



STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

The strategic direction the Commission has set for the next 5 years identifies desired outcomes, priority objectives; service delivery and other strategies; and community-level indicators of improvement. The Commission recognizes there are overlaps among the strategies, and in many cases the same strategy or strategies can serve to address multiple objectives.



	OBJECTIVES	PRIORITY STRATEGIES
<p>HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT Children achieve optimal developmental, behavioral and social-emotional health</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase the number of children who receive early screening and referrals for follow-up services. 2. Increase the number of parents with access to mental health services, including post-partum support for new mothers. 3. Increase the number of children who have access to preventive, primary and specialty care services, including dental services. 4. Reduce unhealthy food choices, including the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages. 5. Increase the opportunity for children to engage in physical activities and other forms of exercise, including outdoors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Leadership or support of a multi-disciplinary effort to establish an integrated early intervention in Merced County, (e.g., Help Me Grow or a comparable model). ■ Integration of developmental and trauma-informed screenings (e.g., ASQ, DRDP) as required by program and evaluation activities into all direct service contracts. ■ Facilitation of community and provider outreach and awareness activities and access to up-to-date referral resources. ■ Identification, assessment and mental health treatment services through Family Resource Centers, prenatal and community health centers and similar community settings. ■ Engagement of target populations to recognize the need to change unhealthy habits with culturally effective, trauma-informed interventions and incentives to maintain the motivation to change (e.g., safe parks).

COMMUNITY LEVEL INDICATORS

- Percent of children served by funded partners who receive a developmental screening
- Percent of children with Medi-Cal with a dental visit in the last 12 months
- Percent of women reporting post-partum depression
- Percent of families reporting linkages to appropriate early intervention mental health services

