



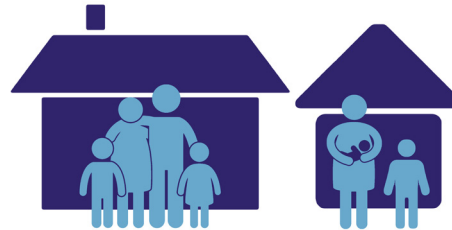
Blueprint for Kentucky's Children 2018 Legislative Priorities



THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Ensure supports and systems are in place to create communities that are safe and responsive for kids and families.

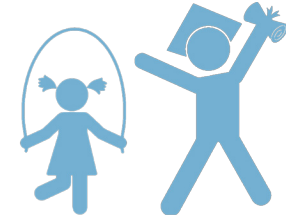
- Build safer communities and stronger kids with effective responses to children who get in trouble.
- Enact a state refundable Earned Income Tax Credit to help working families make ends meet.
- Keep kids safer from abuse by allowing adults to whom a child has disclosed abuse to testify in court.
- Increase transparency by moving functions related to appeals and cases within the Office of the Ombudsman to outside of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.



STRONG FAMILIES

Support families to help them start strong and continue on a stable path to care for their children

- Keep kids safe from abuse and neglect with adequate funding and improvements in how we respond to and support families.
- Strengthen child care support for working parents by increasing reimbursement rates for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) and allowing parents earning incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty level to receive CCAP.



SUCCESSFUL KIDS

Give children the opportunity to grow up healthy and become successful adults

- Activate the right response outside of the court system for children ages 12 and younger.
- Support the education of children who have experienced abuse or neglect by ensuring stability in the school they attend or a seamless transition to a new school.
- Ensure students have safe and effective educators by improving the process for reviewing cases when teachers are fired from public schools.
- Increase the tobacco tax by at least \$1 to keep teens from starting to smoke and reduce smoking among pregnant women.