

2025 Priorities

Making Florida the Family-Friendliest State in the Nation

● STRONG RESULTS IN EARLY LEARNING

Children only get one chance to learn the fundamentals correctly. Ensure that Florida's early learning programs are viewed and funded as the foundation of our education system.

- Continue annual increases to the base student allocation for VPK
- Invest additional state dollars in Florida's School Readiness (SR) Program

Increase options for parents by supporting home-based and center-based programs.

- Expand access to early learning tuition assistance for working families by moving SR income eligibility to the right level for Florida's dynamic economy
- Ensure home insurance protections cover all Family Child Care Homes

Celebrate and support early learning educators.

- Streamline professional development opportunities and career pathways for teachers
- Continue to fund T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to support the birth-20 educator pipeline

● HEALTHY CHILDREN AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Protect KidCare expansion and outreach efforts, so Florida families have access to more affordable coverage, adequate preventive care, mental health care, and a medical home.

Get babies off to a strong start by supporting prenatal health care, early childhood mental health, strong relationships, and early screening and intervention.

- Continue the extension of Medicaid postpartum, so mothers can care for themselves after the birth of a child
- Ensure greater access to early screening for special needs and disabilities, including Autism, and the ready availability of therapies when a need is identified

● FAMILIES MATTER

Help families gain financial independence with policies that support families contributing to Florida's dynamic economy.

- Continue to fund School Readiness Plus to ensure families don't have an abrupt cut in their early learning tuition assistance when they get a small raise

Encourage employers to enhance family-friendly policies, such as paid parental leave for mothers and fathers, early learning tuition assistance, breastfeeding supports, and flexibility.

- Expand the Child Care Tax Credit so employers can support community-based early learning programs that have capacity to expand

Join us to build toward a safer, healthier, more prosperous state—for all Florida children.