

NYS Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Planning Initiative: Framework of Priority Cross-Sector Goals and Outcomes

Healthy Children

- Wanted, healthy, safe pregnancies
- Freedom from preventable injury, illness, and disability
- Optimal physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development
- Early recognition & intervention for special needs
- Enrollment in public or private health insurance programs
- Access to health, mental health, and oral health services that are accessible, continuous, comprehensive, family centered, coordinated, compassionate and culturally effective (medical home)

Strong Families

- Families have adequate and stable employment, income, and basic needs (food, shelter, clothing)
- Families have the knowledge, skills, confidence, and social supports to nurture the health, safety, and positive development of children
- Parents' special needs are recognized and supported, including health, mental health, & substance abuse
- Empowerment to seek, utilize, and actively participate in supportive services
- Families provide children with safe and healthy environments free from abuse and neglect
- Families provide children with positive, nurturing, consistent relationships

Early Learning

- Children have positive and consistent attachments to parents, caregivers, and educators
- Caregivers and other providers have the knowledge, skills, confidence, and social supports to nurture the health, safety, and positive development of children
- Families have access to high quality, developmentally-appropriate early care and education
- Families and caregivers support children's early literacy
- Parents, caregivers, and educators communicate regularly about children's learning and development

- Children, families, and other caregivers are supported by peers, workplace, community, and government
- Families are involved in service planning, delivery, and evaluation at state and local level
- Community services recognize, respect and reflect strengths of families and cultures
- Families are aware of and able to access all the services they need
- Communities provide children and families with healthy, safe and thriving environments to support their needs for physical, social, cognitive and emotional growth
- Programs, policies, and infrastructure support coordinated cross-sector service delivery
- Workforce in all sectors that serve families have the knowledge and skills needed to promote positive child and family development
- Family needs are anticipated to offer smooth transitions and preventive, developmentally-appropriate services
- Early childhood services, programs, and policies are based on evidence, theory, and best practices

Supportive Communities & Coordinated Systems