



Every family needs and deserves a **safe and affordable home, access to education & training, quality and affordable child care and health care, and food on the table**...but many families in this state go without... *We Can Change Our State and Community!*

2007 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Provide access to high quality child care for children in families earning up to 250% of the federal poverty level, fulfilling the promise of the Starting Rlte program. (H6052)



Allow parents who are working at least 25 hrs/week to access child care assistance during time they are in education or training to improve job skills. (H5379 / S582)



Continue funding for Food Stamp outreach to ensure eligible Rhode Islanders are enrolled in the Food Stamp Program and have access to nutritious meals. (H5493 / S320)

Allow parents access to education and at any time during their 60 month time limit on FIP and increase the flexibility in setting the parent's employment plan activities. (S811)



Allow immigrant high school graduates to pay in-state tuition for college. (H5308/S425)



Expand the successful Rlte Smiles dental program for children over the age of 6 so more children receive preventive dental care. (S662 / H5112)

Provide Rlte Care to legal permanent resident parents and children and assure that all children have access to primary and preventive health care by covering all children regardless of immigration status. (H 5412 / S415)

Increase the state's refundable Earned Income Tax Credit putting more money in the pockets of working families. (H6042 / S169)



Improve the economic security of RI's poorest children by increasing the amount of earnings that parents are allowed to keep before their cash benefit is reduced and increasing the child support that children on FIP receive from non-custodial parents from \$50 to \$100 a month. (S811)



Support continued state funding for the Neighborhood Opportunities Program and supportive services that help people with special needs obtain and maintain housing.

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