



COMMISSION GOALS and OUTCOME OBJECTIVES

GOAL 1: Children live free of abuse, neglect and exposure to violence.

Outcome Objectives

- Reduce child maltreatment and neglect
- Reduce early childhood exposure to violence in the family and community
- Reduce alcohol abuse and use of illegal drugs among pregnant women, parents, and family members of children age 0-to-5
- Increase access to evidence-informed mental health services
- Increase validated social-emotional-developmental screenings, referrals, and connections to services

GOAL 2: Children are healthy and eager to learn.

Outcome Objectives

- Decrease tobacco use among pregnant women, parents, and family members in households with children age 0-to-5
- Decrease rates of childhood obesity
- Improve family literacy and language development
- Increase access to and use of prevention and early intervention oral health services for young children
- Increase access to and use of prevention and early intervention physical health services for young children
- Increase access to quality, affordable early care and education, with emphasis on care for infants and toddlers and children with special needs
- Increase screening, referral, and follow-up on referrals for children with disabilities and special needs

GOAL 3: The community understands and values early childhood.

Outcome Objectives

- Key community leaders and decision-makers increase their knowledge and demonstrate value of optimal early childhood development
- Service providers increase their knowledge and professional skills for serving children age 0-to-5 and their families
- Parents and primary caregivers increase their knowledge of age-appropriate child development, learning, and community resources for children age 0-to-5 and their families
- Members of the business community understand the link between optimal early childhood development and the community's future economic stability and leadership
- Members of the community increase their understanding of family and community capacity to support optimal early childhood development