VISION

FLORIDA'S CHILDREN ARE HEALTHY AND PREPARED TO BE SUCCESSFUL

GOALS

Stable and Nurturing Families

Healthy Children

Quality Early Learning Experiences

Parents and caregivers have the resources, knowledge and skills to foster safe, stable and nurturing home environments

All young children are physically, socially, emotionally, and mentally healthy

All young children experience nurturing, developmentally appropriate early learning opportunities*

* early learning programs includes public and private centers and family child care homes

STRATEGIES

- Expand parent skill-building opportunities through evidence-based home visiting, family support and/or parent education programs

- Provide public awareness and education so families know about appropriate expectations for children and resources available

- Expand availability of resources and interventions to families who need intensive support

- Expand preventative health care and education – preconception, prenatally and during early years of life

- Expand access to health and dental care through primary care and medical homes

- Expand access to substance abuse and mental health services

- Develop and implement an ongoing comprehensive plan to identify/treat special needs

- Create a comprehensive screening and assessment system statewide

- Create a comprehensive statewide professional development system

- Expand scholarships for professionals seeking a credential or degree in child development or early childhood

- Expand wage incentive programs to attract and retain qualified professionals

- Create a statewide quality rating improvement system including support to help programs increase and sustain quality

- Improve the quality and accessibility of publicly funded early learning opportunities

- Expand child care subsidy so more families receive assistance

Indicators - Will Reflect Those Adopted by Children and Youth Cabinet

FOUNDATION

CITIZENS ARE ENGAGED IN COMMUNITIES THAT ARE SAFE AND PROMOTE POSITIVE CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

| Sustained Political Will | Integrated Comprehensive Services | Evidenced Based Programs and Practice | Standards/ Data Driven Accountability | Human Capital | Culturally Responsive Practice | Public / Private Partnerships | Adequate Resources | Unified Data System |