



# 2024 Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap

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

Grounded in the science of the developing child and based on comprehensive reviews of the most rigorous evidence available, this Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap provides 12 evidence-based policy solutions that foster the nurturing environments infants and toddlers need to thrive.

The annual Roadmap includes:

- policy profiles that summarize the research and related impacts on child and family outcomes, and the progress states have made towards full and equitable implementation, and
- state profiles that track implementation of each effective Roadmap policy and strategy, and 18 child and family outcome measures that assess the wellbeing of its infants and toddlers.

### Number of Implemented Effective Roadmap Policies by State

4 out of 4	CA	CO	CT	DC	MA	NJ	NY	OR	RI	WA	10 States		
3 out of 4	HI	IL	ME	MD	MI	MT	NE	NM	VT	VA	10 States		
2 out of 4	AK	AZ	AR	DE	IN	IA	MN	MO	NV	OH	SD	11 States	
1 out of 4	FL	ID	KS	KY	LA	NC	NH	ND	OK	PA	UT	WV	12 States
0 out of 4	AL	GA	MS	SC	TN	TX	WI	WY	8 States				

■ State newly implemented at least one effective policy since October 1, 2023.

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

Three states fully implemented four new Roadmap policies and strategies to strengthen their prenatal-to-3 system of care in the last year – Colorado, Montana, and North Carolina.



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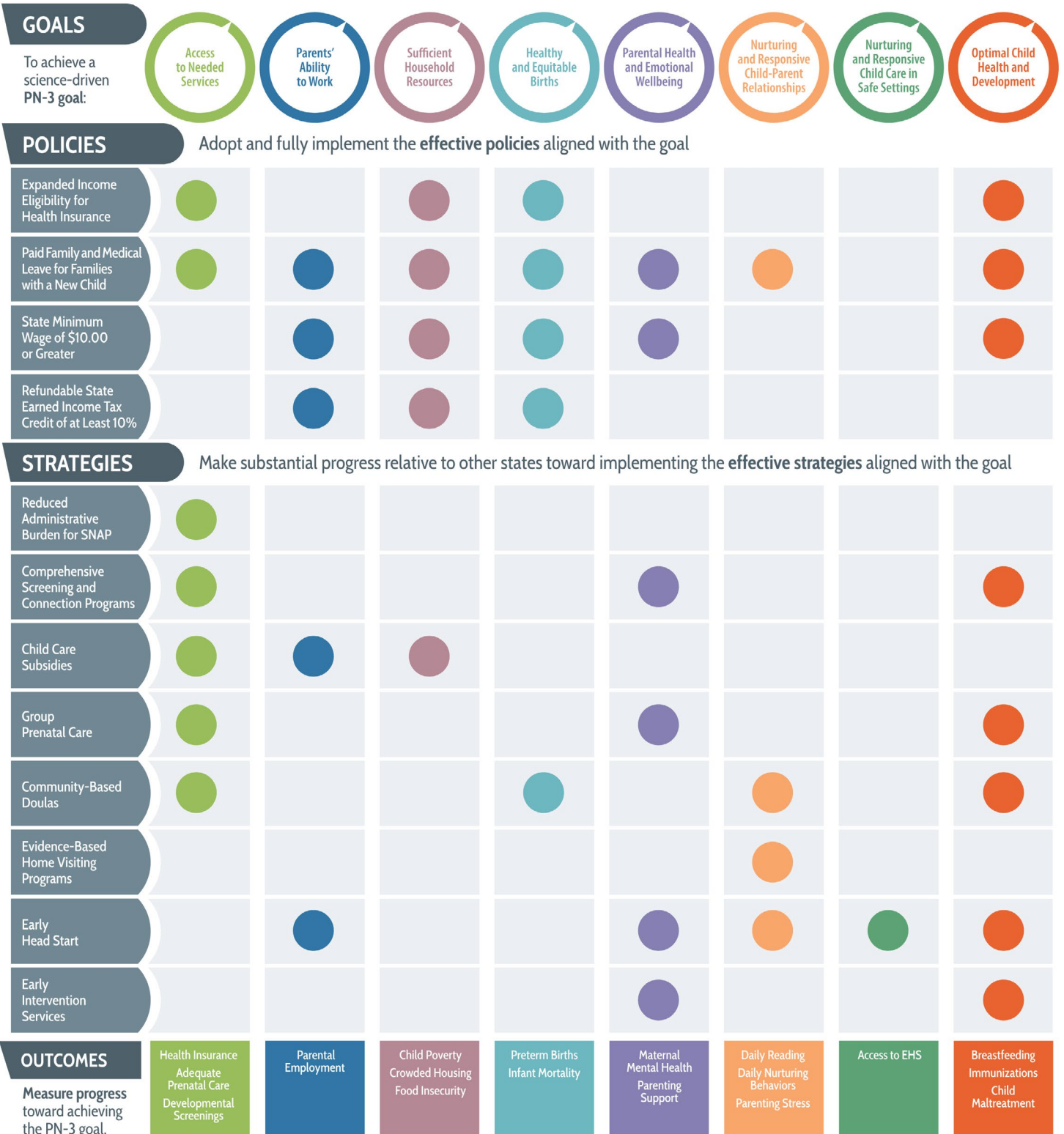
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Effective policies impact PN-3 goals and research provides clear state legislative or regulatory action. Effective strategies impact PN-3 goals, but the research does not yet provide precise guidance for state legislative or regulatory action.

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Note: More extensive information on each of the eight PN-3 policy goals can be found in the [Prenatal-to-3 Policy Clearinghouse](#).

# 2024 Colorado Roadmap Summary

## Effective Roadmap Policy

## 2024 Policy Snapshot

 Expanded Income Eligibility for Health Insurance to 138%	 <b>138%</b> of the FPL	Colorado has expanded Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act; thus, parents earning up to 138% of the FPL are eligible for Medicaid coverage in CO.
 Paid Family and Medical Leave for Families with a New Child	 <b>12</b> weeks	Colorado newly implemented its 12-week paid family and medical leave program in January 2024.
 State Minimum Wage of \$10.00 or Greater	 <b>\$14.42</b> per hour	The current state minimum wage in Colorado is \$14.42, which is adjusted annually for inflation.
 Refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit of at Least 10%	 <b>50%</b> of the federal credit	Colorado has a refundable state EITC equal to 50% of the federal credit.
 State has adopted and fully implemented the policy	 State has newly adopted and fully implemented the policy since October 1, 2023	

## Effective Roadmap Strategy

## 2024 Strategy Snapshot

<b>Reduced Administrative Burden for SNAP</b>	 12-Month Certification Period	 Simplified Income Reporting	 Online Case Management
 <b>Comprehensive Screening and Connection Programs</b>	 Statewide Goal	 Medicaid Funding	 State Funding
<b>Child Care Subsidies</b>	 Income Eligibility (85% SMI)	 Limit Family Copayments	 Equitable Reimbursement Rates
<b>Group Prenatal Care</b>	 Enhanced Medicaid Reimbursement Rate	 State Funding	
 <b>Community-Based Doulas</b>	 Medicaid Coverage	 Fund Training and Credentialing	
 <b>Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs</b>	 Medicaid Funding		
<b>Early Head Start</b>	 State Support		
<b>Early Intervention Services</b>	 Very Low Birthweight Qualification	 At-Risk Qualification	 Eliminate Family Fees

 State implemented all key policy levers  State has met criteria for the lever since October 1, 2023  State has met the criteria for the lever  State has not met the criteria for the lever

## Prenatal-to-3 Outcomes to Measure Impact

Policy Goal	Outcome Measure	Worst State	Best State	Rank	
Access to Needed Services	% Low-Income Women Uninsured	41.4%	14.7% CO	3.0%	24
	% Births to Women Not Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care	23.8%	13.5% CO	6.4%	19
	% Children < 3 Not Receiving Developmental Screening	72.0%	48.2% CO	40.0%	8
Parents' Ability to Work	% Children < 3 Without Any Full-Time Working Parent	36.7%	21.1% CO	11.9%	14
Sufficient Household Resources	% Children < 3 in Poverty	29.1%	10.3% CO	6.8%	5
	% Children < 3 Living in Crowded Households	33.2%	12.6% CO	6.4%	13
	% Households Reporting Child Food Insecurity	15.0%	3.3% CO	1.1%	7
Healthy and Equitable Births	% Babies Born Preterm (< 37 Weeks)	14.8%	10.0% CO	8.2%	20
	# of Infant Deaths per 1,000 Births	9.1	4.5 CO	3.3	10
Parental Health and Emotional Wellbeing	% Children < 3 Whose Mother Reports Fair/Poor Mental Health	11.5%	6.4% CO	3.3%	20
	% Children < 3 Whose Parent Lacks Parenting Support	26.4%	14.6% CO	5.7%	25
Nurturing and Responsive Child-Parent Relationships	% Children < 3 Not Read to Daily	71.5%	49.6% CO	42.0%	5
	% Children < 3 Not Nurtured Daily	50.9%	32.7% CO	28.0%	6
	% Children < 3 Whose Parent Reports Not Coping Very Well	45.4%	39.4% CO	26.3%	46
Nurturing and Responsive Child Care in Safe Settings	% Children Without Access to EHS	95.3%	89.5% CO	45.3%	26
Optimal Child Health and Development	% Children Whose Mother Reported Never Breastfeeding	32.1%	12.1% CO	6.1%	9
	% Children < 3 Not Up to Date on Immunizations	38.8%	24.9% CO	12.9%	17
	Maltreatment Rate per 1,000 Children < 3	29.9	13.4 CO	2.2	24

Data marked with a \* should be interpreted with caution. For additional information regarding calculation details, data quality, and source data please refer to Methods and Sources.