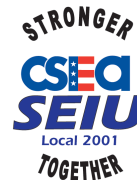


The Connecticut Families First Agenda



A strong and vibrant middle class is at the heart of what makes our state and nation great. It's time to put middle class families first as we confront the challenges facing Connecticut. That's why the over 23,000 active and retired members of CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 are pursuing the following public policy objectives during the General Assembly's 2011 session:

1. Support Better Healthcare for Less

Allow municipalities, small businesses, and nonprofits the opportunity to participate in the State Health Plan "pool".

2. Empower Clean Contracting

Fully fund and staff the State Contracting Standards Board (SCSB) so its members can get to work protecting resources from being wasted on contractors that do not have the public interest in mind, and establishing cost-effective procurement standards.

3. Improve Early Education

Affordable, quality child care is getting harder for working families to find because reimbursements have not kept up with the cost of providing this vital service. By giving family child care providers the freedom to bargain collectively, the General Assembly can improve services for kids and families – and help make our state a leader in early education.

4. Promote Healthy Workplaces

Pass the "paid sick days" law to allow all working men and women from throughout the state to do what is simple and commonsense: take care of themselves when they are sick and avoid passing their illness to others around them. School bus drivers and cafeteria workers should not be forced to decide whether they should protect their health or come to work sick in order to receive a paycheck.

5. Let Workers Put Family First

Amend the Connecticut Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) to allow public school paraeducators to take time off of work to care for themselves, a sick family member, or to be at home after the birth of a child without the fear of losing their job.

CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 is a proud member of Better Choices for Connecticut and the Everybody Benefits coalition. Our members work with community allies to move Connecticut in a positive direction that respects the sacrifices and commitment of working men and women.

For more information on our Union's legislative priorities, contact Political Director Daniel I. Medress at (860) 951-6614, ext. 111 or send an email to dmedress@csea760.com.

760 Capitol Avenue ~ Hartford, CT 06106 ~ (860) 951-6614 ~ www.seiu2001.org

