

CalHHS Opportunities for Consideration

Topic	CalHHS	First 5 California Opportunity to Consider
Behavioral Health	The 2021-22 Budget Act invested \$4.4 billion to reimagine the behavioral health ecosystem and the 2022-23 Budget Act provided \$290 million to implement a multi-pronged approach to address children and youth mental health crisis.	Invest \$50 million to design and implement system changes specific to age 0-5, provide parents and caregivers about awareness and early signs of mental health challenges and connect to services.
Fatherhood	Significant opportunity to engage all fathers, especially those in low-income and minority communities to connect and proactively engage with their children ages 0-5.	Invest \$5 million seed funding to launch a Fatherhood Initiative designed to support fathers, especially those involved in the child welfare and criminal justice systems.
Child Care	California is focused on: 1) promoting and expanding quality programs and services; 2) employing a two-generational strategy of investing in parent so they can invest more in their children; and 3) easing financial pressures on parents.	Invest \$15 million in grants to support provider stipends, tuition reimbursement, and funding of cohort models and apprenticeships.
Data	Manage large quantities of data across health and human services but lack the insights and information from that data to improve programs and services for families and children ages 0-5. The Cradle-to-Career System looks to integrate the siloes of information.	Invest \$3 million to develop a data use case that combines the Strong Start Index with the Health Places Index to disrupt inequities and sharpen focus and investments in disadvantaged communities.