

GIVING TUESDAY | December 1, 2020

Giving Tuesday—NH Children's Trust Talking Points

OUR MISSION:

New Hampshire Children's Trust is leading the drive to ensure safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments for children by educating, advocating, and collaborating.

OUR VISION:

We envision a New Hampshire where all children grow up free from abuse and neglect.

WHAT WE DO:

- Help families stay strong
 - Help parents creatively solve problems, build trusting relationships, develop resilience, and seek help when needed
- Support extended families caring for children
 - Developed NH's Kinship Navigation Program, which guides grandparents and relative caregivers to resources and services that keep families together and strong
- Educate those who serve NH families
 - Provide trainings, certifications and professional development to service providers who work directly with thousands of families in NH
- Raise awareness to keep our children safe, happy, and successful
 - Spearheading a comprehensive, statewide communications network that connects families to vital resources and services and highlights the many successes of strengthened families

GENERAL STATISTICS

- **More than 20,000 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect** are made in NH each year
 - The current climate magnifies this problem
 - New roles and responsibilities, physical distancing from loved ones who once provided comfort and support, or balancing family health and the financial burdens of caregiving
- **Over 1,000 children are placed in NH's Foster Care system each year**
- **Every year, over 4,000 families in NH access the services and supports** of the Family Resource Center in their community

MAKING FAMILIES STRONG AND CHILDREN SAFE BY:

- Helping parents creatively solve problems, build trusting relationships, maintain a positive attitude, and seek help when needed
- Creating opportunities for friends, family, neighbors, and community members to provide emotional support, help solve problems, offer parenting advice, and give concrete assistance to parents
- Encouraging parents to understand the stages of childhood and adolescence to promote healthy development through reasonable expectations for behavior and knowledge of developmental markers
- Facilitating access to concrete supports and services for issues relating to food security, housing, transportation, domestic violence, mental illness and substance misuse, expanding pathways to appropriate solutions and long-term stability
- Nurturing children's ability to interact positively with others, self-regulate behavior, and effectively communicate their feelings with family, other adults, and peers