



2018 Policy Priorities Prioritizing Young Children Ages 0-5

The First 5 Policy Platform highlights the Commission's priorities to advance policy change on a larger systemic level, as well as smaller scale changes to organizational and programmatic policies and procedures with local providers. First 5 Sacramento's advocacy efforts in 2018 will focus on these 10 priority areas.

Health

1. Increase access to and utilization of health and dental services for young children and pregnant women.
2. Support and promote coordination across systems of care to connect young children to screening and early intervention services.
3. Support efforts to fill gaps in breastfeeding services and supplies that may emerge from changes to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or other barriers to care.

Early Care and Development

4. Increase supply of high-quality early care and education programs for children 0 – 5.
5. Promote affordability of childcare and early learning programs, while ensuring fair workforce compensation.

Empowered Families

6. Support programs and policies that optimize child development and reduce the risk of child abuse, neglect and death.
7. Support sustainability of Family Resource Centers and other community hubs for integrated services and crisis supports for children and families.
8. Increase social capital by engaging the community through grassroots efforts and supporting family connections to community resources.

Systems Change and Sustainability

9. Support systems, policies and programs that lessen the impact of Adverse Child Experiences (ACEs) and build resiliency through trauma informed approaches.
10. Explore and advance alternative revenue sources for children's services.