

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

# **SB140**

# Bill as Introduced

SB 140-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0961  
05/08

SENATE BILL

***140-FN-A***

AN ACT

adopting omnibus legislation making appropriations to the department of health and human services.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13

COMMITTEE:

Health and Human Services

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Department of Health and Human Services

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 Sponsorship. This act consists of the following proposed legislation:

2 PART I: LSR 21-0961, making an appropriation to the department of health and human services  
3 to increase homeless shelter case management services, sponsored by: Sen. Rosenwald, Prime/Dist  
4 13; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4;  
5 Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Cavanaugh, Dist 16; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Sen.  
6 Sherman, Dist 24; Rep. Vail, Hills 12; Rep. Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Rep. Andrew Bouldin, Hills.  
7 12; Rep. Espitia, Hills. 31; Rep. Moran, Hills. 34.

8 PART II: LSR 21-1046, making an appropriation to the department of health and human  
9 services for primary prevention services for families, sponsored by: Sen. Rosenwald, Prime/Dist 13;  
10 Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Carson,  
11 Dist 14; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen.  
12 D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Cavanaugh, Dist 16; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Rep.  
13 Long, Hills. 10; Rep. Nordgren, Graf. 12; Rep. Rogers, Merr. 28.

14 2 Legislation Enacted. The general court hereby enacts the following legislation:

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# Amendments

Sen. Bradley, Dist 3  
March 2, 2021  
2021-0573s  
05/08

Amendment to SB 140-FN-A

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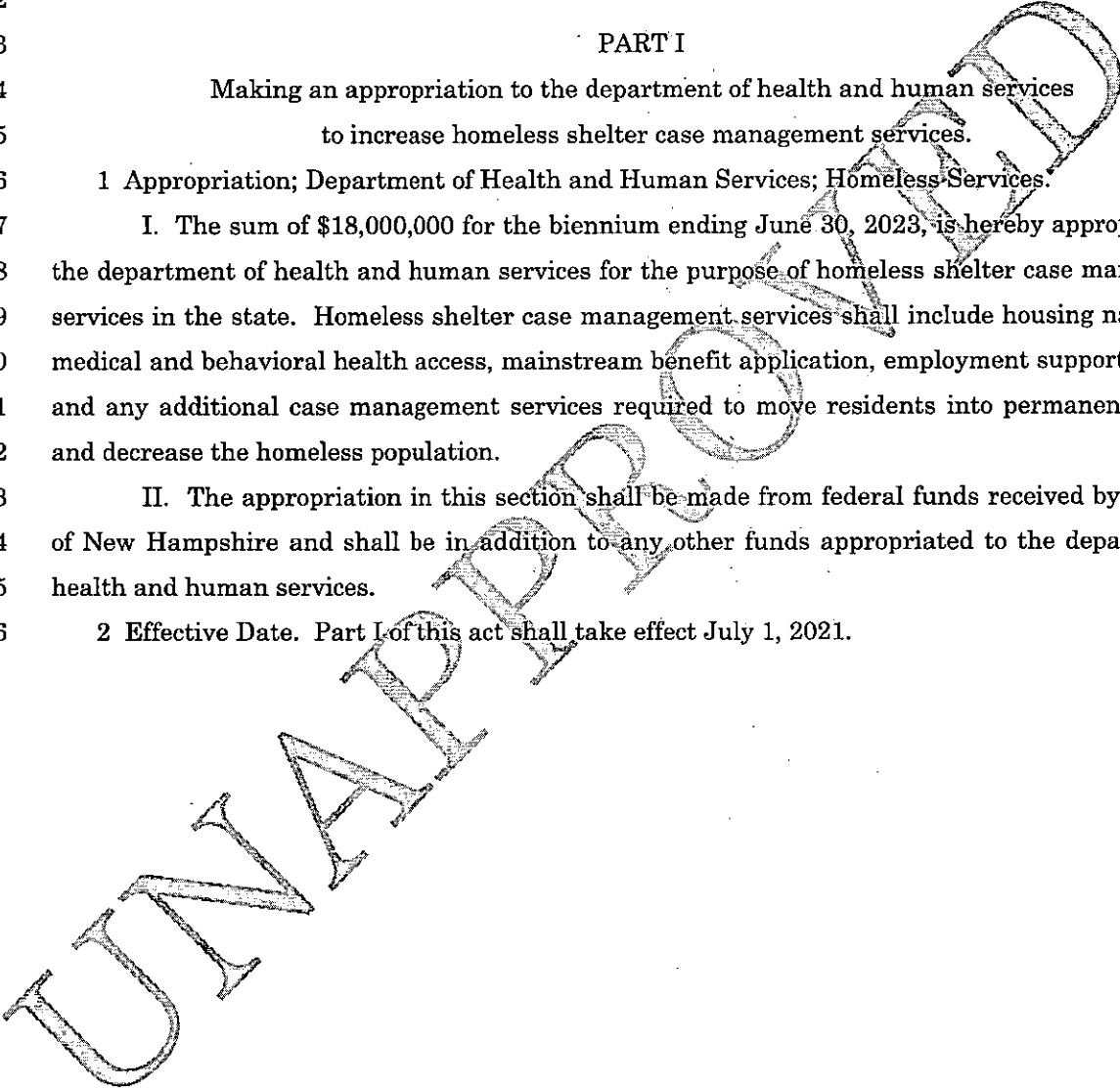
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Health and Human Services  
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2021-0622s  
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Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13  
Sen. Bradley, Dist 3  
March 22, 2021  
2021-0955s  
05/08

Amendment to SB 140-FN-A

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2021-0955s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

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2021-0998s

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# Committee Minutes

**SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE**  
**Health and Human Services**

Sen Jeb Bradley, Chair  
Sen James Gray, Vice Chair  
Sen Kevin Avar, Member  
Sen Tom Sherman, Member  
Sen Rebecca Whitley, Member

Date: February 10, 2021

**HEARINGS**

Wednesday	02/17/2021	
(Day)	(Date)	
Health and Human Services	REMOTE 000	8:30 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)

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|-----------|--------------------|---|
| 8:30 a.m. | <b>SB 152-FN-A</b> | relative to affordable housing program funding.   |
| 8:45 a.m. | <b>SB 140-FN-A</b> | adopting omnibus legislation making appropriations to the department of health and human services.  |
| 9:00 a.m. | <b>SB 157-FN-A</b> | relative to funding of children's mental health services and making an appropriation to fund positions in the department of health and human services contracts and procurement unit. |
| 9:15 a.m. | <b>SB 162-FN</b>   | relative to the department of health and human services, the New Hampshire granite advantage health care trust fund, and health facility licensure.                                   |
| 9:30 a.m. | <b>SB 150-FN</b>   | establishing a dental benefit under the state Medicaid program.   |



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### EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

**Sponsors:**

**SB 152-FN-A**

Sen. Gray

**SB 140-FN-A**

Sen. Rosenwald

**SB 157-FN-A**

Sen. Whitley

Sen. Sherman

Rep. Long

**SB 162-FN**

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Chairman

# Senate Health and Human Services Committee

*Kirsten Koch 271-3266*

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**Hearing Date:** February 17, 2021

**Time Opened:** 9:08 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 10:16 a.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Bradley, Gray, Avard, Sherman and Whitley

**Members of the Committee Absent :** None

**Bill Analysis:** This bill:

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**Sponsors:**

Sen. Rosenwald

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**Who supports the bill:** There are 196 names signed in support of this bill. To view the sign in sheet, please contact the Legislative Aide for the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Kirsten Koch, at [kirsten.koch@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:kirsten.koch@leg.state.nh.us)

**Who opposes the bill:** Alexandra Mennella.

**Who is neutral on the bill:** Athena Cote, DHHS; Sai Cherala, DHHS, Molly Lynch, DHHS; Melissa Hatfield, DHHS.

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Senator Rosenwald, District 13**

- Senator Rosenwald said, this is an appropriation bill addressing two separate programs.
- Part 1 prioritized needs request by DHHS by increasing homeless shelter case management services.
  - This bill compliments SB 152.
  - According to Bureau of Housing Supports (BHS), it costs \$46.00 per person per night to operate a homeless shelter. The state currently reimburses shelters \$8.80 per person per night. This bill would raise that amount to \$20.00. This would also

bring case management and other services. Also decreasing the time individuals are homeless.

- The way to end homelessness is permanent housing.
- We cannot overlook that we have a fragile homeless shelter system in NH.
- In the past year there has been a 21% increase in people experiencing homelessness in NH.
- The Department of Education counted over 4,000 school aged children that experienced homelessness in NH this past year.
- Individuals that are not served by our systems end up with the police, or in the ER, which is much more expensive.
- Part II appropriates \$500,000 in the next two years to shelters to provide primary prevention services. These are services to individuals, grandparents raising children, mental health services, etc.
  - Primary prevention services helps prevent further involvement by DCYF.
  - The original intent of bill was to expand services, however the Governor's budget zeros that out.
- Senator Whitley asked, are you aware of the significant reductions for children and families made in the Governor's budget?
  - Senator Rosenwald said, yes. There was \$2 million eliminated and \$650,000 for the Family Resource Center eliminated.

#### **Craig Welch, Portsmouth Housing Authority**

- Mr. Welch said, in Portsmouth, NH 4.5% of city population lives under housing authority, which mostly includes seniors and children.
- Of the 1,000 people we serve, there 230 cases with mental health center cases.
- Most of the people being housed by the housing authority are coming straight from shelters and/or dealing with a disability.
- When we deinstitutionalize mental health care.
- To keep homelessness in check, which makes police, fire, and shelter costs go up, we need to provide post-shelter management.
- This issue is in need increased financial support.
- Senator Sherman said, if we were able to secure more funding for the care coordination and shelter, is there a pool of people we can tap into? I am wondering about the workforce for this. Local community colleges?
  - Mr. Welch said, I agree. I think the workforce development in this field is short. These professionals need to be compensated in a way that they won't switch industries. We cannot keep and attract quality people at this pray rate. We need some additional funding for the workforce development at community colleges and to compensate people appropriately. This is a complex job and people are switching to the restaurant industry make more money. Trust is key to individuals working with case workers. This trust cannot be built up with turnover.
- Senator Sherman, would this appropriation allow for compensation for those workers?
  - Mr. Welch did not have an answer for the question.

#### **Jennifer Smith, NH Public Health Association**

- Ms. Smith testified in support of Part II of this bill.
- Ms. Smith said, we could use even more funds than what is appropriated in the bill. These services are important for protecting at-risk children from neglect; they need treatment.

### **Martha Stone, Cross-Roads House**

- Ms. Stone said with more funding we would have the flexibility to increase the number of staff we have for our workforce development.
- The \$200 million rental assistance program does not look like it will be available to use for services or shelters.
- If the money is for restricted uses—not including services or shelters—then all this money looks like it is coming in, but we cannot use it for all our needs.
- Homelessness is increasing. There has been a surge on the system after the emergency order.
- Senator Sherman asked about where the funding is coming from now for shelters and services.
  - Ms. Stone said, we get funds through the municipality block grant funds. A lot of the funds we get pays for rent; this is separate from our budget. Over half the funds are coming from fundraising.
- Senator Sherman asked, have you had to expand your footprint for distancing safety? Has this affected you?
  - Ms. Stone said, yes. We have had to make a number of operations to operate. This is our decompression plan. Spacing guidelines have forced us to rent rooms at a local motel to house more individuals that can operate in that environment. This is a very expensive model of delivering shelter.
- Senator Sherman asked, my understanding there is a significant cut in the Governor's budget?
  - Ms. Stone said, I looked at the budget. It was unclear to me how those cuts worked. I think they were being replaced with federal sources. I am unclear what those would be and if those funds would be restricted?
- Senator Sherman said, I will follow up with you after this hearing.

### **Joan Ascheim**

- Ms. Ascheim shared anecdote about her previous work in family intervention.
- Ms. Ascheim said, there have always been families that need these services, but there are families now that never needed these services before.

### **Elissa Margolin, Housing Action NH**

- The priority is to get housing first; it is the ideal evidence-based approach to ending homelessness.
- We have starved the shelter system. They are overloaded and there are growing encampments.
- Ms. Margolin referred the committee to page 968 of Governor's budget proposal. Ms. Margolin said the general amount has dropped. It is may be \$ 3 million less, but it is made up with federal funds. Without the breakdown of federal funds, it is unclear if the use of the funds is restricted.

- Ms. Margolin said, the way shelter contracts are documented has changed.
- Ms. Margolin said, an addition to grants of \$15million, how that will work in the department? Will it cover case management? The department will have to answer these questions.
- Ms. Margolin said, there is other funding at play, FEMA dollars, CARES Act money, eviction prevention money, and we are working with congressional staff to get help in the US House from the American Rescue plan. We cannot find any resource to pay for case management dollars. Maybe federal funds could come in and pay?
- Senator Sherman inquired about FEMA funds for shelters.
  - Ms. Margolin said, FEMA has changed with 100% reimbursement for quarantine shelters.
- Senator Bradley asked for a summary of the Governor's budget proposal in an email to the committee.

### **Erin Pettengill, Family Support NH & Family Resource Center (FRC)**

- There is a need for infrastructure support for children and families.
- FRCs are embedded in communities; they are tailored the families' needs in the communities.
- We are working with DCYF and DHHS to mitigate trauma and support health.
- We need to collect unified data.
- This bill is a matter of leverage for millions of additional dollars.

### **Rebecca Woitkowski, New Futures**

- Ms. W. said, the Governor's budget has eliminated parental assistant program and eliminated key resources for family resource centers. There is a need for increasing appropriation.
- Ms. W. said, New Futures supports the entirety of SB 140-FN including both the homeless shelter case management services appropriation and the appropriation for primary prevention services for families. Due to the nature of the issues surrounding primary prevention services, New Futures testimony will center on those programs. Additional information on support for homeless shelter case management can be provided if requested.
- Ms. W. said, New Futures strongly supports SB 140 because it is imperative that the State continue and sustain investment in primary prevention programs. These programs are essential in the prevention and mitigation of childhood trauma and provide multi-generational supports which enable families to thrive.
- Ms. W. said, countless studies have shown that early experiences literally shape the architecture of the developing brain. We also know that some kinds of stress can derail healthy development. Certain experiences are so severe or chronic that they produce toxic stress in children, which damages developing brain architecture, leading to lifelong problems in health, learning and behavior.
- Ms. W. said, however, research shows that key investments and interventions can dramatically alter a child's life trajectory in a positive way mitigating the effects of toxic stress, building resiliency, and preventing future harm. Proven intervention are those

programs such as home visiting and family centered support and strengthening programs like those found at family resource centers.

- However, New Futures recommends that SB 140 be amended given recent proposed cuts to these programs and other related primary prevention programs in the Governor's budget. The Governor's budget eliminated the Parental Assistance Program Funding which impacts the programs SB 140 anticipated expanding, as well a key family resource centers supports. These programs, while different, are connected in the system of service delivery for children and families. As a result, New Futures requests the Committee consider amending SB 140 to level fund current programing and preserve critical programming through the Parental Assistance Program for our most at-risk children and families.
- In 2018, New Hampshire made a commitment to children of this state through the passage of SB 592. SB 592 sought to address challenges facing our child welfare system and as part of that work created the Parental Assistance Program. A bipartisan effort, the Parental Assistance Program was intended to direct interventions to areas of high need and to increase access to primary prevention services for families to prevent harm before it occurred. To ensure funds were utilized as the legislature intended, SB 592 required that the department of health and human services report on outcomes to the Wellness and Primary Prevention Council
- The potential loss of these programs undermines not only the legislative intent of SB 592 but, more importantly, puts children and families at risk. These are community-based programs in areas of high
- Senator Whitley asked, are you aware of the cuts in the Governor's budget?
  - Ms. W. said, this budget decimated support for children and families. Usually this is a bipartisan effort.
- Senator Whitley said, can you share why childhood interventions are so important? The effects of adverse childhood?
  - Ms. W. said, toxic stress can rail health development. Low-cost, simple intervention can mitigate toxic stress and build resiliency. Intervening before harm and preventing crisis.
- Senator Whitley asked, if those things do happen, and are left unmitigated, what happens?
  - Ms. W. said, those children have a higher risk of substance abuse and physical health risks.
- Senator Whitley inquired about the Governor's budget.
  - Ms. W. said, the Governor's budget is averse to the recommendation. And the council did not have any notice.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:** None.

**Neutral Information Presented:**

**Molly Lynch and Melissa Hatfield, DHHS**

- Ms. Lynch and Ms. Hatfield testified on Part I of this bill.

- The importance of funding the shelters is having proper staff will help individuals move out of the shelters, move unsheltered individuals in to address that population.
- Senator Bradley asked, this bill would seek to appropriate 18 million over and above what has already been opposed in the governor's budget?
  - Ms. Hatfield said, yes.
- Senator Bradley asked, and how much has the Governor proposed already?
  - Ms. Lynch said, we will get back to you on that question.
- Senator Bradley asked, this is a large sum of money, but it is targeting a large problem, would it be appropriate to consider language to get funds from elsewhere? This is a general fund expenditure. Should we only appropriate the funds if federal funds can match?
  - Ms. Lynch said, we can look at prior budgets and proposed budgets.

### **Dr. Sai Cherala, DHHS**

- Dr. Cherala said she is speaking in place of Athena Cote, DHHS.
- Dr. Cherala testified on Part II of this bill.
- These services are helpful to children, parents, and for school readiness.
- This Legislation appropriates \$500,000.
- This bill provides an evidence-based approach to resolve childhood trauma and mental health. As well as economic support and educational programs to prevent adverse childhood experiences.
- The outcome of community collaborations is to reduce number of children that will enter foster care.
- Public/private partnerships are the solution here.
- We need support for community collaborations in Manchester, Lakes region, North Country. These regions have highest number of child abuse cases
- Senator Whitley asked, are you aware of the cuts in the Governor's budget? Are you supportive of them?
  - Dr. Cherala said, I am not aware of all of them. Our focus is gaining funds.

### **Carolyn Virtue, Granite Case Management**

- Ms. Virtue shared a few definitions related to case management as defined by CMS.
- Senator Bradley asked her to put that all in an email and to send it to the committee.

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Smith MD MPH J. J.	A Member of the Public	NH Public Health Association	Support	Yes
Buteau Jen	A Member of the Public	Myself and my agency	Support	Yes
Stone Martha	A Member of the Public	Cross Roads House	Support	Yes
Ascheim Joan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes
Lynch Molly	State Agency Staff	DHHS	Neutral	Yes
Hatfield Melissa	State Agency Staff	DHHS	Neutral	Yes
Margolin Elissa	A Lobbyist	Housing Action NH	Support	Yes
Pettengill Erin	A Member of the Public	Family Support New Hampshire	Support	Yes
WOITKOWSKI REBECCA	A Lobbyist	New Futures Kids Count	Support	Yes
Keilig Carolyn	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Smiley Julie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Alford-Teaster Jennifer	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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Nelson Margaret	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Gordon Laurie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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Mennella Alexandra	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No
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# Testimony

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Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M Cronin  
Newmarket NH  
NH Children's Trust Board of Directors-Chair

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**Over this past year, The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center located in Derry NH has been a key player in serving Kinship families who are managing the care and lifelong commitment to raising a grandchild or someone else's child as a result of the biological parent not being able to do this. These families are meeting weekly, have created bonds and become lifelines to one another. We have seen these families thriving, the children accessing the medical, social and educational supports they need. We have worked to deliver compassionate services which stabilize families, and assist them in accessing the resources and support they need at a time that is devastating for them.**

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB-140 FN  
Requesting Appropriations to Health and Human Services**

TO: Senator Bradley and members of Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
FROM: Christina D'Allesandro, NH Senior Director, MomsRising  
DATE: February 16, 2021

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Dear Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee

I write in strong support of SB 140-FN adopting omnibus legislation making appropriations to the department of health and human services. It is essential that we find a way to ensure that the programs that provide support to children and families across the state through our network of Family Resource Centers are supported through direct dollars and a strong supporting network

A strong endorsement from this committee on the importance of providing funds to support a network that strengthens and supports families makes clear the Senate's commitment to supporting these funds in the upcoming budget discussions for NH FY 22/23. In this time where we continue to deal with the impacts of the pandemic, providing supports to families before they fall into crisis will only strengthen our families in the short term and improve our state over the long term.

The funding for Family Resource Centers and Parental Assistance programs, supports home visitors to aid new parents and ensures they have the skills to be the best parents they can be, parenting programs to help reduce parental stress and improve family outcomes.

In short, these programs work, and the funds provided by the state are leveraged to access even more federal dollars. While we will undoubtedly have more discussion in the weeks and months to come about the budget and the states priorities for children and families - it is essential that the Senate take a strong position toward preserving these funds through acknowledging the importance of these funds and the invaluable services they provide to children and families.

In my capacity at MomsRising we hear from mothers and families about what they need and what is helping them to provide. There is no doubt that our families are struggling, and Family Resource Centers are providing so many supports to families - we cannot jeopardize these supports when families need them most. Please support SB 140-FN as Ought to Pass.

Thank you,  
Christina D'Allesandro



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I write in strong support of SB 140-FN adopting omnibus legislation making appropriations to the department of health and human services. In particular, I write to support the provisions which make appropriations for primary prevention services for families. These programs are critical to families throughout the state who rely on their local Family Resource Center (FRC) and New Hampshire Children's Trust (NHCT) to access critical resources and services. Please consider that:

- The programs and services offered to families through FRCs are proven to strengthen families, protect children, and prevent child abuse and neglect. The support provided to the FRCs by NHCT is critical in ensuring a consistent, high-quality, statewide presence of family services within a network of 16 FRCs. They make a difference in the lives of NH's Families!
- We already know—and there is evidence to show—that shifting child and family well-being from an over reliance on the child protection system and its limited capacity to support families is critical to a successful transformation. NH has made a commitment to greatly enhance the child welfare system by investing in community-based systems that align with the state's efforts and building strong public and community partnerships across sectors to bolster positive impact on our families and children.
- Continued investment in these partnerships is essential to maintaining the momentum already established over the past several years. This includes recent national recognition and visibility surrounding NHCT's work as the Facilitating Organization for NH's FRCs.
- NH was recently selected, with Governor Sununu's support, as a participant in the national Thriving Families, Safer Children initiative because of the progress made in the state to involve community-based partners in the transformation of the child welfare system. This designation is likely to attract greater visibility and resources fueled by the state's commitment to primary prevention initiatives. The removal of \$325,000 of General Fund dollars can, and will, send a conflicting message to our national partners who are relying on NH's innovation and resourcefulness to affect positive change.

The Governor's budget proposed devastating cuts to these services. Therefore SB 140 is even more vital to ensuring a stable system of support for our most at-risk kids and families. Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 140 -FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cliff Simmonds", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Cliff Simmonds  
Executive Director



Testimony of Elissa Margolin, Director  
in SUPPORT of SB 140, Part I  
before the Senate Health and Human Services  
February 17, 2021

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee. My name is Elissa Margolin and I serve as director of Housing Action NH. We are a statewide coalition of 80 organizations united around affordable housing policy and ending homelessness in New Hampshire. Housing Action NH supports Senate Bill 140, Part I to increase homeless shelter case management services.

**Context.** For the last 10 years, as a matter of policy and practice, we at the state and federal levels have focused on affordable housing and supportive housing as a solution to homelessness. This approach, known as *housing first*, remains the ideal evidenced-based solution. However, in our collective desire to focus on housing-based solutions, we have under-supported shelter operations. The proposal in SB 140, Part I, would help address the operational needs of homeless shelters in our state and prioritize case management work to help move people out of shelter.

**Homelessness Has Increased in New Hampshire.** After several years of decreasing numbers, the latest data from the Point-in-Time count reveal a 21% increase in people experiencing homelessness in NH from the prior year. In that same year, the NH Department of Education counted over 4,000 school-aged children who experienced homelessness in 2020. Since these data counts were captured before the pandemic, it's likely that these numbers are undercounting the current situation. We know that many who find ways to double-up with friends no longer had that option due to Covid-19. Overall, while shelters needed to "decompress" and bring down their census, the demand for shelter services increased.

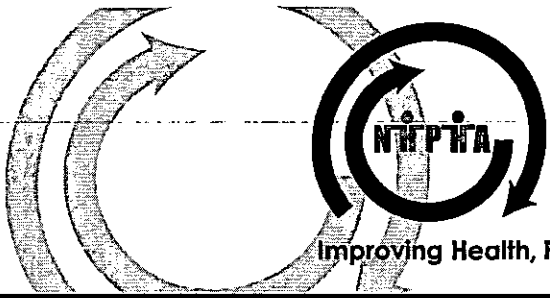
**Operational Sustainability.** According to the Bureau of Housing Supports at DHHS, it costs \$46 per person per night to operate a homeless shelter. Our state currently reimburses that service at \$8.80 per person per night, requiring shelters to identify over 80% of each bed night costs from other sources. The appropriation proposed in this bill would raise the reimbursement to \$20 per person per night and impose a more sustainable operational model for our state's homeless shelter system.

**Case Management Works.** According to our shelter leader members, comprehensive case management helps those experiencing homelessness start to put the pieces together again. From accessing documents, to applying for other types of assistance to accessing health care, a case manager can help shorten shelter stays. Right now, shelter staff are overburdened with shelter administration and doing case management as well. SB 140, Part I could be a game changer and strengthen overall shelter operations by improving case management.

**Other Funding in Play.** Relief programs have brought new resources to shelters, but none have been identified to address comprehensive case management. Federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding helped with decompression and quarantine needs. New Hampshire's Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery also created the Shelter Modification Program that was critical in addressing infrastructure needs at shelters to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The federal relief package passed in December will allow for a robust rental assistance program in New Hampshire and the new package currently moving through the US House of Representatives contains proposals for

more rental assistance, mortgage forbearance, housing vouchers and supportive housing infrastructure. However, none of these resources are designed to address the case management needs of our homeless shelter system for the next biennium.

Thank you for your continued service and leadership during this challenging time. Housing Action NH is available to continue to bring information to your Committee to address issues related to affordable housing and homelessness in our state.



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The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
Health and Human Services

February 17, 2021

Re: SB 140-FN-A: Adopting omnibus legislation making appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services

Honorable Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Joan Ascheim, and I recently retired from the position of Executive Director of the New Hampshire Public Health Association (NHPHA). We are a statewide membership organization composed of over 200 health care and public health professionals. For the past 25 years, we have advocated for policies that improve the health of New Hampshire's people.

Today we submit this testimony on behalf of our members and partners to state the NHPHA's support of SB 140 Part II, making an appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services for primary prevention services for families. This bill requests the sum of \$500,000 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and 2023. This is half of what is actually needed to support the continuation of four key programs to support New Hampshire families.

The first is **Community Collaborations**: These are community-based programs in communities of high need that work to establish an integrated continuum of family support services, such as mental health, substance misuse treatment, economic supports, home visiting, and educational programs to prevent child abuse and adverse childhood experiences and reduce the number of children entering foster care. The second is the **Family Connections Center** at the NH State Prison, which provides parental education programs to incarcerated residents and children ages 0-18. The program provides support to improve parent-child relationships. Third is the **Healthy Families America home visiting program**, an evidence-based home visiting program for young families that improves child outcomes and decreases child maltreatment. Lastly is the **Plan of Safe and Supportive Care**, which provides support services and home visiting to families with substance-exposed infants.

All these programs work to improve parent-child interaction, reduce maltreatment, and increase skills for regulating behavior and increasing coping. I worked for the Division of Public Health Services for many years and actually helped establish the home visiting program in the 1990s with grant funding. Such programs have many years of research documenting success. I remember reading the powerful feedback from families in the programs stating that they knew they would not still have custody of their children were it not for the program.

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Young families, particularly those who struggle due to lack of opportunities and who live in stressful environments, benefit greatly from such programs. As families encounter the economic effects of COVID and strive to balance work, remote schooling, and the isolation of social distancing, these programs are more important than ever.

On behalf of NHPHA, we urge you to pass this legislation to fund programs that bolster New Hampshire families and help them and their children thrive.

Respectfully,

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February 17, 2021

The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
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State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SB 140-FN

Dear Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee,

I write in strong support of SB 140-FN adopting omnibus legislation making appropriations to the department of health and human services. In particular, I write to support the provisions which make appropriations for primary prevention services for families. These programs are critical to NH because they empower parents and caregivers to establish and sustain the safe, stable and nurturing environments essential for children to grow into healthy, thriving, and productive adults.

Over the course of my career in social services, I have worked in programs directly serving children and families, adjudicated youth, formerly incarcerated individuals, and victims and survivors of sex and labor trafficking. I have always worked to lift up the individuals in my care regardless of circumstance. However, realized early on that relying on intervention to solve for the harrowing consequences of truly preventable vulnerabilities is an incredible feat and a fools errand. There is a better way.

As Sr. Program Director at New Hampshire Children's Trust, I am a steward of and witness to the positive impacts of the State's investments in primary prevention on NH families and communities. Family Resource Centers and parental assistance programs provide essential services and supports to *all* families. Cutting funding to these programs is an egregious decision and massive contradiction to our Governor's expressed commitment to improving our childwelfare system.

The Governor's budget proposed devastating cuts to the very services he committed to support, making SB140 even more vital to ensuring a stable system for our children and families. As a social worker, mother of one, and kinship caregiver since the age of 22, I ask that you please support the resources that support NH families.

The resilience of our people and the continued engagement of state leaders is critical to ensuring well-being of all NH residents. I urge the Committee to recommend SB 140 -FN ought to pass. This funding is critical to sustaining and building on our strength as a community

Respectfully submitted,

*Joelyn Drennan*

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## Kirsten Koch

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**From:** Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett <rabbijon@tbanashua.org>  
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**To:** Kirsten Koch  
**Subject:** sb 140

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Dear Senators:

My name is Jonathan Spira-Savett. I am a resident of Nashua in Ward 1, and I serve as rabbi of Temple Beth Abraham, which is in Sen. Rosenwald's district. I am the president of the Nashua Area Interfaith Council and one of the conveners of the Greater Nashua Interfaith Housing Justice Group. I am writing in support of SB 140.

Over the years our Interfaith Council has been collaborating with local nonprofits to determine where social service needs in our community are strongest and where they are lacking. There are many organizations, programs, and sources of both volunteers and funding for people in crisis. That support drops off dramatically when it comes to supporting people moving out from shelters or transitional housing. That transition is critical; all the good work and all the public investment is for nothing unless an individual or family can segue into stable work and housing and become more integrated into the community. All of the service providers we speak with point to a shortage of specialists and capacity to support that transition, whether within their own organizations or in collaboration with our dedicated and fine local continuum of care.

SB 140 invests in that capacity and the impact would be not only for individuals, but for the local economy, in having access to a reliable, expanded labor force for middle-income jobs; for education, in having fewer students wrestling with challenges at home that get in the way of learning; for healthcare costs. I urge you to recommend and pass SB 140.

Sincerely,  
Rabbi Jonathan Spira-Savett



February 17, 2021

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Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
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**As the Executive Director of a family resource center, I urge you to continue funding to support the work of New Hampshire family resource centers. Work supporting families of New Hampshire is critical to the present and future health and well-being of our communities and our state. Current state funding for family resource centers through the facilitating organization has bolstered professional development for staff, allowed for targeted outreach and support for kinship families, statewide marketing efforts, and increased organizational capacity in order to serve more families in high quality, effective programs.**

The Governor's budget proposed devastating cuts to these services. Therefore SB 140 is even more vital to ensuring a stable system of support for our most at-risk kids and families. Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 140 -FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

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February 17, 2021

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February 17, 2021

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Concord, NH 03301

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I write in strong support of SB 140-FN adopting omnibus legislation making appropriations to the department of health and human services. In particular, I write to support the provisions which make appropriations for primary prevention services for families.

As the Executive Director of a Family Resource Center here in New Hampshire, I witness the benefit of these programs firsthand, everyday. Critical prevention based supports such as home visiting have served as a lifeline for many families who may be isolated and face a host of challenges ranging from lack of food to mental health and substance misuse. Sometimes, having a home visitor can be as simple as another person present to hold their baby while they take a shower or have a few moments alone. It can make all the difference in how a parent is able to cope with the everyday demands of parenting. Kinship support for grandparents and other relative caregivers is another vital service supported by primary prevention service funding. We have witnessed families unravel with the loss of a parent due to substance misuse and admire the courage of grandparents and other relatives who step in to care for a child/children. The experience is often sudden and overwhelming and families need the help of organizations like ours to navigate the financial, emotional and legal challenges they face.

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Respectfully submitted,

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State House -  
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As the Director of Advancement at New Hampshire Children's Trust, I see first-hand how NH's Family Resource Centers and parental assistance programs directly affect children, parents and caregivers, and whole communities. When you make cuts to a community's family support system, you are sawing at the trunk of New Hampshire's most important tree, especially now, especially as COVID-19 further ravages the Granite State. And as a father of two young children, Loic (5) and Winnie (2), I ask you to please support resources that help my family directly. Please. I need the preventative services that are on the chopping block.

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Respectfully submitted,



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February 17, 2021

The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: SB 140-FN AN ACT adopting omnibus legislation making appropriations to the department of health and human services.**

Dear Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee,

New Futures appreciates the opportunity to testify in favor of SB 140-FN-A (“SB 140”) adopting omnibus legislation making appropriations to the department of health and human services. New Futures is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that advocates, educates, and collaborates to improve the health and wellness of all New Hampshire residents. As New Hampshire’s authorized Kids Count organization, New Futures also advocates for data-based policies that support Granite State families.

New Futures supports the entirety of SB 140-FN including both the homeless shelter case management services appropriation and the appropriation for primary prevention services for families. Due to the nature of the issues surrounding primary prevention services, New Futures testimony will center on those programs. Additional information on support for homeless shelter case management can be provided if requested.

### **Investment in Primary Prevention Is Critical to the Health of NH’s Children**

New Futures strongly supports SB 140 because it is imperative that the State continue and sustain investment in primary prevention programs. These programs are essential in the prevention and mitigation of childhood trauma and provide multi-generational supports which enable families to thrive.

Countless studies have shown that early experiences literally shape the architecture of the developing brain. We also know that some kinds of stress can derail healthy development. Certain experiences are so severe or chronic that they produce toxic stress in children, which damages developing brain architecture, leading to lifelong problems in health, learning and behavior<sup>1</sup>.

However, research shows that key investments and interventions can dramatically alter a child’s life trajectory in a positive way mitigating the effects of toxic stress, building resiliency, and preventing future harm. Proven interventions are those programs such as home visiting and family centered support and strengthening programs like those found at family resource centers<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> [http://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/phl/resource\\_center\\_infographic.html](http://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/phl/resource_center_infographic.html)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/aces/index.html>

### **SB 140 and Primary Prevention Programs Cut in Governor's Budget**

New Futures understand that the Sponsor of SB 140 anticipated expanding primary prevention services for families in four main categories – community collaborations, Healthy Families America (HFA) home visiting, Home visiting coordination with safe plans of care for infants, and Family Connections Center at the NH State Prison. New Futures strongly supports all these programs as they are proven to mitigate aces and improve child and family outcomes.

However, New Futures recommends that SB 140 be amended given recent proposed cuts to these programs and other related primary prevention programs in the Governor's budget. The Governor's budget eliminated the Parental Assistance Program Funding which impacts the programs SB 140 anticipated expanding, as well as key family resource centers supports. These programs, while different, are connected in the system of service delivery for children and families. As a result, New Futures requests the Committee consider amending SB 140 to level fund current programming and preserve critical programming through the Parental Assistance Program for our most at-risk children and families<sup>3</sup>.

In 2018, New Hampshire made a commitment to children of this state through the passage of SB 592<sup>4</sup>. SB 592 sought to address challenges facing our child welfare system and as part of that work created the Parental Assistance Program. A bipartisan effort, the Parental Assistance Program was intended to direct interventions to areas of high need and to increase access to primary prevention services for families to prevent harm before it occurred. To ensure funds were utilized as the legislature intended, SB 592 required that the department of health and human services report on outcomes to the Wellness and Primary Prevention Council (WPPC)<sup>5</sup>.

Given the importance and need within our communities, additional funding was allocated to the parental assistance program in 2019. These funds were housed in the DCYF budget but collaboratively allocated between DHHS and DCYF given the understanding of how intrinsically linked child protection is to primary prevention programming<sup>6</sup>.

The Parental Assistance Program currently supports a variety of the most critical primary prevention programs in NH. This includes the Community Collaborations grants in 3 regions (Manchester, the Winnepesaukee public health region, and Coos County), targeted home visiting programs, kinship navigation, and supports for a system of family resource centers. Each one of these programs are operating well and responding to community needs.

The potential loss of these programs undermines not only the legislative intent of SB 592 but, more importantly, puts children and families at risk. These are community-based programs in areas of high

<sup>3</sup> Level funding would be \$1,325,000 in FY22 and \$1,325,000 in FY23.

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/billText.aspx?id=1835&txtFormat=html&sy=2018](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billText.aspx?id=1835&txtFormat=html&sy=2018)

<sup>5</sup> The Wellness and Primary Prevention Council recently issued an annual report which outlined strong support for primary prevention programming. See attached document report.

<sup>6</sup> It is New Futures understanding that to increase effective expenditure, these funds were moved from DCYF to DHHS this budget session and then cut from the Governor's Budget.



need that work to establish an integrated continuum of family support services such as mental health and substance misuse treatment, economic supports, home visiting and educational programs to prevent child abuse and mitigate adverse childhood experiences and reduce the number of children entering foster care. Without continued investment, many of New Hampshire's most vulnerable children and families will be cut from supports and facing even greater risk of trauma.

The key investments of the Parental Assistance Program enable NH to receive millions in additional federal grant funding that is aligned with the work. Elimination of state investment, particularly with respect to the Community Collaborations<sup>7</sup> grant, sets New Hampshire up to lose out on continued federal investment now and in the future.

Given the legislative history and the importance of primary prevention in NH, New Futures recommends that the Committee consider increasing the appropriation to 1,325,000 in FY22 and 1,325,000 in FY23 to sustain existing programming. The commitments of the legislature to children in 2018 should stand as strong in 2021, especially given the impacts of COVID-19. We urge the committee to amend SB 140 and vote the bill ought to pass as amended.



Rebecca Woitkowski, Esq.  
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<sup>7</sup> NH was one of 4 recipients nationally of Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families Grant and the only state. It is a 5 year invest by The Children's Bureau and NH is currently in year 3.

# WPPC

## Wellness & Primary Prevention Council

### The Wellness and Primary Prevention Annual Report

January 31, 2021

The Wellness and Primary Prevention Council (WPPC) presents the following annual report for year 2020.

#### Background/History

New Hampshire has long recognized that investment in the wellness of children reduces social and economic cost. In 1999 the Legislature passed Chapter 126-M which created the WPPC. Because Family Resource Centers (FRC) play a critical role in the health of families and children, the intent of the act was to encourage, facilitate and promote primary prevention and early intervention efforts through a formal network of FRCs<sup>1</sup>.

In 2015 Chapter 126-M was amended to formalize a process to designate programs as Family Resource Centers of Quality (FRC-Q). This process utilizes the National Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support, NH Operational Standards for Family Resource Centers of Quality and other important factors which demonstrate the programs organizational health and commitment to quality programing.

Since 2017, the WPPC has been actively engaged in work supporting and advocating for a statewide system of family resource centers. The multi-year work had involved deep strategic planning and engagement with a diverse group of partners who are involved in primary prevention in the state. The commitment of the members of the WPPC and partners has resulted in successful steps forward for primary prevention in New Hampshire.

In June 2019, due to coordinated advocacy, the State awarded a contract to The New Hampshire Children's Trust to serve in a facilitating organization role for family resource centers. This was a critical step forward and a vital infrastructure investment. The state's investment in the model also has allowed additional federal funds to flow to communities.

The New Hampshire Children's Trust has specialized in capacity-building for family support and strengthening programs since its inception in 1986. As the New Hampshire Family Resource Center

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<sup>1</sup> For more information on the types of primary prevention services please visit -<https://www.fsnh.org/family-support.html>

Facilitation Organization, NHCT is committed to enriching the work of all Family Resource Centers throughout the state by providing guidance, training and technical assistance to centers seeking FRC-Q designation, by creating and maintaining a centralized data system; by increasing efficiencies for Family Resource Centers by coordinating and funnelling resources including a statewide network of kinship navigators; by raising awareness among community and state stakeholders through thoughtful, creative marketing and collaborative advocacy.

This report will outline progress made in improving the quality of Family Resource Centers including some of the initiatives resulting from the facilitating organization model, status of quality designation, ongoing needs of the community, concerns around primary prevention, priority issues for decision makers and goals of the WPPC in 2021.

### **A Coordinated Approach to Supporting Families**

Safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for children in the early years are critical to healthy development and future well-being. As a core premise of Family Support<sup>2</sup>, assuring the well-being of all families is the cornerstone of a healthy society, and requires universal access to support programs and services. This requires a shift in human services delivery that encourages public and private agencies to work together and to become more preventive, responsive, flexible, family-focused, strengths-based, and holistic – and thus more effective.

New Hampshire policy makers, advocates and families have long worked to improve and better coordinate family support systems. Family Resource Centers play an important role in this system helping families connect to one another and the community, empowering each family to be successful and resilient.<sup>3</sup>

To support and better coordinate a renewed focus on preventative services for children and families, WPPC members have participated in the establishment and growth of Governor Sununu's Council for Thriving Children. This new governance structure established in 2020 by Executive Order<sup>4</sup> is charged with developing and advancing the state's vision for children, families and communities; formalizing collaborations and connections to foster efficient, high-quality services for children and families; and using a strong equity lens to guide implementation based on agreed upon principles and goals. As part of these efforts, New Hampshire mobilized leadership from the state's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Department of Education (DOE) along with the University of NH (UNH) and a large contingent of community partners, to collaboratively to lead a Federally funded initiative, the Preschool Development Grant. A central goal of this initiative is to support strong families so that they have the skills, basic resources, and supports to promote their children's development and learning<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.nationalfamilysupportnetwork.org/frameworks>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.fsnh.org/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-and-media/governor-chris-sununu-signs-executive-order-establishes-council-thriving-children>

<sup>5</sup> [https://mypages.unh.edu/sites/default/files/pdg/files/nh\\_ec\\_strategic\\_plan\\_2020.pdf](https://mypages.unh.edu/sites/default/files/pdg/files/nh_ec_strategic_plan_2020.pdf)

The WPPC's unique role in supporting and improving the quality of FRCs is critical in ensuring that family support is more broadly available and better coordinated with an entire system of care and support for New Hampshire families. The work of the WPPC ensures that FRCs have the capacity to provide essential services.

### **Facilitating Organization – Update and Ongoing Work**

Since June 2019, New Hampshire Children's Trust has been doing the critical work of providing infrastructure and supports to FRCs. The Children's Trust has provided trainings, communications/marketing support, kinship navigation supports, a community of practice, and data collection. Below is a short update to the initiatives related to the 2020 work of the WPPC around (1) quality designation and (2) data collection<sup>6</sup>.

#### **1. Quality Designation**

In its role as a facilitating organization, The Children's Trust is providing technical assistance (TA) and communities of practice to engage FRC's in the quality designation process. The designation process is time consuming and the goal is to provide FRC's with support and community throughout the process. The Children's trust convened the first cohort in 2019 which concluded meeting in June of 2020 and a second cohort is currently underway. There are currently 4 FRC's that have received quality designation: The River Center, TLC, Waypoint, Nashua, Greater Tilton Area FRC. Of those centers, TLC sought re-designation and Easterseals (previously designated) is not seeking redesignation. Quality designation is an important aspect in the development of a network of services for NH families and supports FRCs in continuing to maximize these positive impacts.

While the additional support via the Children's Trust is vital to FRC's, issues remain regarding the limited resources of FRC's to dedicate to the quality designation process. FRC remain universally underfunded and this impacts the ability of all FRC's to reach quality designation. The WPPC recommends that in addition to sustaining the funding for FRC's additional funding to FRC support and maintain quality designation be considered in the future<sup>7</sup>.

#### **2. Data Collection**

The WPPC has long advocated for data collection at the FRC level. Currently there is a data collection platform, stipends to FRC's to participate in data collection, and a data manager at the Children's Trust to assist with that collection. As part of this work, The Children's Trust has rolled out a survey to measure programmatic outcomes that will help FRC's tell a better collective story. The WPPC anticipates reviewing data in 2021 to better understand community needs. We anticipate that these

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<sup>6</sup> Further information on the specific programming of The Children's Trust can be provided if requested.

<sup>7</sup> In 2016, research was conducted on the costs to support an infrastructure system for FRC's and the ability to leverage federal and state funds. The State has adopted the model outlined in that report, but additional consideration is necessary to determine how to move beyond infrastructure funding to universal, comprehensive funding for all FRC's.

efforts will be leveraged with other data integration activities at NH Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education through the Preschool Development Grant

### **Growing Need for Services in All Communities**

New Hampshire, and the nation, has been in a state of pandemic since the spring of 2020. The combination of economic, health, and social crisis has plunged many families into desperate situations. FRC's were at the frontlines for families and immediately pivoted to adapt services to meet community needs. This included countless actions such as standing up virtual support groups, coordinating with school districts to distribute food, adapting home-visiting, addressing concrete needs of families, and all the other things that bring community to individuals. To do this and do it well – has been no small task and the WPPC recognizes the ingenuity, strength, and commitment of our FRC's to the children and families of New Hampshire.

As has been said each year, despite the growing needs in this state, not every community in New Hampshire has an FRC and therefore not every family has access to important family strengthening and support service offered by FRC's. As growing attention is placed on FRC's, the WPPC urges leaders to consider broader funding that will allow FRC's open in new and underserved communities and expand services in existing regions.

Although the WPPC remains excited about the state investment in the infrastructure model through the New Hampshire Children's Trust, that funding alone does not universally or comprehensively support the entire system, especially given the current needs within the state. Moreover, much of the funds leveraged to support the infrastructure model come from federal funds which are not dedicated to this system. Lastly, many of the programs and services which flow through FRC's rely on federal funds or prevention dollars which are not long-term dedications.

As such, the WPPC is concerned that the economic impacts of the pandemic may threaten the sustainability of the system beyond the current contract term. Given the critical need and value to the entire state, the WPPC urges state leaders to commit to sustaining funding and dedicate additional funds necessary to continue programming even in the absence of federal dollars.

### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, many efforts toward system building steps were taken toward improving primary prevention in New Hampshire while addressing and responding to a global pandemic. The WPPC acknowledges and thanks members and partners for the hard work regarding quality designation and advocacy efforts to heighten public awareness about the importance of FRC's and primary prevention programs. In addition, the WPPC appreciates the dedicated efforts of state partners and legislative champions in the effort to identify and support FRC's as a priority.

While these steps are an important start to having a well-organized and high functioning infrastructure for the network of FRC-Qs the work does not stop here. We need to assure that funding is available to the FRC-Qs, the folks with boots on the ground, as well as the Facilitating Organization.

The WPPC believes the following steps are necessary to continue this work into 2021

1. Sustain resources for primary prevention programs in the budget which flow through FRCs;
2. Sustain the resources for the Facilitating Organization;
3. Include additional funding to FRC support and maintain quality designation in all future planning;
4. Expand public awareness and collaborations about primary prevention and FRC's in the community.
5. Continue coordination with other prevention and family support initiatives.

Lastly, and always, we need to be mindful of the saying " an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure " and fund the FRCs and the FO in order that they continue and expand on the valuable work they do for NH Families.



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February 17, 2021

The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SB 140-FN

Dear Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee,

I write in strong support of SB 140-FN adopting omnibus legislation making appropriations to the department of health and human services. In particular, I write to support the provisions which make appropriations for primary prevention services for families. These programs are critical to families because they support healthy development for children and reduce the incidents of child abuse, neglect and trauma across New Hampshire.

As the Executive Director of TLC Family Resource Center located in Claremont, NH, and serving Sullivan and Lower Grafton Counties, I know that our team of highly trained Family Support Specialists meets families every single day who are struggling with the multiple demands of parenting, economic stability, employment, education, and health. Families who are now experiencing the significant impacts of the pandemic. Primary prevention services have become a critical source of support for not only our most vulnerable families, but for families who are suddenly faced with job loss and isolation due to COVID-19. As a result, TLC Family Resource Center has seen enrollment in our home visiting services grow to 2.5 times pre-COVID participation. Families are walking through the door asking about resources for basic needs, tools to support children who are experiencing anxiety and depression, and parent education on how to work through post-natal depression and other challenges faced by new moms. The in-home supports and healthcare provided by primary prevention services are proven to reduce the number of adverse childhood experiences faced by children and result in better outcomes. It is truly an investment in our children's future.

The Governor's budget proposed devastating cuts to these services, which would require agency's like ours to reduce the number of families we are able to serve during a critical time. Therefore, SB 140 is even more vital to ensuring a stable system of support for our most at-risk kids and families. Because I know firsthand the positive and important impacts of this program on the health and wellbeing of New Hampshire families, I urge the Committee to recommend SB 140 -FN ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Slayton, LCSW  
Executive Director

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**Kirsten Koch**

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**From:** Stephanie Savard <ssavard@fitnh.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2021 4:54 PM  
**To:** Kirsten Koch  
**Cc:** Maria Devlin  
**Subject:** Written Testimony SB 140

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Dear Senators,

As Director of the New Hampshire Coalition to End Homelessness, I wanted to reach out to you on behalf of the many New Hampshire emergency shelters who are providing the most life-safety response and vital shelter and services to our communities' most vulnerable population, individuals, and families with children, who are experiencing homelessness. The New Hampshire Coalition to End Homelessness is in favor of SB 140 as it supports Department of Health and Human Services prioritized needs request for the Bureau of Housing Supports.

Per the NH DHHS, this \$9 million funding request in general funds in each year of the biennium would be to support homeless shelter case management services. As may be aware, the Governor's Council on Housing Stability is actively working on supporting enhanced case management models in our emergency shelter system across the state and to date emergency shelters are only funded at approximately \$8.80 per person per day. This limited funding makes it very difficult for emergency shelters to be able to implement enhanced case management in their programs as will be recommended by the Council. The true cost of emergency shelter operations, including food, staff support, facility operations and case management is approximately \$46 per person per day. This recommended funding increase would bring emergency shelters closer to the true costs of these services to approximately \$20 per person per day.

An increase in financial support to this delicate homeless service provider system is key to ensure that individuals and families who access these services have brief stays in emergency sheltering and immediate access to the supportive services necessary to help bridge them to affordable housing solutions, mainstream resources, and support for the trauma experienced due to homelessness. The recent New Hampshire Coalition to End Homelessness publication **The State of Homelessness in New Hampshire 2020 Annual Report** clearly demonstrates that homelessness is on the rise in our state. The more efficient the homeless service system is, the more responsive it can be to those in need. Added financial support to this already fragile system is imperative to have an impact on homelessness across the state.

While the state has received federal funding for short-term solutions so that emergency shelters could have immediate response to the heightened risk of COVID-19, these funds only offer a brief infusion of financial resources to support only a fraction of the expense to successfully operate an emergency shelter in New Hampshire. Therefore, the New Hampshire Coalition to End Homelessness encourages you to vote in favor of SB 140 to support this DHHS *prioritized need* request for emergency shelters.

We know you each value the dedication and responsiveness that shelter providers across the state have demonstrated, even prior to the pandemic. We now hope that you will consider supporting this recommended DHHS prioritized funding need in your proposed budget to support these shelters continuing efforts. We so appreciate your ongoing commitment to homeless service providers and the vulnerable community members they support and serve.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie*



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## Kirsten Koch

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**From:** Tracy Hardekopf <execdirshelter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2021 8:47 PM  
**To:** Kirsten Koch  
**Subject:** Case Management and SB140

Dear New Hampshire Committee on SB 140,

As a sheltering service provider in the state we wish to share with you the impact our case management has had on families and individuals experiencing homelessness. Our small non profit shelter has placed 28 family units in 29 short months into permanent housing. We have accomplished this on an annual budget of just \$162,000. Our case management is performed by a half time case manager and with the executive functioning as a case manager all hours of each workday.

We follow those families for up to 24 months post sheltering and continue to provide case management and supports that provide the safety net to help families stay housed, employed and attending to education. We also ensure that mental and physical health status is continued as we follow these families with what we call "aftercare case management".

This navigation through means based support or through connection to health care providers and to other non profit services is how we reduce homelessness. Short of a minimum guaranteed income or a new influx of housing based on income we are the front line of reducing homelessness in our area and state.

During covid we helped clients navigate childcare, unemployment filings, stimulus obtainment. We even became a traveling "secretary" making PDFs with mobile phones and filing needed reports and documents online for clients without wifi or without scanners/computers. All of this was done to help clients and former clients with housing retention.

Without case management connection to legal aid, jobs, landlords would not occur. We have data driven analytics to prove the impact case management has on reducing homelessness and the impact that case management has on self sufficiency. By using a data driven approach to Case Management and Aftercare Case Management we are able to prove a 96.4% housing retention rate for our clients after 24 months!

Sheltering is important to save lives, Case Management and Aftercare Case Management is the solution to reducing and potentially ending homelessness in our state!

Respectfully,

**Tracy S. Hardekopf**, MS, MPP, SHRM-SCP  
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February 17, 2021

The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SB 140-FN

Dear Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee,

My name is Erin Pettengill and I am the president of the board of Family Support New Hampshire. I also run the Family Resource Center of Central New Hampshire.

I am testifying in support of SB 140 as it reintroduces funding to support a system of for Family Resource Centers and primary prevention services. This funding is critical infrastructure support for Family Resource Centers as it allows us to continue to support New Hampshire's most vulnerable children and families – which have only been growing in numbers due to COVID.

Family Resource Centers are built on a research-based framework of family support, which focuses on helping families build on their own strengths and access resources that are available in their communities to further their well-being. Because FRCs are embedded in communities, the programs are tailored to the needs of the community they serve, and so are both flexible and responsive to family and community needs. The benefits are seen beyond DHHS and overlap into DCYF and public health – reducing child maltreatment, improving family stability, and mitigating trauma.

Funding for a system of FRC's is vital. This funding allows FRC's to not only support Kinship Families around the state but to also collect unified data from Family Resource Centers which allows us to see the effect FRC support has statewide. Current modest state investments also help NH leverage millions of additional dollars which enable programs and FRC's to serve more families in the community. I urge the committee to protect these vital investments for the wellbeing of NH kids and families by voting SB 140 ought to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

*Erin Pettengill*

Erin Pettengill, Campton, New Hampshire  
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Dear Senator Bradley,

Thank you for reaching out to me yesterday about SB 140 and what General Funds have been appropriated to the DHHS Bureau of Housing Supports (BHS). As you are aware SB 140 appropriates \$18 million of General Funds over the FY 2022/23 biennium for the purpose of funding homeless shelter management services.

Here is the following information regarding what General Funds are appropriated to BHS:

	FY18 GF	FY19 GF	FY20 GF	FY21 GF	FY22 GF*	FY23 GF*
<b>General Funds - 4230 Housing Supports Contracts</b>	<b>\$ 3,833,471</b>	<b>\$ 3,838,338</b>	<b>\$ 5,430,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,468,000</b>	<b>\$ 14,521,748</b>	<b>\$ 14,521,748</b>
Homeless Housing and Access Revolving Loan Fund (HHARLF)	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -
State Grant in Aid Contracts (SGIA)	\$ 3,546,596	\$ 3,546,596	\$ 3,730,000	\$ 3,268,000	\$ 3,321,748	\$ 3,321,748
Homeless Youth Outreach (PN)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Rapid Re-housing (PN)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Homeless Shelter Case Management (PN)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Homeless Eviction Prevention (PN)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
Eviction Prevention Assistance (PN)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 9,000,000
PN - Prioritized Need						
* Agency Phase Request						

The State Grant in Aid Contract (SGIA) primarily funds homeless shelters and has a few other sole source contracts. These sole source contracts included 211 for the homeless hotline and NHLA for eviction prevention work.

The Homeless Housing and Access Revolving Loan Fund (HHARLF) contract covered the first month's rent and security deposits for people experiencing homelessness. It is planned that these activities will be funded by the Eviction Prevention Assistance contracts. In section 11 of SB 162, the Department seeks to repeal the HHARLF (as shown in the table above for FY 22 and FY23). The Department sought to do this in order to decrease the administrative burden on BHS, and to streamline access to services for households seeking assistance. These efforts to support those who experienced homelessness will continue through the Eviction Prevention Assistance contract.

It is DHHS's understanding is that there may be efforts to expand SB140 to create a single definition of case management and that case management should be licensed through the Department under He-P 819. The Department believes that SB 140 is not the vehicle to do

this. The Department is in the process of trying to better define case management for the homeless population. Through the Governor's Council on Housing Stability, created by Executive Order 2022-20 and which Senator Gray is a member, the Housing Instability and Homelessness Systems workgroup has been tasked with developing an enhanced case management model for individuals experiencing homelessness, including looking at Medicaid as a funding stream. The Council's work towards these efforts is being supported through technical assistance provided by the Corporation for Supportive Housing and it would be premature to include a definition for case management outside of the Council, which has a June 1, 2021 deadline for a plan to end homelessness.

Please let us know if you need additional information.

Thanks,

Molly

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# Voting Sheets

# Senate Health and Human Services Committee

## EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # SB 140-FN-A

Hearing Date: 2/17/21

Executive Session Date: 3/3/21

Motion: Amendment # 2021-0573s Vote: 5-0

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Motion: OTPA Vote: 5-0

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Motion: Consent Calendar Vote: 5-0

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# Senate Finance Committee

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill # SB 140-FN-A

Hearing date: N/A

Executive session date: 03/23/21

Motion of: OTP/A

VOTE: 7-0

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VOTE: 7-0

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# Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SENATE  
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, March 4, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred **SB 140-FN-A**

AN ACT

adopting omnibus legislation making appropriations to the department of health and human services.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 0622s

Senator Tom Sherman  
For the Committee

Part I of this bill makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services to increase homeless shelter case management services. Homeless shelter case management services include housing navigation, medical and behavioral health access, mainstream benefit application, employment support services, and any additional case management services required to move residents into permanent housing and decrease the homeless population. Part I of this bill, as amended, requires the \$18 million appropriation limited only to federal funds. Part II of this bill makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services for primary prevention services for families. Primary prevention services for families have been shown to be successful in reducing child maltreatment, improving the health of mothers and children, improving child development and school readiness, and increasing family economic self-sufficiency. The need for such services has been exacerbated during the pandemic.

Kirsten Koch 271-3266

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**SB 140-FN-A**, adopting omnibus legislation making appropriations to the department of health and human services.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Tom Sherman for the committee.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SENATE  
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Finance

to which was referred **SB 140-FN-A**

AN ACT

adopting omnibus legislation making appropriations to the  
department of health and human services.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 7-0

AMENDMENT # 0998s

Senator Cindy Rosenwald  
For the Committee

Deb Martone 271-4980

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**Docket of SB140**

Docket Abbreviations

**Bill Title:** adopting omnibus legislation making appropriations to the department of health and human services.

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