



2025-2029 POLICY AGENDA

First 5 LA's Policy Agenda serves as a cornerstone document guiding the organization's policy and advocacy efforts by outlining federal, state and local priorities. As such, the Policy Agenda adopts a multi-year framework for 2025-2029, integrating the goals and objectives of First 5 LA's 2024-2029 Strategic Plan, which seeks to advance change such that children prenatal to age 5 and their families have their basic needs met, nurturing environments, and a foundation for lifelong success. Rooted in the organization's values of impact, equity, partnership, and integrity, the 2025-2029 Policy Agenda directs strategic decisions, policy priorities and advocacy efforts to drive meaningful change and impact needed to ensure every child can thrive.

To actualize the goals and objectives set out in the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan and the priorities of the 2025-2029 Policy Agenda, First 5 LA uses a targeted universalism approach. Targeted universalism is a systemic approach that identifies universal goals while using targeted strategies to achieve them. The Policy Agenda is anchored in the three universal goals identified in the strategic plan, which we believe are necessary for every child to reach their full developmental potential during the critical years of prenatal to age 5. Alongside partners, communities, and families, we have worked to identify targeted tactics to elevate equity and address the needs of those most affected by disparities.

Grounded in this shared understanding, First 5 LA seeks to advance the following goals and policy priorities:

Children prenatal to age 5 and their families have their basic needs met.

- ✓ Support policies to address the access, sustainability and accountability of perinatal care systems to reduce maternal and infant mortality and ensure healthy and joyous births.
- ✓ Strengthen safety net policies that provide long-term support to reduce poverty and promote economic stability.
- ✓ Promote comprehensive housing policies and systems to ensure access to stable homes.

Children prenatal to age 5 have nurturing relationships and environments.

- ✓ Ensure policy efforts increase mental health screening, treatment and accountability to address challenges faced by birthing and postpartum people.
- ✓ Promote policies and practices that increase access to healthy food options and food security.
- ✓ Elevate policies aimed at enhancing and funding access to safe parks and open spaces.

Children prenatal to age 5 have a solid foundation for well-being, lifelong learning and success.

- ✓ Advance policies, practices and public investment to strengthen the mixed-delivery system and increase family choice.
- ✓ Amplify policies that ensure health systems are robust and coordinated and accountable for delivering early intervention services.
- ✓ Advocate for policies that support culturally affirming care, services and supports that meet diverse needs.