

AT FIRST 5 ALAMEDA COUNTY, WE ADVOCATE FOR AND INVEST IN:

► Financial Stability

Policies and programs acknowledge the strain low-income and working families experience and guarantee families have a right to sufficient income and supports to ensure families can meet their basic needs and create a safe, healthy, and enriching home environment.

► Coordinated Systems

Now is the time to imagine, co-create, and build coordinated systems of services and resources that support the health and well-being of families by ensuring access to services.

► Community Leadership

Policies are most effective when developed with family and community lived experience, voice, leadership, and decision-making power.

► Thriving Neighborhoods

Children thrive when neighborhoods have community-driven place-based investments and equitable economic development opportunities that address structural racism that has resulted in disproportionate rates of poverty.

► Access & Quality

Increase awareness and access to quality early care and education options offered through a diverse mixed-delivery system. Strengthen learning and care opportunities for infants and toddlers and expand the infrastructure of care through expanded facilities and technology to support connection to care.

► Workforce

Support policies and practices that stabilize, strengthen, and expand the diverse early care and education workforce through livable wages, safe and supportive workplaces, access to professional development, and health and well-being benefits.

► Local Investments

Partner with public systems and community to prepare the early care and education system for broad investment through dedicated local funding streams for families with young children.

► Whole Community, Whole Family, Whole Child

Use a holistic and equitable lens on the policies and practices that can improve the well-being of children, their families, and the communities they live in.

► Birth Equity & Reproductive Justice

Promote strategies, programs, and policies that protect the right to maintain personal bodily autonomy, and safe and healthy pregnancies and birth outcomes for Black women/birthing people and their babies.

