

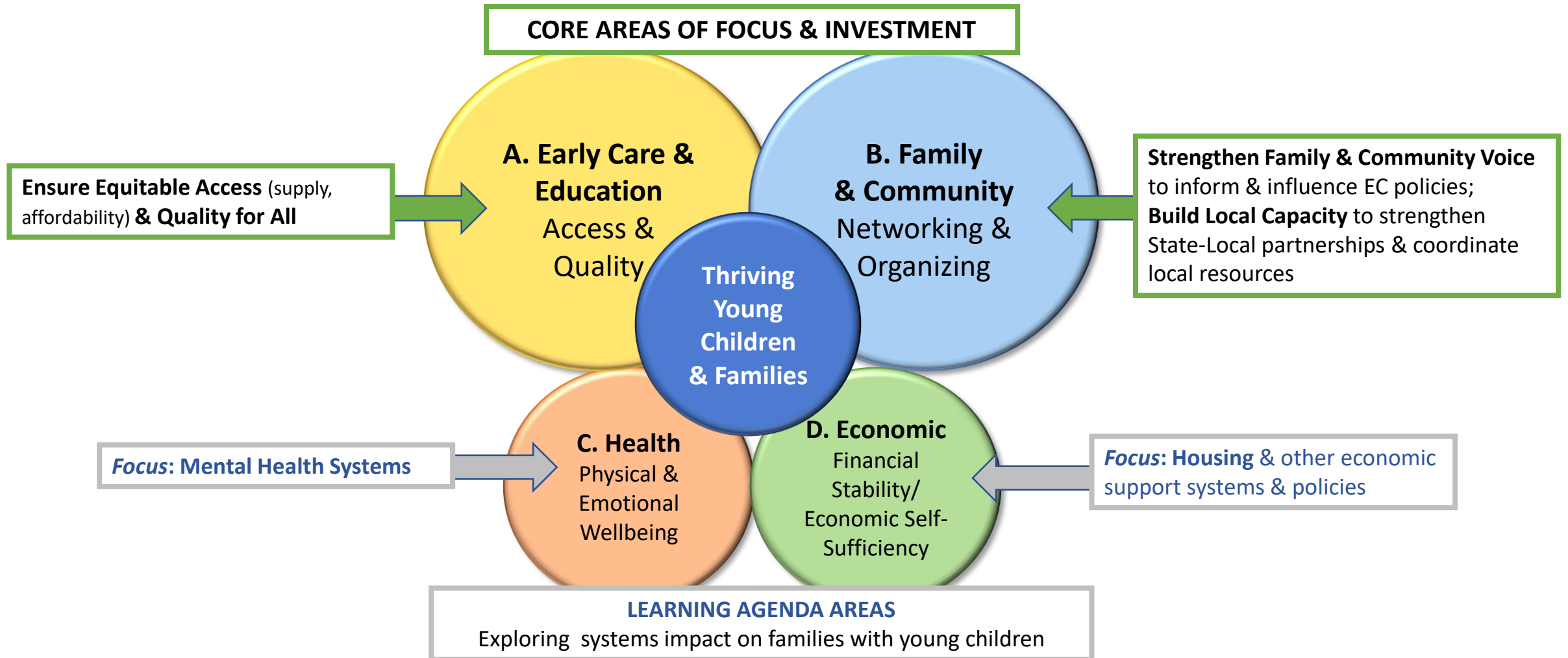
# CT ECFC 2024 Framework & Workplan

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# CT ECFC 2024 FRAMEWORK

*Striving for an Equitable Early Childhood System*



# GOALS

A. Early Care  
and  
Education

**Goal 1:** To stabilize, grow, and improve CT's Early Care & Education System to ensure equitable access and quality for all

B. Family &  
Community

**Goal 2:** To strengthen community and family voice in state early childhood policy and practice

C. Health

**Goal 3:** To explore the systems in CT focused on infant and early childhood mental and behavioral health

D.  
Economic

**Goal 4:** To explore the systems in CT that address economic self-sufficiency and asset development for families of young children

# UPDATED WORKPLAN

In table format  
organized by  
Priority Areas

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### 2024 WORKPLAN

2024 PRIORITY	GOALS	Objectives	WORK PLAN COMPONENT	Strategies & Activities
<b>PRIMARY FOCUS AREAS</b>				
<b>A. EARLY CARE &amp; EDUCATION</b>	Stabilize, grow, and improve CT's Early Care & Education System to ensure equitable access and quality for all	ECFC works to support an early care and education system that a) provides all families access that is affordable, high quality, and meets families' needs and b) ensures providers are paid a living wage and supported to provide high quality care and education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Priority issues that emerge from Blue Ribbon Panel Report to Governor</i></li> <li>• <i>Child Care Campaign / Advocacy</i></li> </ul>	1.1 Use the collective voice of philanthropy to promote and implement key recommendations from the <a href="#">Blue Ribbon Panel Report</a> to the Governor, and continue to push for a comprehensive and transformed ECE system in CT 1.2 Promote opportunities and make investments to increase the voices of parents - especially those from marginalized communities - into the design and implementation of improvements in Connecticut's early care and education system 1.3 Provide consultation & technical support and invest \$\$ to strengthen and promote advocacy and coalition building efforts of Child Care for CT's Future
<b>B. FAMILY &amp; COMMUNITY</b>	Strengthen community and family voice in state early childhood policy and practice	ECFC works to ensure a statewide network of strong local/regional EC collaboratives that a) function as a communication feedback loop between OEC and communities and b) operate as local resource hubs providing coordination of services and supports for families with young children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>State-local intermediary</i></li> <li>• <i>Parent voice</i></li> </ul>	2.1 Invest and leverage \$\$ to support and sustain the infrastructure for state-local partnerships: the intermediary organization The Connecticut Children's Collective (CtCC) 2.2 Support CtCC to grow and strengthen the LECC network and develop the capacity to raise family voice & further develop parent leadership
<b>AREAS FOR LEARNING &amp; COLLABORATION</b>				
<b>C. HEALTH</b>	Explore infant and early childhood mental health trends and efforts to improve CT's system	Increase funder knowledge and awareness of Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) and identify potential areas for CT ECFC to collaborate w/CT stakeholders on addressing system improvements	<b>Mental Health</b>	3.1 Identify state and national resources & experts 3.2 Provide learning opportunities for CT ECFC members 3.3 Assess opportunities to work w/ key CT stakeholders to improve MH systems that will benefit young children, their families, and the EC workforce
<b>D. ECONOMIC</b>	Explore system focused initiatives in CT that will improve economic wellbeing for families of young children	Increase funder knowledge about high visibility economic support initiatives that are key to the healthy development of young children and the adults that care for them; and identify potential areas for CT ECFC to collaborate w/CT stakeholders on addressing system improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Housing</i></li> <li>• <i>Income Subsidies,</i></li> <li>• <i>Other....</i></li> </ul>	4.1 Explore high priority/high visibility issues that impact economic wellbeing of families with young children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather input from LECC's and research from the field</li> <li>• Provide learning opportunities for CT ECFC members</li> </ul> 4.2 Assess opportunities to work w/ key CT stakeholders to improve economic support systems that will benefit young children & their families