

Plan Length

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2024

Vision Statement

All children in Kentucky will have the foundation that enables school and personal success and are supported by strong families and communities.

Mission Statement

The Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) provides leadership and direction for the Commonwealth of Kentucky by providing a comprehensive and sustainable prenatal to age five early childhood system that will ensure a strong foundation for all children.

Draft Goal Statements

Listed in alphabetical order.

- Goal 1:** Advance comprehensive early care and education through strategic messaging.
- Goal 2:** Grow and strengthen the early care and education workforce by providing a career pathway for advancement and professional learning opportunities.
- Goal 3:** Increase coordination, program quality, and service delivery by fostering effective collaboration between agencies and stakeholders.
- Goal 4:** Promote a comprehensive framework to effectively partner with families.
- Goal 5:** Reduce barriers to accessing high quality early care and education by effectively utilizing data to inform program planning, monitoring progress and guide decision making.
- Goal 6:** Secure new, diverse funding and utilize existing resources more effectively.

Draft Objectives

GOAL 1: Advance comprehensive early care and education through strategic messaging.

Objective 1.1: Conduct an outreach and education campaign on the importance of early childhood learning.

Objective 1.2: Promote and increase engagement of family members in the development and education of their children.

GOAL 2: Grow and strengthen the early care and education workforce by providing a career pathway for advancement and professional learning opportunities.

Objective 2.1: Support and expand pipeline for early care and education professionals.

Objective 2.2: Revise career lattice to encourage advancement and longevity in the early care and education workforce.

Objective 2.3: Reduce turnover by enhancing supports for professionals in early care and education.

Objective 2.4: Align training and technical assistance for early care and education professionals across state and local agencies.

GOAL 3: Increase coordination, program quality, and service delivery by fostering effective collaboration between agencies and stakeholders.

Objective 3.1: Effectively implement a cross-agency, state-level structure to ensure high quality programming for children and families.

Objective 3.2: Reduce barriers and increase support for blended service delivery models.

Objective 3.3: Strengthen the collaborations within local communities to foster school readiness and better address specific community needs.

Objective 3.4: Facilitate collaboration and increase coordination of state and local health, mental health, and wellness systems to support children and families.

GOAL 4: Promote a comprehensive framework to effectively partner with families.

Objective 4.1: Promote ongoing family education opportunities.

Objective 4.2: Expand Kentucky Strengthening Families into more communities.

Objective 4.3: Provide quality resources that promote and support the family's role in child development.

Objective 4.4: Promote an early care and education transition framework.

GOAL 5: Reduce barriers to accessing high quality early care and education by effectively utilizing data to inform program planning, monitoring progress and guide decision making.

Objective 5.1: Establish data and process systems for early childhood care and education.

Objective 5.2: Increase awareness and use of early care and education data reporting among state and local decision-makers.

Objectives 5.3: Increase capacity to use early care and education data at the state and local levels through effective training and support.

GOAL 6: Secure new, diverse funding and utilize existing resources more effectively.

Objective 6.1: Prioritize tobacco dollars to align with the strategic plan.

Objective 6.2: Conduct fiscal mapping to identify gaps and opportunities to prioritize funding.

Objective 6.3: Secure new grants to support vulnerable populations.

Objective 6.4: Track and monitor funded services that impact early childhood.