



First 5 Napa County 2024 Policy Platform



Advocate for the needs of young children, their families, and the providers who serve them

Advocate for legislation that supports quality childcare for all
Advocate for expanded access to health insurance and care to ensure all children have a medical home
Advocate for legislation that protects children and youth from deportation, as well as prevents trauma from caregiver separation
Advocate for policies that protect clean air and water and minimize the negative effects of climate change
Advocate for legislation and practices that support collaboration and efficient delivery of services between the nonprofit sector and local government
Preserve previous local and state policy achievements and investments to improve child and family outcomes
Ensure children are a community priority through local jurisdictional policy that prioritizes the needs of children and families
Support and/or participate in advocacy efforts focused on state and local policies that support a sustainable ecosystem for young children, their families, and the providers who serve them (livable wages, affordable housing, land use/open space, funding priorities)
Expose and eliminate policies that perpetuate racism and structural inequality, and advance



		policies that support diversity, equity, and inclusion in child and family serving systems
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Build the capacity of individuals and organizations to center and meet the needs of young children, their families, and the providers who serve them	Diversity and Sustain a Quality ECCE Workforce	Support a diverse, high-quality caregiver and educational workforce focused on supporting children and families through strengthened qualifications, fair compensation that includes a living wage
		Work with community partners to increase and strengthen the early care and education workforce through professional growth, development, and mentorship
	Access and Capacity	Stabilize, strengthen, and scale available and affordable early learning and care programs in Napa County, with a focus on infant and toddler care
		Support sustainability of Family Resource Centers and other community hubs for integrated services for children and families
		Support evidence based, culturally proficient caregiver education and engagement, including caregiver education and community awareness campaigns that focus on adverse childhood experiences
		Support the expansion of voluntary, early home visitation programs
	Meeting the needs of each child and family	Increase access to and investment in community-based Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) providers and programs to effectively prevent and respond to trauma, identify concerns early, and promote resilience
		Advocate for the adoption of programs and policies in child-serving institutions that increase awareness and participation in promotion of equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging
		Support and/or participate in advocacy efforts focused on state and local policies that support a sustainable ecosystem for young children, their families, and the providers who serve them (livable wages, affordable housing, land use/open space, funding priorities)
		Support and/or participate in the development of a comprehensive UPK plan to provide all 4- and 5-year-olds access to early learning settings that meet their needs



	Support and/or participate in the development of a UPK mixed delivery early learning and education system that meets the needs of all parents and caregivers of children 3-5
	Increase supports for chest feeding, family leave, and baby friendly policies in all settings
	Advocate for nutritious, affordable, and accessible food in neighborhoods and schools as well as during scheduled and non-scheduled school and childcare closures
	Support and promote access to universal developmental screenings, assessments, referrals, and services
	Ensure families have timely access to culturally and linguistically appropriate services that are relevant, effective, and build upon state and local systems
	Seek to repair harm done to communities of color and eliminate racial inequities in maternal and infant health outcomes by removing systemic racist practices, barriers to care for people of color, and increasing culturally relevant services for birthing people



Climate education and advocacy

Support the development of walkable communities, safe bike routes, and public access to open spaces



Organizational Sustainability	Ensure that local First 5 commissions are recognized by the state as public entities, intermediaries, fiscal agents, and thought partners for programs, policies, and state initiatives that seek to improve child and family outcomes
	Leverage other health, family, and child development investments with the goal of establishing a sustainable early childhood system
	Advocate for more funding specifically for First 5s





When developing First 5 Napa County's 2024 Policy Platform consideration was made for the work being done by children and family serving partners and organizations at the national, state, and local levels including the First 5 Association Policy Priorities, CDSS Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program Objectives, Napa County Community Health Needs Assessment-Prioritization areas, Napa County Child Care Planning Council priority areas/goals, Child Abuse Prevention Council of Napa County's policy and advocacy platform, and First 5 Napa County Strategic Plan.