

2025 Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap



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 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 19 child and family outcome measures that assess the wellbeing of its infants and toddlers.

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

Although no states newly implemented effective Roadmap policies in the last year, many states made progress to improve access to effective policies and strategies.

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	NH	NC	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, 2024.

Explore Arkansas's Roadmap.

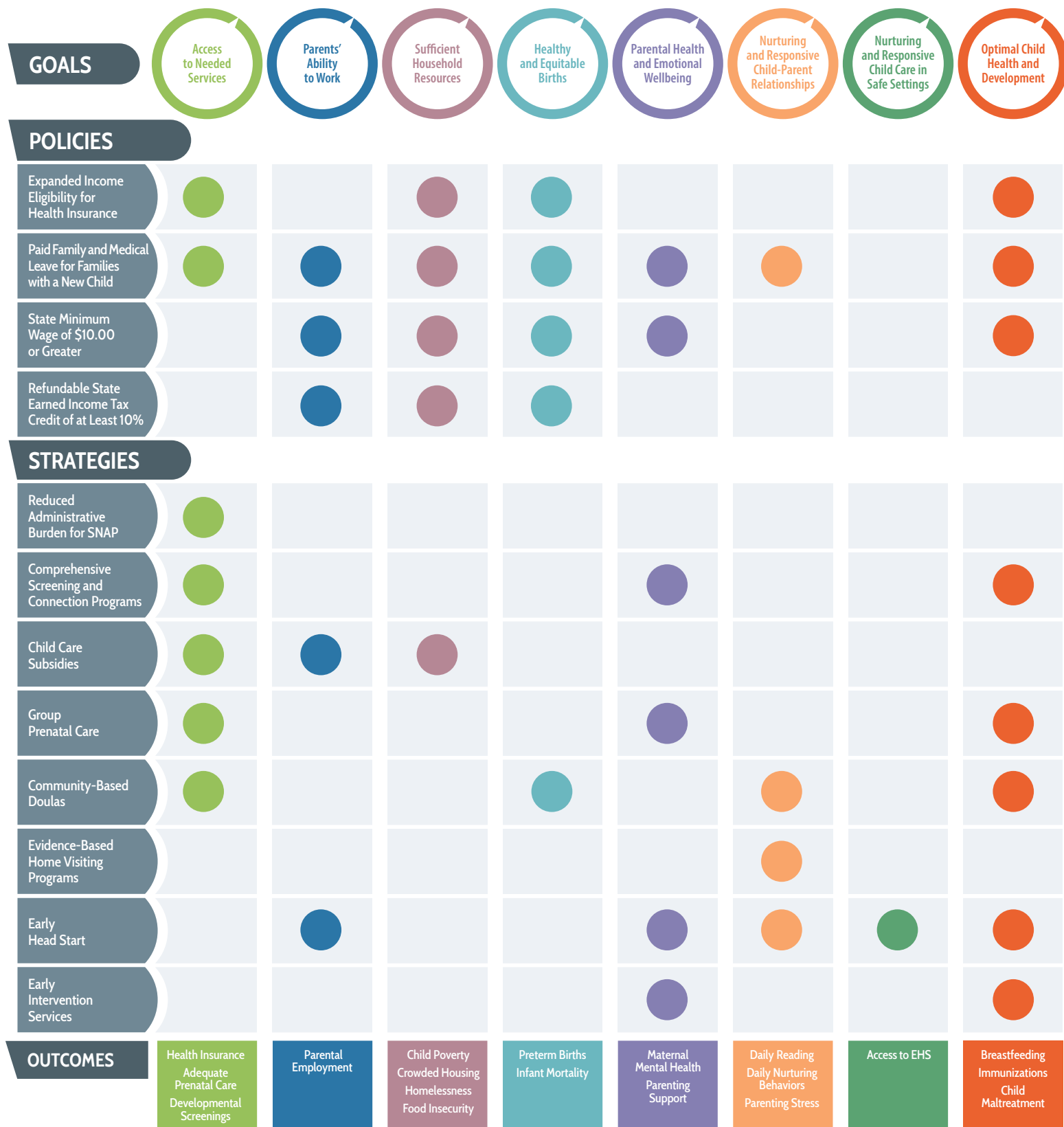
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Align Policy Goals with Effective Policy Solutions Proven to Impact Outcomes



2025 Arkansas Roadmap Summary

ARKANSAS

Explore a summary of your state's progress implementing effective policies and strategies.

Effective Roadmap Policy

2025 Policy Snapshot

 Expanded Income Eligibility for Health Insurance to 138%	 138% of the FPL	Arkansas has expanded Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act; thus, parents earning up to 138% of the FPL are eligible for Medicaid coverage in AR.
Paid Family and Medical Leave for Families with a New Child	 0 weeks	Arkansas 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	 \$11.00 per hour	The current state minimum wage in Arkansas is \$11.00.
Refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit of at Least 10%	 No EITC	Arkansas does not have a refundable state EITC.

 State has adopted and fully implemented the policy

 State has newly adopted and fully implemented the policy since October 1, 2024

Effective Roadmap Strategy

2025 Strategy Snapshot

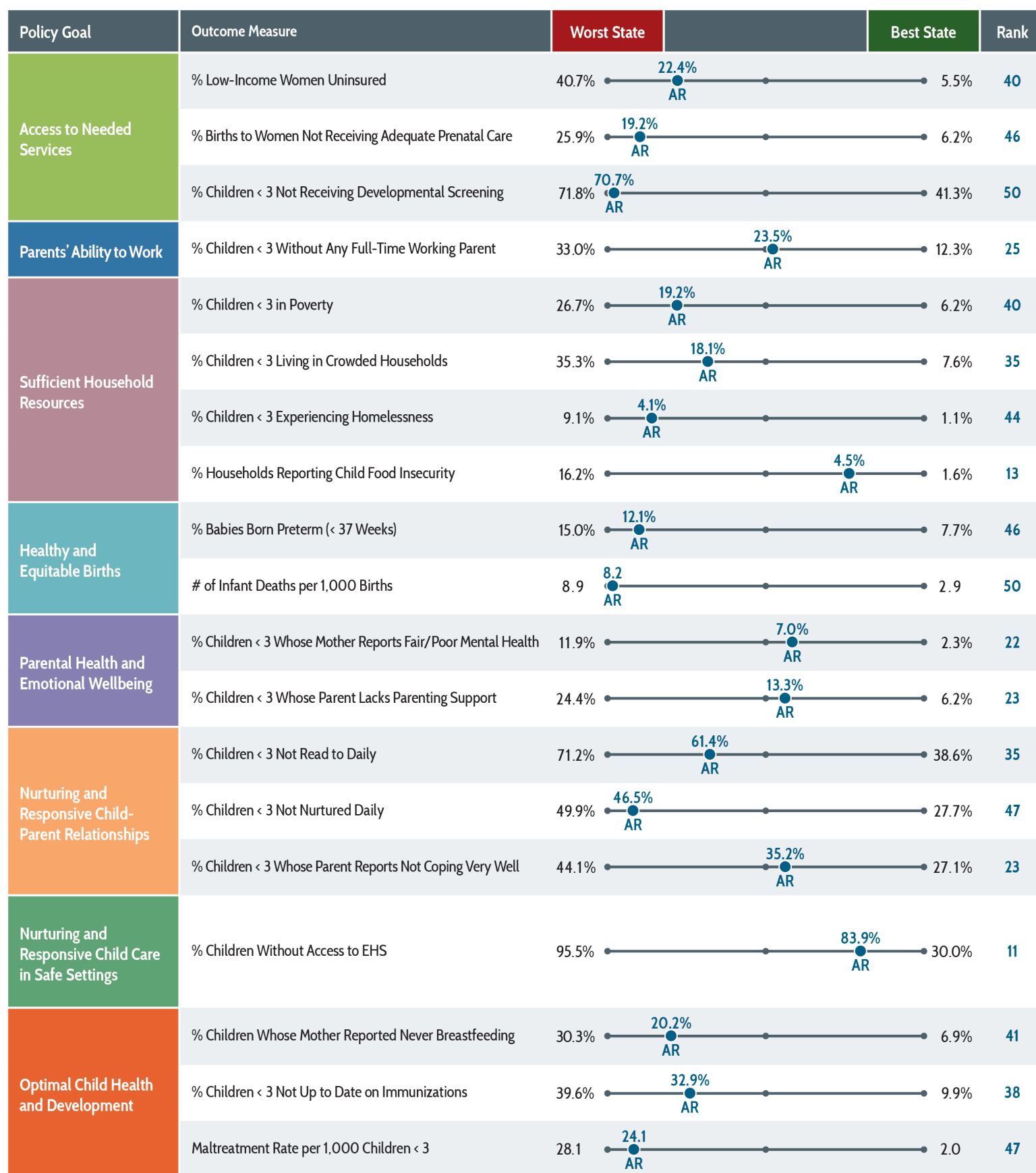
Reduced Administrative Burden for SNAP	  12-month Certification Period	 Simplified Income Reporting	 Online Case Management
Comprehensive Screening and Connection Programs	  Statewide Goal	 Medicaid Funding	 State Funding
 Child Care Subsidies	  Income Eligibility (85% SMI)	 Limit Family Copayments	 Equitable Reimbursement Rates
Group Prenatal Care	  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 the criteria for the lever

 State has met criteria for the lever since October 1, 2024

 State has not met the criteria for the lever



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