**THE VISION FOR KENTUCKY**

All young children in Kentucky are healthy and safe, possess the foundation that will enable school and personal success, and live in strong families that are supported and strengthened within their communities.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The future strength of the Commonwealth of Kentucky depends upon the healthy development of our youngest citizens. Therefore, this initiative will build upon existing resources, foster public-private partnerships, insure collaborative planning and implementation, and mobilize communities to:

- support and strengthen families,
- assure that all children grow and develop to their fullest potential,
- provide high quality, accessible, affordable early care and education options, and
- promote public awareness of the importance of the first years for the well-being of all Kentucky’s citizens.

Taken from “Kids Now: 20 Year Comprehensive Early Childhood Plan, Governor’s Early Childhood Task Force”, November 17, 1999.