



Vision: All children in Napa county are healthy, safe and have the opportunity to reach their greatest potential.

Mission: Cope Family Center's mission is to empower parents, nurture children and strengthen the community. We provide parents with the education, resources and support they need to raise children who thrive.

POLICY & ADVOCACY PLATFORM

The Platform allows for a broad framework of collective and collaborative policy and advocacy on behalf of children and their families, who live and work in Napa County. We establish and maintain relationships with key partners who are aligned with our goals. Partners include but are not limited to: First 5 Napa County, First 5 California, First 5 Association, Children Now, 4-CA, Greater Bay Area Child Abuse Prevention Council, CalNonprofits, and California Family Resource Association. The Platform also aligns with the Napa County Children's Bill of Rights endorsed by the Board of Supervisors in April 2014.

Children are raised in an environment that is peaceful, supportive and secure and meets all of their basic needs (nutritious food, shelter, clothing, healthcare, childcare).

- Support sustainability of Family Resource Centers and other community hubs for integrated services for children and families.
- Advocate for housing that is affordable/accessible and for self-sufficiency wages.
- Expand access to quality childcare and education programs for children ages 0-5.
- Advocate for legislation that supports survivors of violence.
- Advocates for legislation that supports quality childcare for all.
- Expand access to healthcare insurance and assure all children have a medical home.

Children have healthy attachments to parents, guardians or caregivers who nurture and love them from birth.

- Support evidence based parent education and engagement, including parent education and community awareness campaigns that focus on adverse childhood experiences.
- Increase supports for breastfeeding, family leave, and baby friendly policies in all settings.
- Expand voluntary, early home visitation programs.

Children enjoy healthful and plentiful meals daily and partake in physical activity and time outdoors and in nature.

- Advocate for nutritious, affordable and accessible food, in both neighborhoods and schools
- Support the development of walk able communities, safe bike routes, and public access to open space.

Children have access to healthcare to maintain optimum physical, mental and dental health.

- Protect child and family access to health care, and support coordination across the health care system to ensure every pregnant mother and child has affordable and comprehensive health insurance coverage.
- Support and promote universal developmental screenings, assessment, referral, and services.
- Support policies that protect clean air and water, and minimize the negative effects of climate change.

Children have access to quality care and education that promotes future success in school, career and life.

- Expand access to quality early care and education programs for children ages 0-5.
- Support implementation of high-quality universal preschool access for all children, and high quality transitional kindergarten and kindergarten statewide.
- Support a diverse, high -quality, caregiver and educational workforce, focused on supporting children and families through strengthened qualifications, fair compensation, and robust professional development..

Children feel supported by the larger community and maintain a sense of hope for the future.

- Conduct community education campaigns to promote the needs of children and families, and engage communities in meeting those needs.
- Assure children are a community priority through local jurisdictional policy that prioritizes the needs of children and families.

Children voice opinions in matters of interest to them, develop their leadership capacity and engage in their community.

- Support legislation promoting national service opportunities.
- Advocate for accessible voting for youth and young adults.
- Support immigration legislation that protects children and youth from deportation, as well as prevents trauma from parental separation.
- Promote the inclusion of children in determining how they will be served by the community (student reps on boards, councils, commissions, etc.).

System Sustainability

- Advocate to state and local legislatures to create and fund family-friendly policies that protect children and promote their success in school and the workforce.
- Advocate for legislation that supports collaboration and efficient delivery of services between the nonprofit sector and government.