



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

2017-18 CHILDREN'S POLICY AGENDA

First 5 California will advocate for the strong start all children deserve, with an emphasis on children prenatal through age 5 and their families, to optimize early childhood development and reduce childhood poverty.

STRONG AND ENGAGED FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES
Support evidence-based parent education and engagement, including 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.
CHILD HEALTH
Protect children and families' access to health care, and support coordination across the health care system to ensure every pregnant mother and child ages 0 to 5 has affordable and comprehensive health insurance coverage.
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.
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.