



2020 Policy Priorities



The Children's Partnership works with local, state, and national partners to advance solutions that provide all children, no matter their background, the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

California is home to 9 million children, of which three in four are children of color and half have at least one immigrant parent. Across the state, families have a variety of needs, ranging from economic, education, and health care, to housing, nutrition and transportation, and all of which have impacts on the health and wellbeing of children. By bringing advocates together to build a shared equity agenda, we can establish a "California for All" that meets the needs and values the assets of children and their families.

Through community engagement, research, and advocacy, The Children's Partnership is focused on the following 2020 policy priorities for children in California:



Strengthen coordination of services for child wellbeing

- ▶ Build capacity for partnerships between legal, health and early childhood services to support child and family health at the community level
- ▶ Enroll every eligible child into coverage through streamlined enrollment strategies between WIC and Medi-Cal, such as Express Lane Eligibility
- ▶ Advance a model of "whole person care" for all Medi-Cal children to address impacts of social factors on physical, behavioral and oral health outcomes for children



Bring care to where children are

- ▶ Support the adoption of school-based telehealth to increase access to behavioral and mental health services for students and early learners
- ▶ Clarify community health center's ability to use telehealth technology in order to increase access to health care – including oral health care – at safe and trusted community sites
- ▶ Support integration of a community based workforce, including expansion of home visiting investments and Community Health Workers in the delivery of health care
- ▶ Leverage Medi-Cal managed care payments to improve children's quality of care and prioritize early childhood development through enforcement of full Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) utilization

Invest in supports that strengthen families

- ▶ Support safe and welcoming spaces for children and youth through monitoring the implementation of AB 699 (O'Donnell) and expanding its scope to explicitly include early learning and care spaces in order to strengthen the early childhood system's support of immigrant families
- ▶ Advance and implement expansion and enrollment of Medi-Cal to all low-income Californians, regardless of immigration status
- ▶ Recommend the protection and expansion of public benefits such as the California Expanded Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) and nutrition programs



At the national level, The Children's Partnership is focused on the following 2020 policy priorities for children:

- ▶ Protect coverage for children through defense of Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- ▶ Protect immigrant families' access to services through actions against harmful immigration policies, like changes to public charge and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- ▶ Align with partners to count every child in the Census 2020, especially young children of color