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An Act Relative to the Promotion of Mental Health Education

Bill S.2296, An Act Supporting Healthy Development Among Preschoolers, was passed by the Massachusetts House of Representatives on January 23rd. This bill would require preschools to implement a mental health curriculum and provide mental health screening for children. This is a crucial step towards ensuring that all children receive the necessary support to achieve healthy development.

An Act Relative to Mental Health Parity Implementation

Bill S.2190, An Act Relative to Mental Health Parity Implementation, was passed by the Massachusetts Senate on January 23rd. This bill would require insurance companies to provide mental health services on par with physical health services. This is a significant step towards ensuring that all children have access to mental health services.

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From the Desk of Mary McGeown

Each April, MSPCC hosts its annual signature fundraising event Turning Points for Us, the name Turtle Ponds cópierse the heart of our organization. MSPCC’s executive director, Mary A. McGeown, welcomes our loyal donors to an evening of networking, learning, and raising awareness for the children of Massachusetts. The MSPCC turns points gathering will include a keynote speaker, an introduction to the MSPCC mission and the next generation of child advocates. The evening will commemorate our invaluable donors, who have generously supported our efforts, answer questions on our policy priorities, and provide much-needed funding to our programs. Thank you for your generous support of our efforts.

The State of the Child

MSPCC targets children’s mental health policy goals to support proven efforts, improving capacity for early identification and treatment, and the development of policies that will benefit all children. The Children’s Health Law Campaign, whose leadership includes Boston Children’s Hospital’s Child Health Care for All (CHCA) and Health2030 Advocates (H2A), through the Children’s Health Law Coalition, is a group of advocates fighting on behalf of children’s mental health. We have been working with state lawmakers to create new legislation that would improve access to mental health services for children and families. This is an important step towards ensuring that all children have access to the necessary support to achieve healthy development.

Schools and parents have a critical role in identifying children who experience the signs and symptoms of diagnosable mental health disorders each year. Even though there are treatments for behavioral and substance use disorders, only 20 percent of children who need services receive them. This bill would update the Massachusetts school health education and physical education curriculum to mandate that school districts include mental health education in their school health education plans. This is a significant step towards ensuring that all children have access to the necessary support to achieve healthy development.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at the MSPCC’s Annual Service Event on April 23, 2019.
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