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Letters to the Editor

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A framework to help NH kids

To the Editor: As new legislators get to work at the State House, a new governor is sworn in, and a new government gears up to take office, it is essential that we collectively work to ensure that all New Hampshire children and families are healthy, learning and thriving now and in the future.

The future prosperity of New Hampshire depends on our ability to steward the next generation who will live, work and lead in our state. Effective public and private investments in young children and their families can ensure strong foundations for future growth. That's why it is crucial that we come together to build effective early childhood systems that produce long term, tangible results for children, families and for our state.

Spark NH, the non-partisan, governor-appointed, early childhood advisory council has created a Framework for Action — policy priorities that are grounded in the science of what children need for health and well-being across health, early learning and family support. These will help policy makers and others making difficult choices about how best to invest in New Hampshire's future to help ensure a healthy future for our state. The framework and its accompanying policy paper can be found at <http://sparknh.com/>.

The work this government commits to doing means the difference between an uncertain future and a bright future for all of our families. During this session of the Legislature, let's work for children and families. New Hampshire's future depends on it.

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