

# First Things First Early Childhood Task Force

- First Things First convened a statewide Task Force to help set the strategic vision for the next 5 years.
- The Task Force recommended priority roles for FTF in the early childhood system at their meeting in January.
- From February through March, 3 committees of content experts in Children's Health, Family Support and Literacy, and Early Learning will convene to propose goals with identified measures for FTF that align with the priority roles.
- In April, the National Panel for Research and Evaluation will meet to review the goals and measures from each of the 3 committees
- So, by June, it is expected that a final 5 year strategic plan will be presented to the board.

# Recommended Priority Roles for FTF

## 2010

1. Early Care and Education System Development and Implementation\*
2. Quality, Access, and Affordability of Regulated Early Care and Education Settings\*
3. Quality Early Care and Education Standards, Curriculum, and Assessment\*
4. Professional Development System\*
5. Access to Quality Health Care Coverage and Services\*
6. Nutrition and Physical Activity\*
7. Supports and Services for Families\*
8. Building Public Awareness and Support \*
9. Early Childhood System Funding\*

## 2016

1. Early Care and Education System Development and Implementation\*
2. Quality, Access, and Affordability of Regulated Early Care and Education Settings\*
3. Quality Early Care and Education Standards, Curriculum, and Assessment\*
4. Professional Development System\* and Recruitment and Retention of Professionals in the Early Childhood System
5. Access to Quality Health Care Coverage and Services\*
6. Early Screening and Intervention
7. Information and Education for Families
8. Supports and Services for Families\*
9. Building Public Awareness and Support \*
10. Early Childhood System Evaluation\* and Coordinated Use of Early Childhood System Data
11. Early Childhood System Funding\*
12. Early Childhood System Leadership



# Quality First Field Study/Pilot Program

- Collective Alignment with State Agencies and Partners (ADE, DES, DHS, Head Start)
  - Review state standards
  - Consider how to measure these standards
  - Discuss leveraging of resources
- Field Test to be conducted for a small representation of non-QF providers around the state (two years)
  - DES sites in high need areas,
  - School Districts,
  - Head Start and Early Head Start programs
  - Homes
  - Tribes