Appendix 2: Theory of Change Pathway

- **Children are born healthy.** Decrease the percent of babies born at a low birth weight
- **Children are safe from abuse and neglect.** TBD, Number of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect
- **Children are ready for Kindergarten.** Increase the percent of children reading at grade level at 3rd grade
- **Children maintain a healthy weight.** Decrease the percent of overweight children

- **Parents/caregivers are resilient.**
- **Children bond with parents/caregiver.**
- **Parents/caregivers support their child’s learning.**
- **Children have access to quality ECE.**
- **Children have good dental health.**
- **Children have adequate physical activity.**
- **Infants and children have good nutrition.**

- **Women have quality preconception and interconception care.**
- **Pregnant women’s parents/caregivers have protective capacities (substance abuse, mental health, div).**
- **Parents/caregivers have knowledge of child development and parenting.**
- **Informal childcare is high quality.**
- **Preschools are high quality.**
- **Children have access to preschool.**
- **Children have access to quality dental prevention care and treatment.**
- **Children have access to fluoridated water.**
- **Parents/caregivers model healthy behaviors.**
- **Mothers breastfeed exclusively for six months.**

- **Pregnant women’s parents/caregivers have concrete support in times of need.**
- **Pregnant women’s parents/caregivers rely on social support.**
- **Informal caregivers provide high quality care.**
- **Preschool workforce is high quality.**
- **Existing preschool spaces are high quality.**
- **Pediatric providers (dental and medical) are high quality.**
- **Families have access to recreation and affordable fresh fruits and vegetables.**
- **Mothers initiate breastfeeding.**

- **Informal community supports are in place.**
- **Collaboratives between and among traditional and non-traditional partners are present in communities.**
- **County services systems are better integrated to serve at-risk families.**
- **Children have access to health insurance.**
- **High quality workforce in all domains of early childhood development.**