



# 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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Explore Georgia's Roadmap

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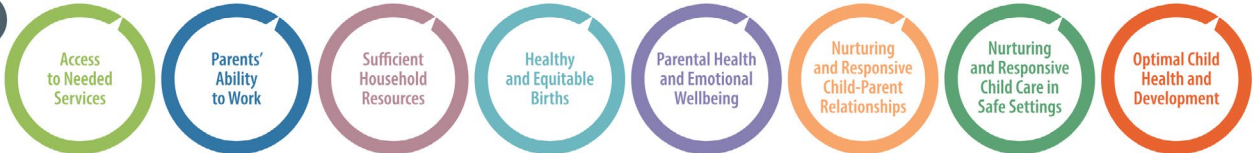
## Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap

**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

	Access to Needed Services	Parents' Ability to Work	Sufficient Household Resources	Healthy and Equitable Births	Parental Health and Emotional Wellbeing	Nurturing and Responsive Child-Parent Relationships	Nurturing and Responsive Child Care in Safe Settings	Optimal Child Health and Development
Expanded Income Eligibility for Health Insurance	●		●	●				●
Paid Family and Medical Leave for Families with a New Child	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
State Minimum Wage of \$10.00 or Greater		●	●	●	●			●
Refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit of at Least 10%		●	●	●				

### STRATEGIES

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

	Access to Needed Services	Parents' Ability to Work	Sufficient Household Resources	Healthy and Equitable Births	Parental Health and Emotional Wellbeing	Nurturing and Responsive Child-Parent Relationships	Nurturing and Responsive Child Care in Safe Settings	Optimal Child Health and Development
Reduced Administrative Burden for SNAP	●							
Comprehensive Screening and Connection Programs	●				●			●
Child Care Subsidies	●	●	●					
Group Prenatal Care	●				●			●
Community-Based Doulas	●			●		●		●
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 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	Access to EHS	Breastfeeding Immunizations Child Maltreatment
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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 Georgia Roadmap Summary

### Effective Roadmap Policy

### 2024 Policy Snapshot

**Expanded Income Eligibility for Health Insurance to 138%**

**100%**  
of the FPL

Georgia has not expanded Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act, but has extended Medicaid eligibility to childless adults with incomes at or below 100% of the FPL who meet a work requirement.

**Paid Family and Medical Leave for Families with a New Child**

**0**  
weeks

Georgia does not have a statewide paid family and medical leave program, but it does have a paid family leave program for eligible state employees.

**State Minimum Wage of \$10.00 or Greater**

**\$7.25**  
per hour

Though Georgia state statute specifies a \$5.15 minimum wage, the state minimum wage defaults to the federal minimum of \$7.25.

**Refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit of at Least 10%**

**No**  
EITC

Georgia does not offer a state EITC, but has a tax credit for low-income residents.



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



**Reduced Administrative Burden for SNAP**



**NEW** 12-Month Certification Period



Simplified Income Reporting



Online Case Management

**Comprehensive Screening and Connection Programs**



☐ Statewide Goal



Medicaid Funding



State Funding

**Child Care Subsidies**



☐ Income Eligibility (85% SMI)



Limit Family Copayments



Equitable Reimbursement Rates

**Group Prenatal Care**



**NEW** Enhanced Medicaid Reimbursement Rate



State Funding

**Community-Based Doulas**



☐ Medicaid Coverage



Fund Training and Credentialing

**Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs**



☐ Medicaid Funding



**Early Head Start**



☒ State Support

**Early Intervention Services**



☐ 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



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.