Even though the legislative session is over, it is nevertheless **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** to thank lawmakers who worked tirelessly to help children and families, whether or not their legislation passed. Please take a minute to send a ‘Thank you!’ to some or all of the following:

**Budgets** - Budget drafting and vetting is some of the most difficult and important work that happens each session. This year’s [Amended FY23](#) and (new) [FY 24 budgets](#) contain millions of dollars in appropriations, as well as lots of policy directions (“Budget Notes”) (see the [FY24 summary above](#) and the [AFY23 summary here](#)) which indicate the priority that the General Assembly has placed on serving children and families.

**House:** Matt Hatchett (Chair)  
Katie Dempsey (Human Resources)  
Darlene Taylor (Health)  
Matt Dubnik (Education)  
David Knight (Higher Ed.)  
Bill Hitchens (Public Safety)

**Senate:** Blake Tillery (Chair)  
Ben Watson (Health and Human Development)  
Billy Hickman (Education and Higher Ed.)  
John Albers (Criminal Justice and Public Safety)  
John Kennedy (Judicial)

**Senate Bill 106** – “Healthy Babies Act” – This bill creates a Medicaid program to provide remote maternal health clinical services to women with high-risk pregnancies through the Department of Public Health’s (DPH) pilot home visiting program, building on the existing [Home Visiting](#) programming by DPH and also reinforcing the [upcoming pilot program](#), which secured funding on the FY24 budget. This bill passed each chamber overwhelmingly and heads to the governor’s desk for consideration.

**Sen. Larry Walker, III**  
**Rep. Sharon Cooper**

**House Bill 520** – This year’s bill encompassing the work of the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Committee. While it did not receive a vote in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, it nevertheless drove numerous allocations in the AFY23 and FY24 budgets and also a data-sharing policy amendment to SB 23, which did pass.

**Speaker Jon Burns**  
**Rep. Todd Jones**  
**Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver**