The Children's Partnership







In 2021, The Children's Partnership launched a three-year strategic plan to harness the power of partnership to achieve child health equity throughout California.

This year, we're evaluating our progress towards achieving the three major outcomes in our plan.



Progress

The Children's Partnership took a **Whole Child** approach to our policy agenda, and alongside our partners, championed policies that seek to address root causes of health inequities.

- We co-sponsored five state bills focused on youth mental health, early childhood development and parent supports, health care access, and housing justice.
- We championed policies based on what we learned from youth and in strong partnership with youth advocates. Two of our priority bills,
 AB 665 and AB 289, were signed into law.

We also worked with our partners to hold policymakers accountable and strengthen policy implementation, including:

- Advocating for a thriving wage and stronger community leadership through the new
 Community Health Worker Medi-Cal benefit.
- Launching a multi-million dollar partnership with the state to support eight high schools as pilot sites for youth mental health peer-to-peer programs, building off youth activism and our Hope, Healing and Health Collective work.

OUTCOME

Create and facilitate implementation of policies that address systemic inequities and contribute to healthy children, resourced families and safe and welcoming communities.

Connection

- We supported 50+ Los Angeles residents as they traveled to Sacramento to lobby on housing issues.
- We co-led a project to hear monthly from 80+ community-based organizations, health care navigators, community health worker/ promotoras, and others on the ground about challenges with Medi-Cal



renewals, and **took feedback directly to the Department of Health Care Services** and other policymakers.

We continued partnering with youth on policy priorities, including efforts to win AB 665, which expands access to mental health services for California's low-income youth. **OUTCOME** *Build a bridge between impacted families and policymakers.*

Power

We serve as co-chair of the Whole Child Equity Partnership (WCEP), a multi-racial, multi-sector coalition advocating for holistic policies that center the assets and needs of California's BIPOC young children



(PN-3) and their families, and helped advance three-year goals through a process of relationship-building, family listening sessions and workgroups.

In our A Child is a Child campaign, we partnered with more than ten BIPOC-led community-based organizations to uplift protective factors and highlight health inequities of children from LGBTQ+, immigrant and BIPOC communities. Partners



have used our resources in their advocacy and fundraising.



As part of launching our Peer to Peer pilot project with high schools, we co-hosted six listening sessions with a total of 54 California youth about their mental health needs and how peer-topeer support could help.

Along with educators statewide, we disseminated our All In to Keep Kids Covered Toolkit to help schools reach families with information about renewing Medi-Cal.



OUTCOME

Increase the power and influence of marginalized voices in policy advocacy.

We created videos in five languages featuring community health workers and promotoras educating families about renewing Medi-Cal.



- We bring a child lens to coalitions that lift up the voices of marginalized voices, including Housing Now, Protecting Immigrant Families, CHW/ Promotoras Coalition and more.
- We updated and shared our Public Charge Roadmap in four languages at multiple immigrant community-focused presentations attended by hundreds of community members and providers.
- We shared power by redistributing \$850,000 to families and community partners to uplift their leadership and expertise, and distributed information to more than 8,000 community members this year.



Celebrating **years** of Child Advocacy



Investing in Our Team

We celebrated our 30 year anniversary with the launch of a speaker series to uplift challenges hindering child well-being today, and we're growing our team capacity in policy, community outreach and program implementation.

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