## 2026 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. Increase options for parents by supporting home-based and center-based early learning programs and increasing access to early learning tuition assistance through the School Readiness program.

Celebrate and support early learning educators, with strong teacher preparation and development aimed at maximizing children's potential.

## **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 and strong relationships as well as widely available screening and intervention for children with delays or disabilities. Build community resilience with supports for mental health and positive child development.

## **FAMILIES MATTER**

Parents are their children's first and most important teacher. Empower families with the tools, services, and resources they need to be their best.

Help families gain financial independence with policies that eliminate abrupt cuts in early learning tuition assistance or health care benefits when parents get a 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.

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

