



2022 Policy Agenda

The Bold Goals Coalition is 200 organizations solving big community problems by aligning partners, resources and agendas. We believe that the following priority issues are foundational for the success of our Central Alabama communities. We are committed to advancing the awareness and advocacy of policy initiatives that support these targeted issues in hopes of seeing sustainable change that improves lives and strengthens communities across our region.

STUDENT ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Support investments in high-quality out-of-school programs.
- Support broadband expansion to ensure all students have access to virtual learning opportunities.
- Support efforts to ensure all students are reading on grade level by the end of the 3rd grade.
- Support investments to ensure successful implementation of FAFSA completion requirements.

MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Support the expansion of mental health training programs for teachers and school staff.
- Support the expansion of school-based mental health support services for students.
- Support investments to expand and sustain Mental Health Coordinators within school districts.
- Support efforts to continue Medicaid coverage for tele-health services.

HUNGER RELIEF

- Support the expansion of programs that provide meals and snacks to children during after-school hours and summer months.
- Support the protection of proven nutritional programs that support healthy families.

CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION

- Support additional state investments to expand Alabama's First Class Pre-K Program.
- Support a state appropriation for Alabama Quality Stars to increase access to quality licensed child care opportunities for families.
- Support efforts to strengthen the early childhood workforce through scholarships, higher education, wage enhancements and professional development.

HEALTH CARE

- Support efforts to increase affordable health care coverage for children and families through Medicaid expansion.
- Support efforts to reduce overdose deaths by providing tools and resources that allow for immediate response to overdose events.
- Support efforts to limit youth tobacco use and vaping.

TRANSPORTATION

- Support a state General Fund appropriation to ADECA's Public Transportation Trust Fund.
- Support local funding to enhance regional transportation options, particularly for seniors and people with a disability.

Policy change is essential to creating equitable communities across Central Alabama. The recommendations included in this Policy Agenda reflect the Coalition's desire to see individuals and families thriving, and to advance social, economic, health and racial equity across the region.

While the Coalition collectively supports these policy goals, each organization may choose to emphasize and prioritize work on goals specifically related to the mission of their organization. The foundation of this policy agenda is built on the shared goals of participating organizations to collectively address critical issues in Central Alabama.

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