Welfare | Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO)

AR

Governor Asa Hutchinson | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Child Welfare | Early Childhood Education | Medicaid | SNAP

CA

Governor Gavin Newsome | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Food Insecurity | Gun Violence Prevention | Health Care Costs | Homelessness | Immigrant Child Health | LGBT Issues | Poverty | Prescription Drug Costs

CO

Governor Jared Polis | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Early Childhood Education | Health Care Costs | Immigrant Child Health | Medicaid Expansion | Mental Health | Paid Family and Medical Leave | Prescription Drug Prices
- “Here in Colorado, we treat each other with respect. We reject efforts to intimidate immigrant families, or tear children from their parents’ arms.”

CT

Governor Ned Lamont | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Minimum Wage Increase | Paid Family and Medical Leave
- “It also means a \$15 dollar minimum wage, responsibly and over time, so that those same parents can afford to provide for their children without working three jobs.”

DE

Governor John Carney | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Behavioral Health | Child Care | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Firearm Safety | Food Insecurity | Gun Violence Prevention | Health Care Costs | Mental Health | Substance Abuse | Tobacco 21 | Trauma-Informed Care

FL

Governor Ron DeSantis | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Disaster Preparedness | Environmental Health | Health Care Costs | Prescription Drug Costs | Violence Prevention

GA

Governor Brian Kemp | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Mental Health | Pediatric Workforce | Violence Prevention
- “Seventy-nine counties have no OB/GYN. Sixty-four counties have no pediatrician. Nine counties have no doctor.”

HI

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

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Firearm Safety | Homelessness | Minimum Wage |
- “First and foremost, we must create a universal, statewide high-quality public preschool system that will give every child in Hawaii a head-start on learning.”

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ID

Governor Brad Little | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Children's Cabinet | Early Literacy | Health Care Costs | Medicaid Expansion | Mental Health | State-Run Health Insurance Exchange | Substance Abuse
- "Even more than our majestic landscapes and abundant resources, Idaho's greatest asset is our children."

IL

Governor J.B. Pritzker | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Child Care | Environmental Health | LGBT Issues | Marijuana Legalization | Minimum Wage | Paid Family and Medical Leave
- "Working men and women deserve to have a governor and a Department of Labor that will enforce laws protecting workers' wages and workers' rights. And they deserve a \$15 minimum wage. It's good for the working families of Illinois and good for our economy."

IN

Governor Eric Holcomb | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Child Welfare | Infant Mortality | School Safety | Substance Abuse
- "You all approved our "Levels of Care" program to assure that the highest-risk babies are delivered at hospitals with the right facilities to meet the needs of moms and infants."

IA

Governor Kim Reynolds | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Behavioral Health | Early Childhood Education | Mental Health
- "Creating a comprehensive children's mental health system will take time. But we can and must take action. The days of merely talking are over."

KS

Governor Laura Kelly | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Child Abuse and Neglect | Child Welfare | CHIP | Family First Prevention Services Act | Health Care Costs | Medicaid Expansion | Mental Health | Substance Abuse

KY

Governor Matt Bevin | State of the State Address

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

LA

Governor John Bel Edwards | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Adoption and Foster Care | Children with Special Health Care Needs | Human Trafficking | Medicaid Expansion | Mental Health | Poverty (Minimum Wage) | Rural Health | Substance Abuse

ME

Governor Janet Mills | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Children's Cabinet | Diversity and Inclusion | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Medicaid Expansion | Mental Health | Prescription Drug Costs | Substance Abuse | Violence Prevention
- "It is time for action – Narcan widely available, medication assisted treatment, recovery coaches. These things will be a reality."

MD

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

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Gun Violence Prevention | Paid Leave | Substance Abuse

MA

Governor Charlie Baker | Inaugural Address

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Child Welfare | Early Childhood Education | Earned Income Tax Credit | Environmental Health | Gun Violence Prevention | Health Care Costs | Homelessness | Medicaid Costs | Mental Health | Scope of Practice | Substance Abuse | Telehealth |
- State of the State schedule TBD.

MI

Governor Gretchen Whitmer | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Distracted Driving | Diversity and Inclusion | Early Literacy | Environmental Health | LGBT Issues | Medicaid Expansion
- "Everyone in my administration is also committed to ensuring that all Michiganders have access to quality health care they can afford."

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MN

Governor Tim Walz | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Child Care | Early Childhood Education | Health Care Costs | Health Care Systems | Racial Disparities | Reach Out and Read
- “We must also reaffirm our Minnesotan value that health care is a basic human right.”

MS

Governor Phil Bryant | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Child Care | CHIP | Child Welfare | Early Childhood Education | Medical Education/Medical School | Primary Care Workforce
- “One of our most pressing tasks is caring for Mississippi children in the foster care system.”

MO

Governor Mike Parson | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Autism | Medicaid Costs | Mental Health | Substance Abuse | Telehealth

MT

Governor Steve Bullock | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Balancing Billing | Child Care | Early Childhood Education | Food Insecurity | Medicaid Expansion | Mental Health | Substance Abuse
- “It is critical that we remove the sunset on Medicaid expansion. That we protect the healthcare for 95,000 of our family, friends and neighbors. That we protect our rural hospitals. And our economy.”

NE

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

- Issue mentioned: Medicaid Expansion
- “In November, voters approved Medicaid expansion, and my budget recommendation reflects the vote of the people of Nebraska. Right now, the Medicaid team is working to fulfill the direction of the initiative to file a state plan with the federal government by April 1st.”

NV

Governor Steve Sisolak | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Affordable Care Act | Autism | Behavioral Health | DACA | Early Childhood Education | Firearm Safety | Food Insecurity | Graduate Medical Education | Gun Violence Prevention | Homelessness | Immigration | Marijuana Tax | Medicaid Expansion | Medicaid Payment | Mental Health | Minimum Wage | Poverty | Prescription Drug Costs | Subspecialty Pediatrics | Substance Abuse

NH

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

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Child Abuse and Neglect | Child Welfare | Early Childhood Education | Mental Health | Pediatric Cancer | Physician Workforce | Substance Abuse | Suicide Prevention | Violence Prevention

NJ

Governor Phil Murphy | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Affordable Care Act | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Firearm Safety | Health Care Costs | LGBT Issues | Marijuana Legalization | Minimum Wage | Paid Sick Leave | Poverty | Substance Abuse
- “So, let’s start 2019 by finishing what we began in 2018 -- putting the minimum wage on a clear and responsible path to \$15 an hour...”

NM

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Behavioral Health | Children’s Cabinet | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Firearm Safety | Gun Violence Prevention | Health Care Costs | Medical Marijuana | Minimum Wage | Poverty | Substance Abuse | WIC
- “We will create a New Mexico where we finally invest in our children, because every single one of our kids deserves the best possible head start.”

NY

Governor Andrew Cuomo | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Affordable Care Act | Child Abuse and Neglect | Diversity and Inclusion | DSH | Environmental Health | Firearm Safety | Gun Violence Prevention | Health Care Costs | Homelessness | LGBT Issues | Marijuana Legalization | Minimum Wage | Paid Family and Medical Leave | Violence Prevention

NC

Governor Roy Cooper | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Diversity and Inclusion | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | LGBT Issues | Medicaid Expansion
- “Dr Adams (Gregory Adams, MD, FAAP, a member of the AAP North Carolina Chapter, was in attendance and was introduced by the governor) believes that as soon as possible, we should expand Medicaid. Let’s follow the doctor’s orders.”

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ND

Governor Doug Burgum | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Behavioral Health | Environmental Health | Mental Health | Substance Abuse |
- “Our state suffers from a behavioral health crisis, which carries significant negative impacts for our people --- our families --- and our economy.”

OH

Governor Mike DeWine | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Adoption and Foster Care | Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) | Child Abuse and Neglect | Child Welfare | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Home Visiting | Infant Mortality | Mental Health | Substance Abuse | Tobacco |

OK

Governor Kevin Stitt | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: CHIP | Early Childhood Education | Graduate Medical Education |
- “In my budget, we will also use revenue growth to address two critical healthcare programs in Oklahoma: The Graduate Medical Expense Program to train doctors, a cost of \$62 million, and the Children Health Insurance Program, a cost of \$14.8 million.

OR

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

- Issues mentioned: Child Care | CHIP | Early Childhood Education | Environmental Health | Homelessness | Medicaid
- “And because of the work we did to pass Cover All Kids, every single one of our children has access.”

PA

Governor Tom Wolfe | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) | Child Care | Early Childhood Education | Home Visiting | Substance Abuse
- “Home visiting programs promote healthy relationships and safe and stable home environments. They’re proven to work in preventing adverse childhood experiences, giving children and their parents the skills they need to reach their full potential and lift families out of poverty and into good jobs.”

RI

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

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Affordable Care Act | Diversity and Inclusion | Early Childhood Education | Gun Violence Prevention | Substance Abuse
- “And we won’t stop until we have common sense gun laws. It is not enough to send our thoughts and prayers each time another act of gun violence takes away a life full of promise.”

SC

Governor Henry McMaster | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Mental Health | Substance Abuse | Telehealth Care

SD

Governor Kristi Noem | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Child Welfare | Mental Health | Substance Abuse

TN

Governor Bill Lee | Inaugural Address | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Access to Care | Behavioral Health | Early Intervention Services | Health Care Costs | Juvenile Justice | Mental Health | Physician Workforce | Poverty | Substance Abuse | Suicide Prevention | Violence Prevention

TX

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

- Issues mentioned: Adoption and Foster Care | Child Abuse and Neglect | Disaster Preparedness | Human Trafficking | Mental Health | Violence Prevention

UT

Governor Gary Herbert | State of the State Address

- Issues mentioned: Environmental Health | Mental Health
- “That is why we have set a goal of reducing by 25 percent our per capita emissions across the state by 2026.”

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VT

Governor Phil Scott | [Inaugural Address](#) | [State of the State Address](#)

• Issues mentioned: [Access to Care](#) | [Child Care](#) | [Early Childhood Education](#) | [Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems](#) | [Environmental Health](#) | [Health Care Costs](#) | [Infant Mortality](#) | [Medicaid](#) | [Mental Health](#) | [Obesity](#) | [Paid Family and Medical Leave](#) | [Substance Abuse](#) | [Tobacco](#) | [Violence Prevention](#)

VA

Governor Ralph Northam | [State of the State Address](#)

• Issues mentioned: [Children's Cabinets](#) | [Early Childhood Education](#) | [Environmental Health](#) | [Firearm Safety](#) | [Marijuana Decriminalization](#) | [Medicaid Expansion](#) | [Substance Abuse](#)
• "We can come together, to make sure that our children have the best chance possible to grow into healthy adults."

WA

Governor Jay Inslee | [State of the State Address](#)

• Issues mentioned: [Diversity and Inclusion](#) | [Early Childhood Education](#) | [Environmental Health](#) | [Firearm Safety](#) | [Gun Violence Prevention](#) | [Homelessness](#) | [Home Visiting](#) | [Medical Schools](#) | [Mental Health](#)
• "We need to transform behavioral health from a system that responds to crisis to one that helps people before they reach crisis."

WI

Governor Tony Evers | [Inaugural Address](#) | [State of the State Address](#)

• Issues mentioned: [Affordable Care Act](#) | [Child Care](#) | [Children with Special Health Care Needs](#) | [Diversity and Inclusion](#) | [Early Childhood Education](#) | [Food Insecurity](#) | [Health Care Costs](#) | [Health Disparities](#) | [Homelessness](#) | [Medicaid Expansion](#) | [Mental Health](#) | [Poverty](#) | [Preexisting Conditions](#) | [Prescription Drug Costs](#)

WV

Governor Jim Justice | [State of the State Address](#)

• Issues mentioned: [Child Welfare](#) | [Marijuana Legalization](#) | [Medical Marijuana](#) | [Substance Abuse](#)

WY

Governor Mark Gordon | [Inaugural Address](#) | [State of the State Address](#)

• Issues mentioned: [Environmental Health](#) | [Gun Violence Prevention](#) | [Health Care Costs](#) | [Mental Health](#) | [Substance Abuse](#) | [Telehealth](#)

DC

Mayor Muriel Bowser | [State of the District Address](#)

• Issues mentioned: [Child Care](#) | [Early Childhood Education](#) | [Homelessness](#) | [Poverty \(Minimum Wage, Paid Family and Medical Leave\)](#) | [Violence Prevention](#)