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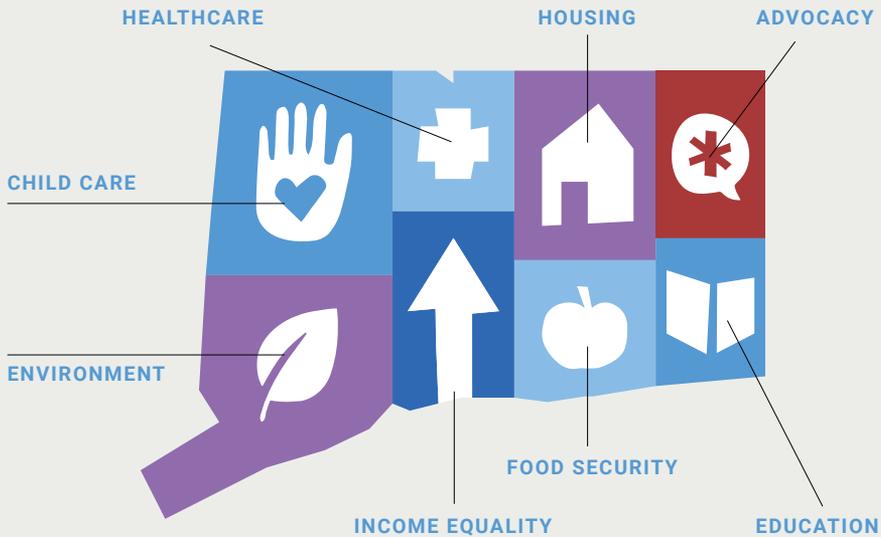
**END CHILD  
POVERTY  
NOW**



## It's Time We End Child Poverty.

A dedicated group of change leaders in Connecticut have created a unified platform for advocacy that is positively impacting our communities. By combining the strengths of foundations, nonprofits, advocacy groups, and community members behind a shared vision to **End Child Poverty Now**, we can more effectively work towards positive, lasting change in Connecticut and beyond.

**Our Vision:** Our advocacy collaborative envisions a thriving and economically robust Connecticut, where no child experiences the debilitating effects of poverty. We believe that every child deserves access to basic necessities, quality education, and a nurturing environment that fosters their physical, emotional, and intellectual growth. We engage with lawmakers and policy influencers to promote and enact policies that address the root causes of child poverty, including income inequality, access to healthcare, safe and affordable homes, quality education and child care, and a healthy environment.



## Our collective goal for the 2025 legislative session is to advance the following:

- Support permanent, refundable CT Child Tax Credit at \$600 per child.
- Support universal no-cost healthy school meals (breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack).
- Expand just cause eviction protections and rental assistance to support family housing stability.
- Establish a state-funded nutrition assistance program for residents who are losing SNAP eligibility due to federal rules changes.

In 2024, we lobbied for paid sick days which previously only covered 12% of workers in Connecticut. The bill was passed by the legislation, expanding paid sick leave to nearly all workers, guaranteeing 40 hours of paid sick leave annually, introducing broader protections, and setting a model for other states. In addition, lobbying efforts resulted in partial coverage of no-cost healthy meals for children from families with lower incomes. We continue to lobby to make this a benefit for all students.



## Take part in the MOVEMENT.



- Scan here to learn more
- about our initiative to End Child Poverty in CT,
  - Meet our collaborative partners in action and
  - join us on this mission.

