

# 2023 Legislative Priorities

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**In 2023, our priority is to maintain previous policy advancements and sustainably fund services and programs for children, youth and families through progressive revenue reform that increase equitable treatment and outcomes.**

- **BASIC NEEDS:** Ensure basic needs are met through equitable, holistic, and sustainable investments in the behavioral and physical health, housing, safety, economic security, and well-being of children, youth, and families.
- **CHILD WELFARE:** Prioritize the safety and well-being of children, youth, and families impacted by the child welfare system through investments that: (1) aim to eliminate racial disproportionality; (2) provide services and supports to safely help keep families together and prevent placements in out of home care by strengthening provision of basic needs, behavioral health and substance disorder treatments; (3) provide comprehensive and culturally responsive services delivered by adequately trained staff to children and youth placed in the child welfare system; and (4) support positive and healthy transitions of youth exiting the child welfare system.
- **EARLY LEARNING, CHILDCARE, AND FAMILY SUPPORT:** Invest in culturally responsive, affordable, accessible, and quality childcare, universal pre-K, and family support programs that equitably and sustainably support children and caregivers.
- **JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM:** Prioritize community-based interventions, diversion, restorative alternatives, and wraparound supports that prevent children and youth involvement in juvenile court systems and eliminate racial disparities while adequately serving youth currently in and transitioning out of the juvenile court system.
- **IDD/DISABILITY ADVOCACY:** Create sustainable funding streams for programs that provide accessible, equitable, and comprehensive support for children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and other disabilities.
- **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:** Sustainably fund programs and resources that equitably provide developmentally appropriate, wraparound supports young people need to learn, grow, and successfully transition to adulthood.

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