



ADVOCACY AGENDA

Every child needs a village - a connected community of caring adults to support them, and safe and supportive environments that will allow them to thrive. Together we must abolish inequities caused by adverse childhood experiences, structural racism, poverty and community violence to support our youngest children.

Our advocacy agenda embraces kids at the center of all decision making. Our goals support policies, systems and environmental changes that nurture whole child health by building healthy minds, bodies and relationships.

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ENSURE EVERY CHILD IS HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTED IN THE PLACES THEY LEARN

Advance policies in schools and early learning environments to improve quality nutrition, physical activity, and social-emotional learning.

Ensure that every child has opportunities for enrichment activities after school, on the weekends, and throughout the summer.

Support high-quality, trauma-informed early childhood education and the early childhood education profession.

Promote opportunities for inclusive family and community engagement in all learning environments.

EXPAND ACCESS TO SERVICES THAT BUILD HEALTHY MINDS AND HEALTHY FAMILIES

Support policies advancing infant and early childhood mental health services to equip parents and caregivers with the tools and insights they need to make infants and young children feel safe, supported, and valued wherever they are.

Diversify the infant mental health and early intervention workforce to best represent the kids and families in neighborhoods they serve.

Eliminate barriers to accessing high quality early intervention services and preschool special education for all children.

Promote access to culturally-responsive prenatal and postpartum support services.





ADVANCE EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES FOR ALL KIDS TO GROW AND THRIVE

Advance changes to the built environment to ensure every family has healthy supportive infrastructure in their neighborhoods, regardless of zip code.

Expand opportunities for healthy food and food education in homes and neighborhoods.

Support community efforts to eliminate the impacts of hazardous environmental exposures on children and families.

Reduce the impact of crime and safety concerns on individual and community well-being.

PROMOTE THE POWER OF PLAY FOR EVERY CHILD IN EVERY PLACE

Invest in safe, accessible infrastructure that supports every child's right to play in school and in their neighborhood.

Promote playful neighborhoods by advocating for youth and resident driven play in communities across the region.

Safeguard play as a cornerstone of school learning for Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

Ensure that every child has access to unstructured play in early childcare settings and at school.

