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.