

2022 Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap

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A Roadmap to Strengthen Your State's Prenatal-to-3 System of Care

The Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap provides guidance to state leaders on the most effective investments states can make to ensure all children thrive from the start. Grounded in the science of the developing child and based on comprehensive reviews of the most rigorous evidence available, the Roadmap provides detailed information on five effective policies and six effective strategies that foster the nurturing environments infants and toddlers need, and that reduce longstanding disparities in access and outcomes among racial and ethnic groups and socioeconomic statuses.

The Roadmap is an annual guide for each state to:

- Assess the wellbeing of its infants and toddlers and prioritize state PN-3 policy goals;
- Identify the evidence-based policy solutions proven to impact PN-3 policy goals;
- Monitor states' adoption and implementation of the 11 effective Roadmap policies and strategies;
- Track the impact that policy changes have on improving the wellbeing of children and families and reducing disparities between racial and ethnic groups.

Adopted and Implemented Policy Count by State

0 out of 5	GA	MS	NC	SC	TX	WY	6 States								
1 out of 5	AL	FL	ID	NH	ND	SD	TN	UT	WI	9 States					
2 out of 5	AK	HI	IA	KS	KY	LA	MI	MT	NE	NV	OH	OK	PA	WV	14 States
3 out of 5	AZ	AR	CO	DE	IN	MO	6 States								
4 out of 5	IL	ME	MD	MN	NM	NY	OR	RI	VT	VA	10 States				
5 out of 5	CA	CT	DC	MA	NJ	WA	6 States								

Few States Are Doing It All, But Many Are Moving Forward

Six states have adopted and fully implemented all five effective policies. This year, Connecticut and Washington joined California, the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, and New Jersey in fully implementing all five Roadmap policies.




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**Explore New Jersey's Roadmap
for detailed status, data, and
comparisons**

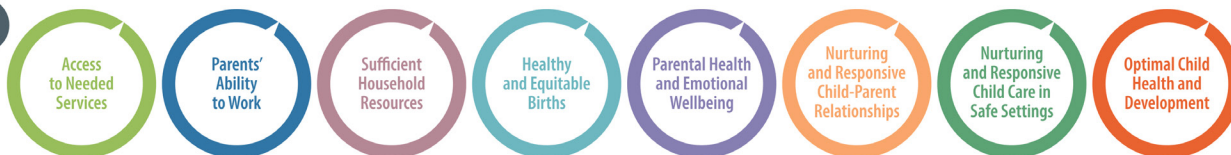
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Effective policies impact PN-3 goals and research provides clear state legislative or regulatory action. **Effective strategies** impact PN-3 goals, but the research does not yet provide precise guidance for state legislative or regulatory action.

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GOALS

To achieve a science-driven PN-3 goal:



















POLICIES

Adopt and fully implement the **effective policies** aligned with the goal

Expanded Income Eligibility for Health Insurance								
Reduced Administrative Burden for SNAP								
Paid Family Leave								
State Minimum Wage								
State Earned Income Tax Credit								

STRATEGIES

Make substantial progress relative to other states toward implementing the **effective strategies** aligned with the goal

Comprehensive Screening and Connection Programs								
Child Care Subsidies								
Group Prenatal Care								
Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs								
Early Head Start								
Early Intervention Services								

OUTCOMES

Measure progress toward achieving the PN-3 goal.

Health Insurance
Adequate Prenatal Care
Access to SNAP
Developmental Screenings

Parental Employment

Child Poverty
Crowded Housing
Food Insecurity

Preterm Births
Infant Mortality

Maternal Mental Health
Parenting Support

Daily Reading
Daily Nurturing Behaviors
Parenting Stress

Child Care Providers Participating in QRIS
Access to EHS













Breastfeeding Immunizations
Child Maltreatment

To date, states have lacked clear guidance on how to effectively promote the environments in which children can thrive. This Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap identifies the 11 most effective evidence-based investments that states can make to foster equitable opportunities for infants and toddlers.

New Jersey Roadmap Summary








Effective Roadmap Policy

2022 Policy Snapshot

	Expanded Income Eligibility for Health Insurance	 138%	New Jersey was one of six states to sign up for the early Medicaid expansion option in 2010. Parents earning at or below 138% of the FPL are eligible for Medicaid coverage in NJ.
	Reduced Administrative Burden for SNAP	 12 months	New Jersey offers all three policies to reduce administrative burden (12-month recertification intervals, simplified reporting, and at least an online application) to most families.
	Paid Family Leave Program of at Least 6 Weeks	 12 weeks	New Jersey has a paid family leave program that provides up to 12 weeks of benefits.
	State Minimum Wage of \$10.00 or Greater	 \$13.00	The current state minimum wage in New Jersey is \$13.00, with scheduled increases until the state minimum wage reaches \$15.00 in 2024. Annual indexing begins January 1, 2025.
	Refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit of at Least 10%	 40%	New Jersey has a refundable state EITC equal to 40% of the federal credit.
	State has adopted and fully implemented the policy		
	State has newly adopted and fully implemented the policy since October 1, 2021		

Effective Roadmap Strategy

2022 Strategy Snapshot

	Comprehensive Screening and Connection Programs	 1	Families had access to 1 evidence-based comprehensive screening and connection program in New Jersey in 2021.
	Child Care Subsidies	 104.2%	New Jersey's base reimbursement rates cover 104.2% of the true cost of providing base-quality care for infants in center-based care.
	Group Prenatal Care	 24	New Jersey served pregnant people in 24 group prenatal care sites across the state in 2021.
	Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs	 9.1%	New Jersey served an estimated 9.1% of children under age 3 in families with incomes of less than 150% of the FPL in the state's home visiting programs in 2019.
	Early Head Start	 7.5%	Approximately 7.5% of income-eligible infants and toddlers had access to Early Head Start programs in New Jersey in 2019.
	Early Intervention Services	 9.8%	New Jersey served 9.8% of its birth-to-3 population in Early Intervention services (Part C) over the course of a year (2020-2021).

Prenatal-to-3 Outcomes to Measure Impact

