



## ***The Kid Angle***

***Kid-focused news from First Focus on Children***

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**Good news for kids  
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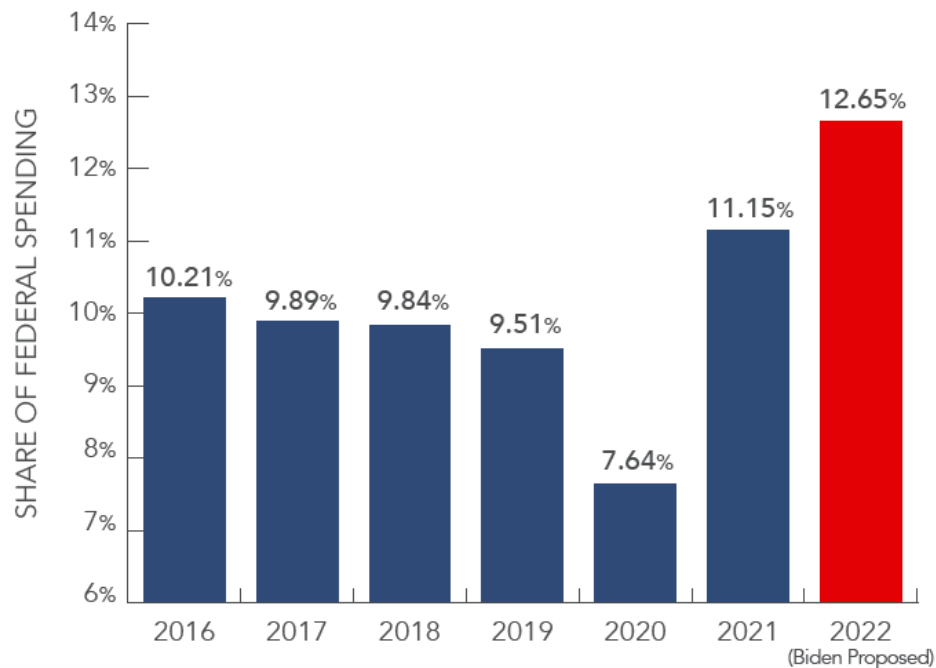
### **Good news for kids**

Lawmakers say they have found [a mutually agreeable framework for an omnibus spending bill](#). **Why is this good for kids?** Because a long-term Continuing Resolution — too often the go-to Congressional vehicle — would keep the share of federal spending on children at the [historic lows reached under the Trump Administration, which bottomed out at 7.6%](#).

**Fun Fact:** *In a 2008 poll, voters told us that they thought government spending on kids was about 18%, but that it should be more like 30%. President Biden's FY 2022 budget — which requests the highest share of spending on children we have ever tracked — falls short of that target, but does recommend an increase to 12.7%.*

*For more details dip into our [2021 Children's Budget](#).*

## Share of Total Federal Spending



### Working out the ACA's (family) glitch

Administration officials could address the Affordable Care Act's infamous "family glitch" — which excludes nearly 2.8 million children from health care coverage — as early as this summer.

The so-called "family glitch" underestimates the true cost of covering a family, making employer-sponsored coverage unaffordable by excluding the family from marketplace subsidies. The Biden Administration has ordered a review that could repair this oversight in the coming months. [Please see our fact sheet "Removing the Family Glitch from the ACA" for more details.](#)

First Focus on Children has worked for more than a decade to repair the family glitch. In 2012, First Focus Campaign for Children [sent a letter](#) to Congressional Leadership and President Obama urging them to remedy the family glitch, either through legislation or administrative action. In 2014, First Focus President Bruce Lesley [testified](#) before a Capitol Hill health care committee, urging Congress to fix this flaw, which has prevented more than two million children a year from receiving health care coverage.



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## EVENTS

**Briefing will address intergenerational poverty**, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 12:30pm-2:30pmET, by National Association of Counties (NACo). Beginning around 2pm, the virtual briefing on intergovernmental partnership will focus on bipartisan efforts to combat intergenerational poverty with guests including [Sen. Martin Heinrich](#) (D-NM), who has supported early childhood education and solutions to intergenerational poverty. [Register at this link.](#)

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