



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

2022 CHILDREN'S POLICY AGENDA

First 5 California will advocate for the trauma-informed, healing-centered, and culturally responsive systems that promote the safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments necessary to eliminate inequities and ensure healthy development for all children¹.

RESILIENT FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Support multi-generational economic security and inter-generational wealth building policies including paid family leave, tax credits and incentives, fee and fine elimination, universal basic income, children's savings accounts, banking and lending access, and home ownership pathways.

Support effective parent education and engagement, including parent engagement on child brain development, early literacy, and safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments.

Expand access to family strengthening supports including voluntary home visiting programs, doula services, breastfeeding resources, and a fair work week.

Support sustainability of Family Resource Centers and other comprehensive community hubs for integrated services for children and families.

Ensure digital equity for all families across family serving systems.

CHILD HEALTH

Expand children and families' access to health care, including mental and behavioral health, and support coordination across health systems to ensure affordable and comprehensive health insurance coverage and services for every child and mother, prenatal through age 5.

Support and promote universal health, developmental, behavioral, and ACEs screenings, linkages to appropriate, evidence-based interventions and services, and seamless coordination across systems to improve outcomes for children and families.

EARLY LEARNING

Expand access to safe, quality early care and education programs for children ages 0 to 3.

Support implementation of safe, high-quality mixed-delivery preschool and care for all low-income three- and four-year-old children that meets families' diverse needs, and a safe, high-quality transition to kindergarten statewide.

Support a healthy, safe, and high-quality early learning workforce through professional compensation, stability, diversity, health and safety policies and supports, and robust professional development systems.

Promote statewide access to and participation in quality improvement systems that serve provider and parent needs.

Define, measure, and achieve school readiness for all California children.

REVENUE

Promote inclusion of funding that provides targeted universal access to key child- and family-serving programs.

Promote inclusion of funding for children prenatal to age 5 and their families in existing and new revenue policy proposals and new tax funding structures.

Promote regulation of tobacco-related products, including electronic cigarettes, and sustainability of licensing and enforcement programs.

¹ First 5 California will use a targeted universalism approach to achieve its policy goals.