



The Alliance for Early Success equips allies across the country with the right connections and resources to achieve big, sustained impact — so every child in every state has an equal chance to grow, learn, and succeed.

Founded in 2005 to ensure impact-focused collaboration in the early childhood policy world, the Alliance for Early Success has since grown into a crucial, 50-state resource for the people fighting for structural, lasting change for children birth through age eight. We leverage funds from investors and direct a pooled fund that we deploy to unlock the potential of as many kids as possible.

Through our state and national partnerships, the Alliance works to achieve big, sustained impact faster than anyone can do alone. We connect advocates with their successful counterparts in other states. We make sure they have access to national experts and consultants they need to make the case to policymakers. And we connect national researchers and organizations working on similar issues.

We provide strategic investments to advance state policies and funding that help young children and their families thrive.

And, above all, we operate on the belief that a complete early childhood strategy — grounded in racial, economic, social, and gender equity — is essential for all children, families, and communities to reach their full potential.

Every Child. Every State.

Across the country, state government is where crucial program decisions are made about the health, education, and support available to young children and their families. It's why we focus on unlocking resources at the state level for these powerful early childhood programs and services. We learned long ago that one size does not fit all, and that every state has a unique landscape, history, set of challenges, and opportunity for big wins. So our work always grows from the ground up, as we focus on the people advocating for state-level change.

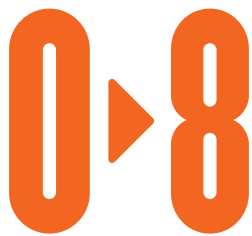
It's the best — and perhaps only — way to reach every child in every state.

We invest in state-level priorities for early childhood because it's a powerful way to leverage limited funds for exponential impact.

Our Policy Framework

The work of the Alliance is built on the *Alliance for Early Success Birth Through Eight State Policy Framework* — a roadmap to guide state policy to improve young children’s health, family, and learning outcomes. The Framework features best-bet policies in these areas, and its policy recommendations address a range of issues and require different levels of investment. And every one of them draws upon what we know from science.

We developed and published an initial framework in 2013 with input from more than 200 experts representing early childhood and K-12 advocates and leaders, researchers, communication professionals, policymakers, and foundation leaders. Subsequent revisions reflected input from an expert advisory group as well as additional experts in health and family support (2015), and an advisory group on race, equity, and inclusion (2018). Policy options are updated in response to the latest research and best practice evidence.



Birth Through Eight State Policy Framework

CROSS-CUTTING POLICIES:
AT THE INTERSECTION
OF HEALTH, FAMILY SUPPORT,
AND LEARNING

Outcome: Children thrive in families and communities that support their healthy development.

HEALTH:

Outcome: Children are born healthy, stay healthy, and are surrounded by healthy adults.



FAMILY SUPPORT:

Outcome: Families help their children explore, learn, and grow in safe and nurturing places.



LEARNING:

Outcome: Children arrive at kindergarten with the skills and abilities to meet developmental milestones, read on grade level, and reach achievement goals.



As we advance the framework, we are guided by five principles:

Starting early results in better outcomes.

All children and families should have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Evidence should inform state policy choices.

Sound policy implementation requires smart funding.

Accountability leads to better outcomes.

When it comes to early childhood funding and effectiveness, the Alliance has a long history of bringing together states, national experts, and front-line constituencies to make lasting, systemic change.