

2025 Public Policy Agenda

The Start Early Funders Coalition will lead the 2025 legislative session with a racial equity lens on all public policies. We prioritize policies that will benefit low-income children, rural children and families as well as Black, Indigenous and children of color and their families; and the programs that serve them.



Child Care and Early Learning Family Affordability and Accessibility

- Advocate for and defend investments in Early Learning Scholarships that meet the needs of children from low-income households from ages birth-five years old, prioritizing those with the highest needs.
- Support funding and technical assistance strategies to strengthen the child care and early learning business model sustainability.



Community Wellness & Mental Health Supports

- Support the mental wellbeing of children, families and early care and education professionals with early childhood mental health consultation, trauma-informed care, increased resources for community mental health services and increased investment in the Community Solutions Fund.
- Support increased funding and access to targeted home visiting programs.



Early Care & Education Professionals and the Workforce

- Support policies and advocate for funding that improve recruiting and retaining early care and education professionals through improved compensation, benefits, professional development resources and other short and long-term solutions to support compensation and retentions practices including FFN support, CDA accessibility, Grow Your Own programs and mental health support.



State & Federal Early Childhood Policy

- Monitor federal policies impacting lives of young children and families across Minnesota.
- Monitor implementation of state programs and the Department of Children, Youth and Families.
- Monitor diversified funding streams and investments in Minnesota's early childhood system.