

CT CRADLE TO CAREER COALITION

2025 POLICY AGENDA

POLICY GOALS

Economic Equity: Enhance opportunities for generational success and wealth, bolster the social safety net, and promote skills-based hiring and training initiatives.

Educational Equity: Strengthen early education opportunities and resources while enhancing family and student-school connections through in and out-of-school support.

Health Equity: Expand culturally responsive medical and behavioral healthcare, School-Based Health Centers, Community Health Workers, and Doula access.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Create a permanent, fully refundable **CHILD TAX CREDIT** to reduce child poverty, drive economic mobility, promote equity, alleviate household stress, boost our economy, and advance the wellbeing of children, families, and communities.

Enhance **LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS OF YOUTH DISCONNECTION** factors, which are most effectively addressed through comprehensive, cross-sector strategies.

Address the urgent challenges of **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT** and **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** by introducing students to diverse career pathways and advancing an innovative **YOUTH COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER** role.

Our Coalition will also support advocacy efforts on the following priorities:

- Ensuring appropriate **Medicaid community provider rates**
- Securing dedicated **funding for early child care and education**
- Improving access to **special education for multilingual learners** and their families
- Preventing disproportionate **loss of benefits** during income increases
- Securing **school meal** programming
- Addressing disparities in **housing access**, including protecting from displacement

And critically: Modifying **fiscal constraints** to provide funding for our policy goals



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