



Vision: California's children receive the best possible start in life and thrive.

2016 CHILDREN'S STATE POLICY AGENDA

Advocate for a comprehensive, integrated, culturally competent, and coordinated system, and the necessary funding, for California's children prenatal through age 5 and their families that optimizes early childhood development.

| CHILD HEALTH |
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| Ensure coordination across the health care access system to ensure access for every pregnant mother and child ages 0 to 5 with affordable and comprehensive health insurance coverage. |
| Improve parent and young children's knowledge about and access to healthy foods and physical activity, including support for state and/or local taxes on sweetened beverages and/or unhealthy foods. |
| Support and promote universal developmental screenings, assessment, referral, and treatment. |
| EARLY LEARNING |
| Expand access to quality early care and education programs for children ages 0 to 3. |
| Support implementation of high-quality universal preschool access for all low-income four-year-old children, and high-quality transitional kindergarten and kindergarten state-wide. |
| Support a high-quality early learning workforce through strengthened qualifications, compensation, stability, diversity, and robust professional development systems. |
| Promote statewide access to and participation in successful Quality Rating and Improvement Systems. |
| STRONG AND ENGAGED FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES |
| Support evidence-based parent education and engagement, including new parent engagement on child brain development and Talk. Read. Sing. |
| Support sustainability of Family Resource Centers and other community hubs for integrated services for children and families. |
| Increase supports for breastfeeding, family leave, and baby-friendly policies in all settings. |
| Expand voluntary home visit programs. |
| REVENUE |
| Promote inclusion of funding for children ages 0 to 5 and their families in existing and new revenue policy discussions. |
| Promote regulation of tobacco-related products, including electronic cigarettes, and sustainability of licensing and enforcement programs. |