

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Policy Issue Cluster	Policy Priorities
<b>Family Income &amp; Asset Growth</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. State and local programs must provide coordinated health and human services from a ‘family unity’ and ‘economic mobility’ approach to strengthen families.</li> <li>2. Promote, expand and fully implement the Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) program.</li> <li>3. Ensure a non-regressive tax system which otherwise negatively impacts poor and low income families.</li> <li>4. Ensure support for state and local living wage increase efforts.</li> <li>5. Provide child care subsidies in adult job training education programming.</li> <li>6. Ensure state and local gender-free equal pay for equal work policies. Ensure the elimination and prevention of predatory lending.</li> <li>7. Expand affordable housing subsidy opportunities for low and moderate income families.</li> <li>8. Ensure equity in access to quality Pre-K and public school education inclusion of accepting environment and structures that support language and cultural diversity.</li> </ol>
<b>Child &amp; Family Development</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Equity and compliance in state oversight of the nutrition-based Women, Infant and Children (WIC) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); inclusive of responsive bilingual bicultural approaches to service delivery.</li> <li>2. Ensure family-based integrative programs inclusive of:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Foster Care</li> <li>b. Child Care Support Alternatives – Grandparent or Other Relative</li> <li>c. Family Violence Prevention</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Equity and supportive behavior change approaches in Juvenile Justice System.</li> <li>4. Ensure comprehensive child support enforcement.</li> <li>5. Support marriage promotion and parenting education.</li> <li>6. Fairness in opportunity for documented and undocumented immigrants to gain access to state and local health and human services programs.</li> </ol>
<b>Healthcare</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Healthcare equity in availability and access to both physical and mental health-related care beginning with health insurance coverage regardless of family income.</li> <li>2. Parity in service coverage regardless of health status inclusive of general illnesses, chronic disease, mental health illness, or any disability.</li> <li>3. Expand Medicaid coverage to uninsured adults.</li> <li>4. Ensure regulatory compliance and fully utilize available federal funding; and where allowed provide additional state funding to leverage increased federal funding for safety-net programs. Programs demanding targeted attention are:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Women’s Health</li> <li>b. Community Health Center</li> <li>c. Teen Pregnancy</li> <li>d. Substance Abuse Prevention.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Ensure supportive and non-punitive eligibility and ease of access to federally mandate state healthcare programs, inclusive of responsive bilingual and bicultural approaches.</li> <li>6. Ensure health professions training that meet the state’s population growth and demand for health professionals across community needs.</li> <li>7. Increase the representation of Latinos in health professions training and practice.</li> </ol>
<b>Healthy Behaviors</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure development and implementation of school-based prevention oriented approaches that promote healthy behaviors, and prevention of health illness. These must include:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Health Curricula Inclusive of Physical Education</li> <li>b. Nutrition-Base Education Opportunities</li> <li>c. Counseling and Wrap-Around Service Support for At-Risk Families</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Supportive and not punitive discipline support systems, and elimination of school-to-prison pipeline risks.</li> <li>3. State and local pregnancy prevention support targeting teens and young adults.</li> <li>4. State and local substance abuse prevention support targeting teens and adults.</li> <li>5. Alcohol and tobacco tax, and related age sales enforcement.</li> </ol>