

First 5 Orange County Legislative Platform



First 5 Orange County's vision is that all children reach their full potential.

To achieve this vision, we use four strategies – get involved early, elevate equity, empower champions, and align systems of care – to guide our investments, prioritize our work and interact with our community.

The following Legislative platform allows us to advocate for young children and their families to help reach our vision:

- 1** Increase opportunities for families to meaningfully participate in decision making and provide policy input.
- 2** Prioritize early childhood in policy making, relying on research and local data whenever possible to encourage others to also prioritize early childhood.
- 3** Improve systems to increase early access to comprehensive physical and mental health, cognitive development and early care and education.
- 4** Integrate the whole child/whole family's needs.
- 5** Support continued and future funding to further early childhood development and education.