

NEW MOMS

STRONG FAMILIES. BRIGHT FUTURES.

2025 State Policy Agenda

For over 40 years, New Moms has invested in the beauty and power of being a mother. For moms 24 years or younger, our comprehensive approach provides housing, paid job training, and family support for those impacted by systemic barriers.

We advocate for policies that create opportunities and bright futures for young families. By leading initiatives, partnering with others, and amplifying voices, we are creating a future where every mother and child can thrive.

Economic Mobility

Economic mobility is key to lasting change. New Moms offers a comprehensive paid job training program through our successful candle company, Bright Endeavors, providing job skills and career readiness that help open doors to opportunity.

Strong Sector & Workforce

Bold futures are empowered with community support. A strong human services sector partners with young families to build connection, access supports, and achieve their goals.

Housing Stability

Young moms and children need stability to take the next steps forward. New Moms provides both transitional and permanent housing, where residents can choose to engage with a family coach and set personal goal for their family's well-being.

Family Well-being

Parenting is tough, but young moms don't have to do it alone. New Moms offers a full range of support, including prenatal education, birth coaches, home visits, peer support groups, mental health counseling, spiritual guidance, and other parenting resources to help young moms thrive on their journey.

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Economic Mobility

Increased SNAP Minimum Benefit HB3763/SB2011 *LaPointe, Cervantes*

Increases Illinois' state minimum Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) minimum benefit level from \$23/month to \$75/month.

Illinois Guaranteed Income Fund SB2392 *Guzman, Villivalam, Ventura*

Creates the Illinois Guaranteed Income Fund, a statewide fund for guaranteed basic income. The fund specifies priority eligibility for pregnant individuals or those who have become new parents in the last three years, are facing homelessness, are formerly incarcerated, or enrolled in education or vocational programs.

Access to State Procurement for Employment Social Enterprise businesses SB2272

Villanueva, Fine

A proportion of state construction, supply, and service contracts may be reserved for qualified Employment Social Enterprise businesses in Illinois.

Defining Employment Social Enterprise businesses HB3751/SB2295

Buckner, Ford, Villanueva, Fine

Includes Employment Social Enterprises (ESEs) within the scope of the Office of Economic Equity and Empowerment (OE3) in the Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity (DCEO) creating an inclusive and strong business ecosystem for communities and individuals who have traditionally faced systemic barriers.

Housing Stability

Decriminalizing Homelessness HB1429 *Olickal, Welch, Avelar, LaPointe, Canty, Jimenez, Mayfield, Ness, Morgan, Guzzardi, Cassidy, B. Hernandez, Mussman, Rashid, Huynh, Stava-Murray, Faver Dias, Ammons*

Prohibits creating or enforcing policies that impose fines or criminal penalties against people experiencing unsheltered homelessness for occupying or engaging in life-sustaining activities on public property.

Crime Free Housing HB3110/SB2264 *Guzman, Ventura*

Prohibits counties from having policies that impose or threaten to impose a penalty against a resident due to requests for law enforcement or emergency assistance.

Family Wellbeing

Eliminating Prior Authorizations for Behavioral Healthcare HB1448/SB1603 *Syed, LaPointe, Guzzardi, Avelar, Mussman, Fine, Simmons*

Creates a ban on prior authorizations for behavioral health services including preventative services, enforced across the entire life span, and applies regardless of payment type (commercial insurance or Medicaid) or setting (inpatient or outpatient).

Ensuring Access to Doulas HB2423/SB2437 *Morris, Collins*

Ensures access to Medicaid-certified doulas in hospital settings for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Strong Sector & Workforce

Fair Wages and Thriving Communities HR151/SR123 *Avelar, Peters, Villa, Ventura, Koehler*

Supports responsible state investment in fairly funding the health and human services workforce to support wage increases for workers in the sector.

Improving Human Services Contracting in Illinois HB2746/SB1778 *Avelar, LaPointe, Croke, Mah, Halpin*

Addresses the undue administrative burden health and human service providers face when contracting with the state of Illinois, including timely contracts and payments to providers, expanding and clarifying advance payment eligibility, covering the full cost of delivering services, as well as expediting and simplifying the Court of Claims process.

Human Services Professional Loan Repayment Act HB1588/SB1306 *LaPointe, Fine, Ventura, Koehler*

Appropriates \$7.5 million to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the Human Services Loan Repayment Act which provides for loan repayment for human services professionals.

*New Moms envisions a future where every young family thrives.
Join us in making this a reality!*



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