



## Florida Children and Youth Cabinet



**Statutory Charge:** Ensure that the public policy relating to children and youth is developed to promote interdepartmental collaboration and program implementation in order that services designed for children and youth are planned, managed, and delivered in a holistic and integrated manner to improve the children's self-sufficiency, safety, economic stability, health, and quality of life. (§402.56, FS)

**Vision:** All children in Florida grow up safe, healthy, educated and prepared to meet their full potential.

**Mission:** To ensure that the public policy of Florida relating to children and youth promotes interdepartmental collaboration and program implementation in order for services designed for children and youth to be planned, managed and delivered in a holistic and integrated manner to improve the self-sufficiency, safety, economic stability, health and quality of life of all children and youth in Florida.

The twenty-member Florida Children and Youth Cabinet has developed and adopted a shared vision and a Strategic Plan. These are used as guides in the implementation of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet workgroups and initiatives. The Florida Children and Youth Cabinet's Strategic Plan Goals and Workgroups are:

**Goal 1: Promote increased efficiency and improved service delivery by all governmental agencies that provide services for children, youth and their families.**

- *Child Death Review Teams Workgroup* – Analyzing the four independent death review teams in Florida affecting children.
- *Children and Youth Services Collaboration Workgroup* – Identifying more efficient ways for organizations to maximize state and local resources to ultimately produce better outcomes for children and families.
- *Youth Commission* – Youth Commission seat established by CYC Chairman in 2011. Reaching out to other youth groups across the state to get them connected and involved.

**Goal 2: Ensure that all children in Florida have access to high-quality preventative, primary, specialty and long-term healthcare.**

- *Multi-System Children and Youth Workgroup* – Developing an integrated process and agreement between agencies for children and youth being served by multiple agencies.
- *Technology Collaboration Workgroup* – Identifying ways to collaborate and share information across state agencies.

**Goal 3: Assure high-quality, seamless, research-based education and learning opportunities for all children.**

- *Human Trafficking Workgroup* – Identifying ways in which Florida can put a stop to human trafficking, including finding best practices in the nation and supporting victims of child trafficking.
- *State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care* – Improving coordination and collaboration between state agencies, local organizations, and other stakeholder groups of the early child care system in the state.

**Goal 4: Build, allocate and align sufficient resources and functions to meet the goals set forth by the Children and Youth Cabinet.**

- *Children's Budget Analysis* – Analyzing the state's funding as it relates to children and youth.
- *Interagency Background Screening Workgroup* – Developed a strategy for the criminal background screening of the professionals, laypersons and volunteers that serve vulnerable populations within Florida.