

2010 Central California Children's Agenda

Goal 1:

Communities and Families Ready for Children

OUTCOME 1: Families bear children in communities where their basic needs for healthy physical and social-emotional growth and development are met.

POLICY PRIORITY: Communities support each family's efforts to provide for the basic economic, physical and social-emotional needs of their children.

Goal 2:

Nurturing Parents and Caregivers

OUTCOME 2: Children are born into families with caregivers who are prepared to provide loving relationships and support their emotional, spiritual and mental well-being.

POLICY PRIORITY: Assure that children are loved, protected from violence, and have positive emotional connections with caregivers during their early years.

Goal 3:

Children Ready for School

OUTCOME 3: Children enter school ready to learn and able to meet the requirements of today's educational environment.

POLICY PRIORITY: Widespread opportunities are available and accessible for all children to learn and fully reach their intellectual and psychosocial potential prior to entering school.

Goal 4:

Healthy, Safe and Secure Youth

OUTCOME 4: Children and youth attain and maintain optimal physical and mental health, and are safe and protected in their homes, schools and neighborhoods.

POLICY PRIORITY: Families, neighborhoods and schools support the health and safety of all children.

Goal 5:

Engaged and Connected Youth

OUTCOME 5: Youth have connections with each other, with caring adults and with their communities that strengthen resiliency against teen pregnancy, gang involvement, substance abuse and other risky behaviors.

POLICY PRIORITY: Supportive activities and healing relationships between youth and their peers, parents, other adults, schools and community institutions become a central focus of institutional policy.

Goal 6:

Youth Prepared for Life

OUTCOME 6: Youth complete high school and maximize their potential for a productive life through job skills training, employment or further education.

POLICY PRIORITY: All youth receive the support they need to become self-sufficient, productive members of society.

