



# LEADING OUR KIDS PAST THE PANDEMIC AND TO PROMISING FUTURES

As a member of the Public Health committee, I was proud to pass legislation to address youth mental health. This comprehensive bill targets expanding access to mental healthcare, recruiting more behavioral health providers, and retaining more school social workers and counselors. We also invested in childcare by providing grants for early childhood providers to supplement employee salaries and address other needs. I know we can never invest enough in our kids. Enfield's future depends on it.

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# FROM RECOVERY TO RESILIENCY: SERVING OUR COMMUNITY'S KIDS

## **HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR OUR YOUTH**

- Establishes a grant program for local school boards, youth camps, and summer programs to hire mental health specialists
- Expands licenses to allow for more mental health professionals in the field.
- Ensures 24/7 access to Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services
- Creates a screening tool for pediatricians to identify early-stage mental health concerns

## **SUPPORTING CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANDING CHILDCARE**

- Increases funding to public and private providers
- Creates more childcare opportunities for families with infants and toddlers, up to age 3
- Funds the expansions of school-based health centers and the services they provide
- Secures one-time childcare rebate of \$250 per child, up to three kids

## **FIND HELP NEAR YOU**

- Dial 2-1-1 for mental health emergencies and state resources
- National Suicide Prevention: 800-273-8255
- Healthcare Advocate: Help with Healthcare & Insurance: 866-466-4446
- Trouble with DCF, DSS, DMHAS? Call me at: 860-240-8585

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**CALL 988 FOR THE SUICIDE HOTLINE AND 211 TO HELP LOCATE SERVICES**

