

# CHILDREN'S CAMPAIGN FUND

2020-2021 LEGISLATIVE ACTION RECAP

## ELECTING CHAMPIONS FOR KIDS SINCE 1990

### OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to electing state leaders who will champion the health, well-being, safety, and learning and development of the children and youth of Washington State, especially those who are under-resourced and have been historically marginalized. We provide a non-partisan, collective voice for the people of Washington to elect state leaders who will prioritize children and their families, represent the communities they serve, and expect to be held accountable.

### OUR VISION

Washington State prioritizes investments in a thriving present and future for every child and their family, particularly those impacted by racism and poverty. All state leaders recognize that providing for the health, well-being, safety, and learning and development of our children is not optional – it is vital.

### OUR VALUES

- Legislative outcomes through nonpartisanship
- Commitment to advancing racial equity
- Informed by the voices of youth and families

## 2020 ENDORSEMENTS CYCLE

The 2020 election was CCF's biggest endorsements cycle to date! Thanks to the generosity of our community, we were able to donate over \$66,000 directly to candidates across the state and across the aisle.

But our endorsement is more than a check: we connect with candidates directly to understand their commitment to kids and families, and educate them across our issues, all to help build a broad coalition of champions.

100+

CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED  
88 WERE ENDORSED

ENDORSED CANDIDATES WON  
INCLUDING 56 INCUMBENTS  
AND 9 FIRST-TIME LEGISLATORS

76%

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ENDORSED CHAMPIONS  
NOW IN THE LEGISLATURE  
INCLUDING 12 SENATORS  
FROM THE 2018 CYCLE



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# 2021 LEGISLATIVE OUTCOMES

Dozens of transformative bills passed to improve the lives of children, youth, and families -- thanks to the incredible number of children's champions in the legislature.

77

**PRIORITY BILLS TRACKED**  
44 SIGNED INTO LAW

**ACTIONS BY CCF STAFF & BOARD**  
INCLUDING DIRECT CONTACT  
WITH LEGISLATORS, PROVIDING  
TESTIMONY, AND MORE

200+

80%

**PRIORITY BILLS INTRODUCED  
BY CCF'S ENDORSED CHAMPIONS**  
100% OF PRIORITY BILLS WERE CO-  
SPONSORED BY AT LEAST ONE CCF-  
ENDORSED CHAMPION

With CCF's 2 part-time staff lobbying on behalf of CCF's priorities, this was our most impactful and engaged session yet. We joined advocacy coalitions and cultivated relationships with nonprofit partners and community leaders to ensure our actions were informed.

We met with elected leaders to share our priorities and hold them accountable to their campaign promises for kids. At a time of profound urgency, our leaders rose to the occasion and stood up for kids and families more than ever before.



**HEAR POWERFUL MESSAGES FROM THE INSPIRING LEGISLATIVE CHAMPIONS WE RECOGNIZED AT CCF'S 1ST ANNUAL CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES AWARDS ON MAY 15: VISIT [CHILDRENSCAMPAIGNFUND.ORG/CHAMPIONS](https://childrenscampaignfund.org/champions)**



## SESSION RECAP

In 2021, we urged lawmakers to respond to the immediate needs of the pandemic and beyond by:

- 1 Centering the needs of kids and families**  
*Keep the voices and lived experiences of children, youth and families across Washington state, especially those from communities of color and other marginalized communities, centered in any proposed legislation*
- 2 Advancing racial equity**  
*In meaningful alignment with the demands of BIPOC communities, prioritize racial equity in any pandemic-relief action in recognition of the disproportionate impact Covid-19 has had on communities of color while simultaneously advocating for policies that advance racial justice, address the root causes of inequities, and work to dismantle oppressive structures*
- 3 Keeping their fiscal commitments**  
*In response to the economic impact of the pandemic, work collaboratively with legislators on a bipartisan basis to supplement potential federal funding to maintain critical investments for children, youth, and families; do not balance the budget on the backs of Washington's kids.*

**To view our full bill tracker or review our past priorities, visit: [childrenscampaignfund.org/priorities](https://childrenscampaignfund.org/priorities)**



# PRIORITIES & POLICY WINS

View our full bill tracker at [childrenscampaignfund.org/priorities](http://childrenscampaignfund.org/priorities)

## CCF FOCUS AREA 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS SELECT POLICY WINS ACROSS FOCUS AREAS

## AVG. "YES" VOTE CCF'S ENDORSED CHAMPIONS

### BASIC NEEDS

Ensure basic needs are met through holistic investments in the health, housing, nutrition, safety, and well-being of children, youth, and families.

**SB 5068:** Improving maternal health outcomes/ extending coverage during postpartum period  
**SB 5160:** Addressing landlord-tenant relations by providing certain tenant protections  
**HB 1297:** Working Families Tax Credit  
**HB 1310:** Use of force by law enforcement  
**HB 1342:** Eliminating lunch copays for students

92%

### CHILD WELFARE

Invest in equitable and comprehensive services to support children, youth, and families impacted by the child welfare and foster care systems while working to accelerate alternatives to removing children from their family home through preventative whole family supports.

**SB 5184:** Establishing a point of contact in all K-12 public schools for students in foster care  
**SB 5331:** Safe Babies Court  
**HB 1194:** Strengthening parent-child visitation during child welfare proceedings  
**HB 1219:** Legal representation for youth in child welfare proceedings  
**HB 1227:** Keeping Families Together Act

99%

### EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE

Invest in affordable, accessible, and quality childcare and early learning programs.

**SB 5151:** Kinship Care Bill/ concerning foster care and childcare licensing by DCYF  
**SB 5237:** Fair Start for Kids Act  
**HB 1370:** Grants for early learning facilities

94%

### JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM

Support transformation of juvenile justice system to prioritize community-based interventions, diversion, restorative alternatives, and wraparound supports to help prevent children and youth involvement in juvenile justice systems.

**SB 5118:** Supporting successful reentry  
**HB 1140:** Concerning juvenile access to attorneys when contacted by law enforcement  
**HB 1186:** Concerning juvenile rehabilitation  
**HB 1295:** Public education for youth in or released from institutional education facilities

93%

### SPECIAL NEEDS

Protect existing services and provide broad, accessible programs for children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and other special needs.

**HB 1085:** Safe learning environments for students with seizure disorders  
**HB 1061:** Concerning youth eligible for developmental disability services as they exit the child welfare system

100%

### YOUTH SUPPORT

Prioritize the preservation of funding streams to support youth development programs that provide holistic resources, including youth workforce development programs, and focus on young people's recovery during the pandemic.

**SB 5030:** Developing comprehensive school counseling programs  
**HB 1166:** Expanding access to the homeless and foster care college students pilot program  
**HB 1273:** Menstrual products access in schools  
**HB 1325:** Implementing policies related to children and youth behavioral health

98%

## VALUES IN ACTION

### RACIAL EQUITY

93%

### DIGITAL EQUITY

98%

### PROGRESSIVE REVENUE

91%

THE CAPITAL GAINS EXCISE TAX (SB 5096) IS A HISTORIC WIN FOR KIDS & FAMILIES!



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### WE BELIEVE:

1

Investing in children, youth, and families yields the single greatest return on taxpayer dollars.

2

Washington voters want to elect champions for children, youth, and families -- and find value in our endorsements.

3

Supporting CCF is the best way to maximize your political giving and make an impact for kids.

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