



CHILD IMPACT STATEMENT

Overview

1. Name of the policy or program:
2. Source of the policy or program (level of government, such as city council, county commission, school board, state legislature, etc.):
3. Reference number, if applicable (e.g., legislative bill number, resolution number, etc.):
4. Provide one or two sentences describing the policy or program.

Child Impact Statement Questions

1. How does the policy or program impact (e.g., hurt or help) children and youth, especially those who need it most?
2. Does it affect any groups of young people disproportionately (e.g., children and youth of color, LGBTQ+ youth, children with disabilities, etc.)? How?
3. How does it affect parents'/caregivers' ability to support their children?
4. Were potentially impacted youth consulted in its development?

5. If the policy or program requires money to implement, is it sufficiently funded? Where is the money coming from?
6. As the policy or program is put into action, what system is in place to make sure it meets its stated goals as they relate to all children and youth?
7. What changes can be made to improve outcomes for children and youth and avoid negative impacts on them?

Date Completed:

Names and affiliations of individuals who completed the statement:

About Child Impact Statements: A child impact statement is a structured tool that helps assess how policies, legislation, or programs may affect children and families. Impact statements can focus on specific groups of children or the broader child population within a community. By identifying potential benefits and risks, ways to enhance positive outcomes and mitigate harm, and outlining plans for monitoring impact over time, child impact statements help decision-makers make more effective choices in the best interest of children. While anyone can complete a child impact statement, they are more powerful when they incorporate and center youth voices and perspectives.

This youth-friendly child impact statement template was developed by [UNICEF USA](#) and [Kids Impact Initiative](#) in partnership with youth leaders across the country. An accompanying toolkit is also available, designed to be used directly by young people to identify, analyze, and advocate for policies and programs that matter to them.

The views expressed in any completed statements reflect the perspectives of the youth completing it and do not necessarily reflect the views of UNICEF USA or Kids Impact Initiative.

For more information:

- Learn more about [child impact statements](#).
- Review [case studies](#) showcasing their impact.
- Download the full youth-friendly [child impact statement toolkit](#).