

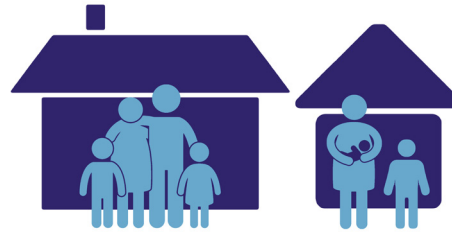


# Blueprint for Kentucky's Children 2018 Policy Priorities



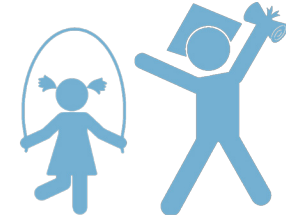
## THRIVING COMMUNITIES

- 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

- Keep kids safe from abuse and neglect with adequate funding and improvements in how we respond to and support families.
- Monitor implementation of the Medicaid waiver so that families can access the care they need.
- 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.
- Help Kentucky parents improve their education and future success by ensuring they have access to child care.



## SUCCESSFUL KIDS

- 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.
- Monitor implementation of charter schools to ensure they are established with an emphasis on improving outcomes for all students.
- 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.