Impact 2022: Highlights

MCA's advocacy, relationships with policymakers, education, and coalition work moved forward many priority policies and investments to improve the well-being of Maine children and families.

### Legislative Successes for Children and Families

- **COUNTIES**: 16 will now have access to early childhood consultation services to support families and educators with the social and emotional needs of young children.
- **MAINE CHILDREN**: 7800 will be newly eligible for coverage due to expansion of the low-cost Children’s Health Insurance Program.
- **MONTHS**: 12 of postpartum MaineCare coverage will be available to support health care for birth parents, up from 60 days.

### State Budget Investments for Children and Families

- **MILLION**: $12 of state funds invested to strengthen Maine's child care system, through monthly income supports for the early care and education workforce.
- **MAINE CHILDREN**: 100% now have access to free school meals, through a bipartisan commitment to cover that cost, making Maine a national leader.
- **MILLION**: $8 of new investment will be directed to services to support and strengthen families involved with Child Protective Services.
- **SHARE**: 55% of the cost of public pre-K to grade 12 education covered, fully meeting the state government commitment.

### MCA Supports Parent Leader Advocates

MCA is committed to centering equity and engaging those with lived expertise all levels of the policy process.

- **PARENT ADVOCATES**: 14 have been supported by MCA through a national grant to share expertise and to participate in identifying issues and formulating policy solutions.

### MCA Children’s Convention Advances Community Collaboration

MCA promotes a cross-sector and preventative vision of child and family well-being.

- **MAINE LEADERS**: 85 across sectors, were convened by MCA to explore and align work to address child and family needs further upstream and at the community level.