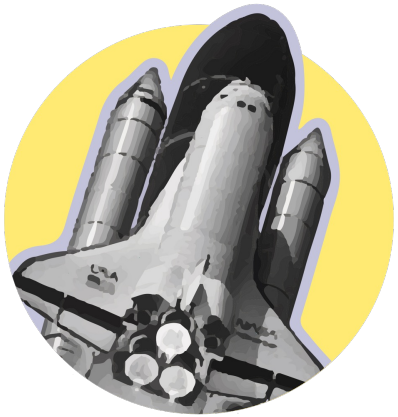
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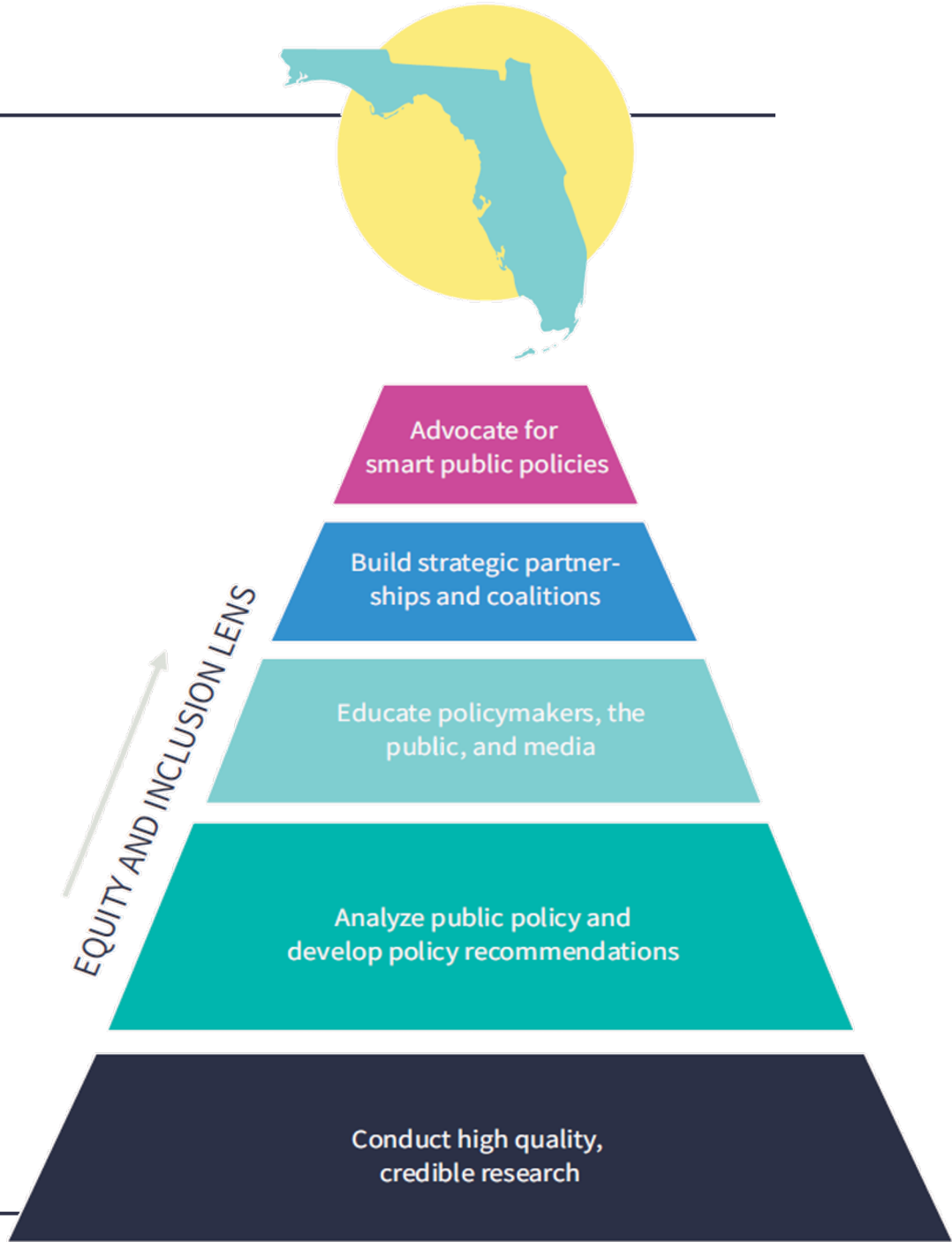
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- Analyze state budget and revenue trends, propose common-sense policy options with the aim of encouraging broad public education, discussion, and informed action.

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Shaping policy to build a brighter future for all Floridians



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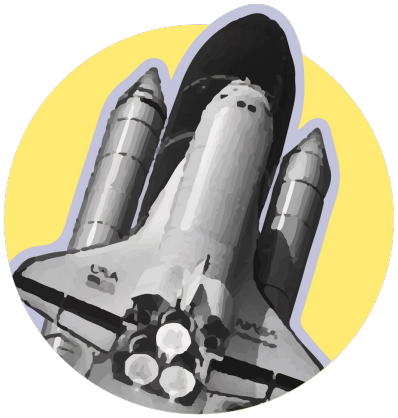
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2023 Florida Child Well-Being

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Indicators are improving, building a foundation for improved outcomes over time.
- There is still work to be done.
- Many families continue to face hardships and making ends meet.
- Florida ranked 31st overall in 2023.

Now is the opportunity to build back the foundation for shared prosperity and to achieve improved outcomes for Florida's kids.

Annie E. Casey 2023 KIDS COUNT State Ranking

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

FLORIDA RANK:
37

	United States		Florida		
	2019	2021	2019	2021	Trend
CHILDREN IN POVERTY US: 12,243,000 | FL: 753,000	17%	17%	**18%**	**18%**	**SAME**
PARENTS LACKING SECURE EMPLOYMENT US: 21,143,000 | FL: 1,236,000	26%	29%	**27%**	**29%**	**WORSE***
HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN US: 21,857,000 | FL: 1,540,000	30%	30%	**36%**	**36%**	**SAME**
TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING US: 1,234,000 | FL: 72,000	6%	7%	**7%**	**7%**	**SAME**

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EDUCATION

FLORIDA RANK: 5

	United States		Florida		
	2019	2022	2019	2022	Trend
4TH GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN READING US: N/A | FL: N/A	66%	68%	**62%**	**61%**	**BETTER**
8TH GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN MATH US: N/A | FL: N/A	67%	74%	**69%**	**77%**	**WORSE***
	2012-16	2017-21	2012-16	2017-21	Trend
CHILDREN AGED 3 & 4 NOT IN SCHOOL US: 4,380,000 | FL: 232,000	53%	54%	**50%**	**50%**	**SAME**
	2018-19	2019-20	2018-19	2019-20	Trend
HIGH SCHOOLERS NOT GRADUATING ON TIME US: N/A | FL: N/A	14%	14%	**13%**	**10%**	**BETTER**

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HEALTH

FLORIDA RANK:

33

	United States		Florida		
	2019	2021	2019	2021	Trend
LOW BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES US: 311,932 | FL: 19,460	8.3%	8.5%	**8.7%**	**9.0%**	**WORSE***
CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE US: 4,165,000 | FL: 332,000	6%	5%	**8%**	**7%**	**BETTER**
CHILD & TEEN DEATHS PER 100,000 US: 23,198 | FL: 1,411	25	30	**25**	**31**	**WORSE***
	2018-19	2020-21	2018-19	2020-21	Trend
CHILDREN AGED 10 TO 17 WHO ARE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE US: N/A | FL: N/A	31%	33%	**30%**	**33%**	**WORSE**

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FAMILY & COMMUNITY

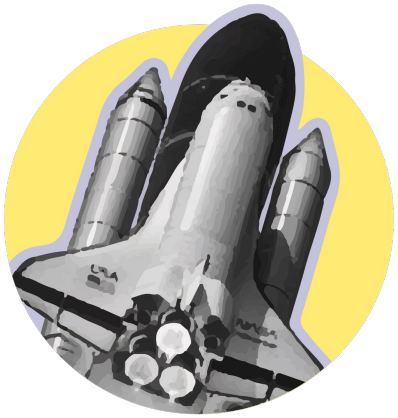
FLORIDA RANK:

32

	United States		Florida		
	2019	2021	2019	2021	Trend
CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES US: 23,626,000 | FL: 1,558,000	34%	34%	**39%**	**38%**	**BETTER***
CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WITH HOUSEHOLD HEADS LACKING HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA US: 8,269,000 | FL: 420,000	12%	11%	**10%**	**10%**	**SAME**
TEEN BIRTHS PER 1,000 US: 146,973 | FL: 8,093	17	14	**16**	**13**	**BETTER***
CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH-POVERTY AREAS	2012-16	2017-21	2012-16	2017-21	Trend
US: 6,086,000 | FL: 312,000	13%	8%	**12%**	**7%**	**BETTER***

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Opportunities to Improve Outcomes

WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES?

PRE-K & EARLY ED

- Increase access and affordability
  - Continue to increase income eligibility limits on School Readiness,
  - Reduce costs of child care for parents
    - Currently, married couples spend 9% of income on child care and single parents spend 26% of their income on child care
  - Expand hours in VPK to meet the needs of working parents
- Better support providers to attract and retain qualified early learning staff
  - In 2022, childcare workers in Florida earned, on average, $13.43, and are among the lowest paid of all professions.

WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES?

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

- **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC):** Implement a Working Floridians Tax Rebate, or state EITC, for working families.
- **Expand the Child Tax Credit (federal)**

OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES

HEALTH

Continuity of insurance coverage is critical for reducing disparities and ensuring preventive services such as well child and vaccination visits.

- Expand Medicaid
- Pause the PHE unwinding

OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES

K-12 EDUCATION

- **Support public education**: Increase accountability of private schools receiving vouchers, protect local school funding, prepare for post-COVID funding declines
- **Support teachers:** Pay new and veteran teachers what they are worth; build school environments and cultures where teachers feel respected and heard

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