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Attachment #3



Early Childhood System Infrastructure

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Arizona Agencies, Programs and Services



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Early Learning

Family Support

Special Needs/Early
Intervention

Health, Mental
Health
and Nutrition

Which Programs and Services are Available for this Family?



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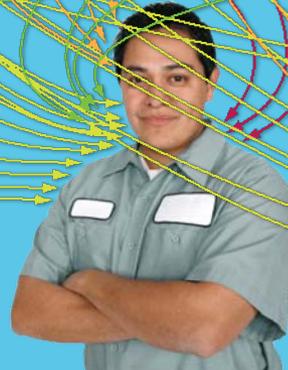
Health, Mental Health and Nutrition

- DES Subsidized Child Care (CCDBG)
- Head Start
- Block Grant Preschool
- Title I Preschools
- Child Care Licensing and Certification
- S*CCCEEDS
- Professional Career Pathways Program
- Emergent Leaders
- AZ Self Study Project

- Healthy Families
- Child Abuse & Neglect Programs
- Foster Care – Transitional, Independent Living, Housing, etc.
- Adoption Assistance, Adoption Opportunities
- TANF
- Child Care Resource and Referral
- Reach Out and Read
- Arizona Family Emergency Programs
- Community Libraries
- Parent Kits
- AZ 2-1-1

- AzEIP
- Child Health & Disability Program
- Children’s Behavioral Health Services
- Children’s Rehabilitative Program
- High Risk Perinatal Program

- KidsCare
- Community Primary Care Program
- Private Health Insurance
- Health Start
- Newborn Screening
- AZ Immunization Program
- Parents Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS) Project
- Food Stamps
- WIC
- Infant Mental Health



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An early childhood system is made up of interrelated parts working together toward a common goal: to ensure the healthy growth and optimal development of young children in the context of their families

It is a “system of systems”



The National Early Childhood Systems
Working Group

Early Childhood System



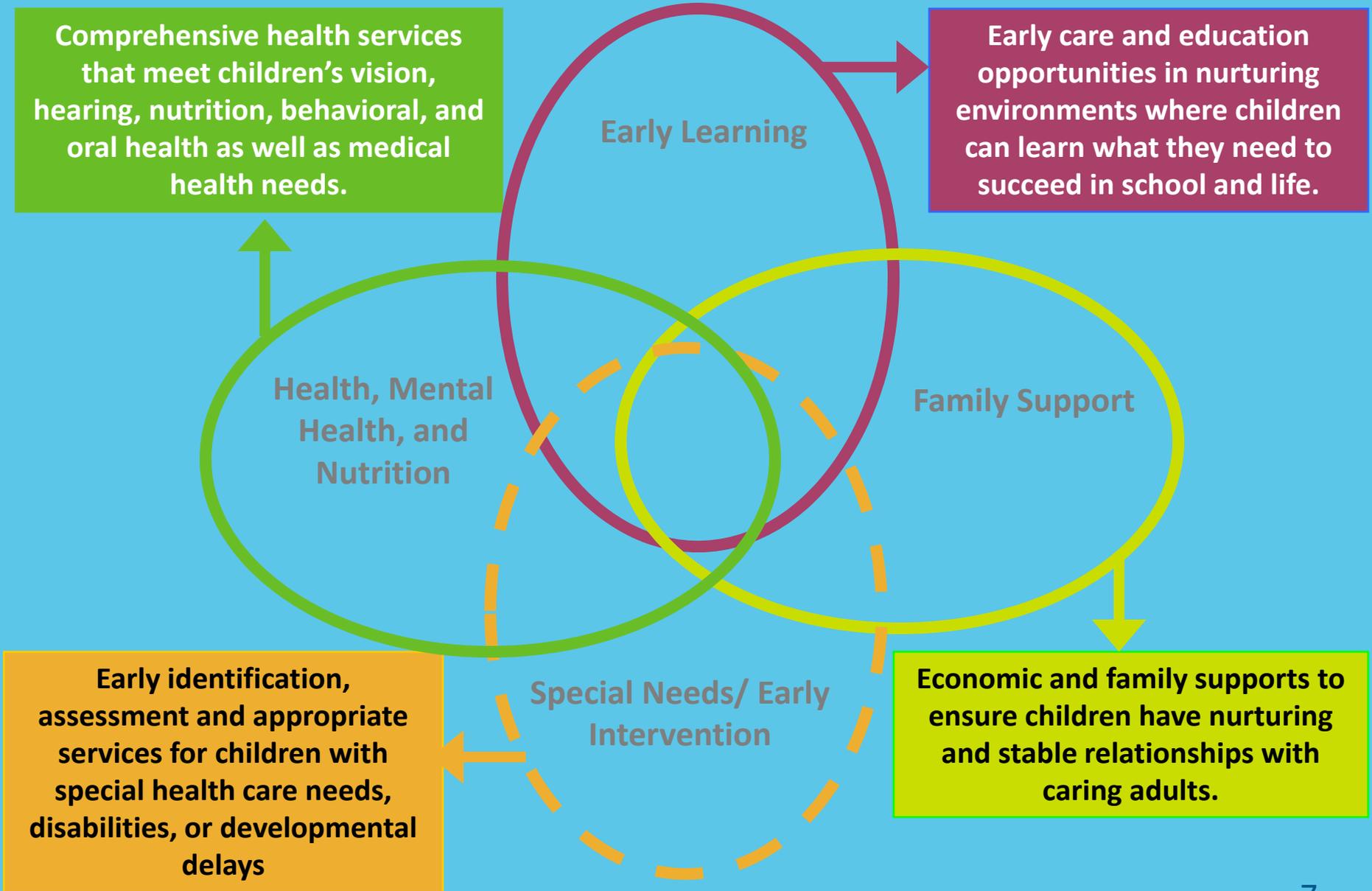
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Two Types of System Components:

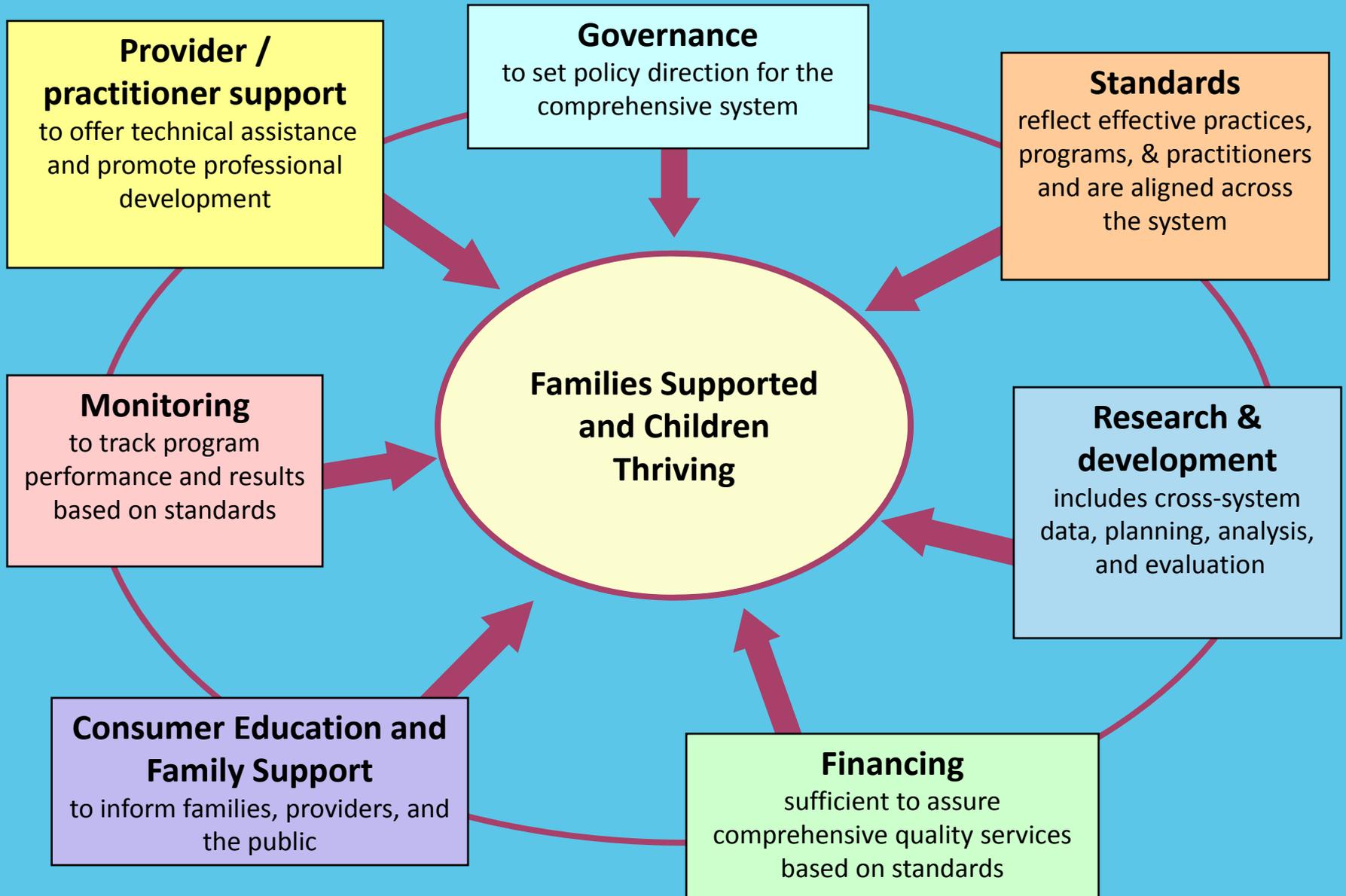
- Programs and services
- Support/infrastructure and operational features



Early Childhood System (Programs and Services)



Early Childhood System (Infrastructure/Operations)



Using Statewide Grant Funding



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Where are the gaps in the early childhood system infrastructure?

Where are the gaps identified in the statewide Needs and Assets report, *Building Bright Futures*?

What needs were identified through workgroups and strategic planning?

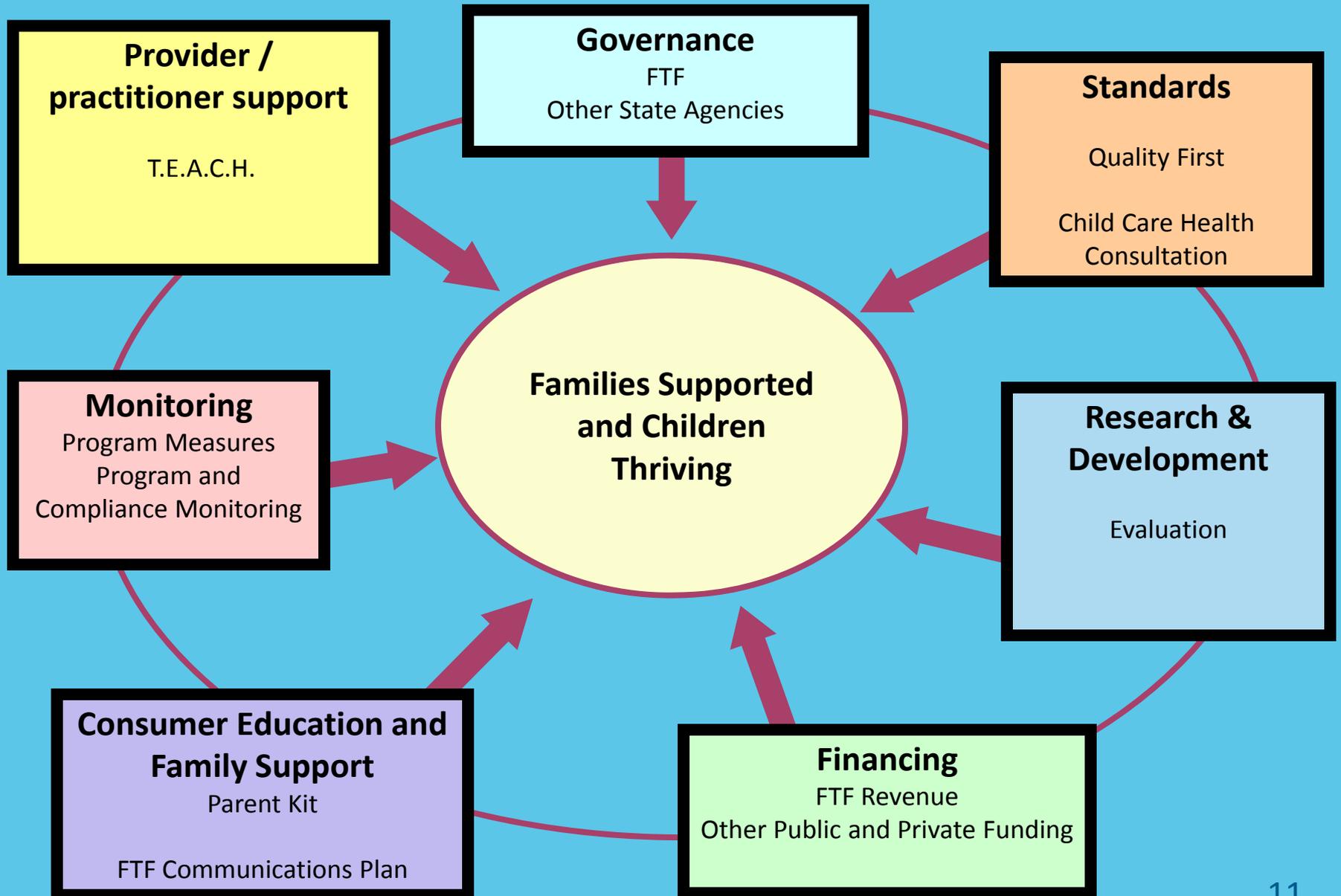
Statewide Grant Criteria



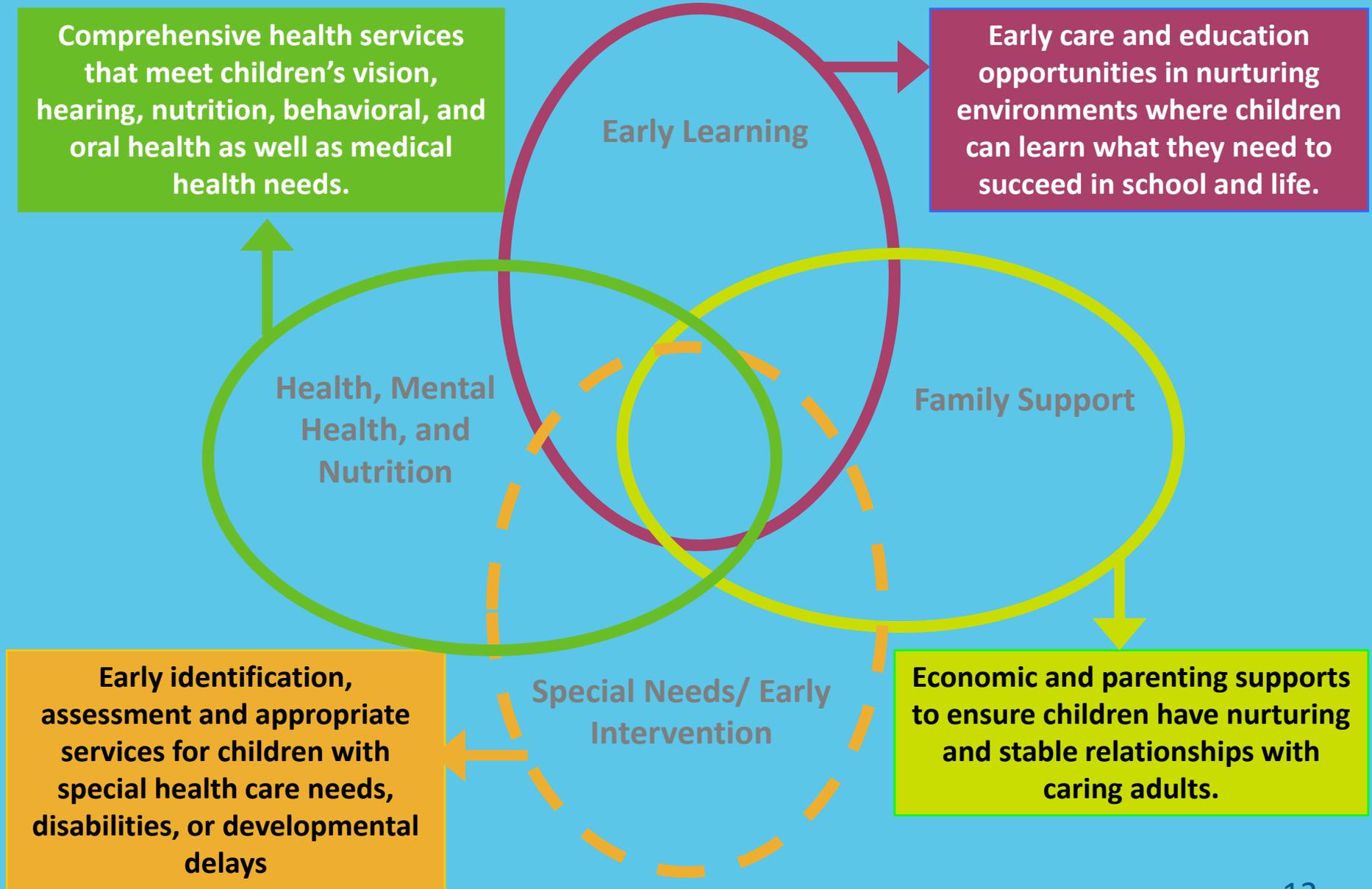
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1. Does the strategy build and/or support statewide infrastructure needed for a quality early childhood system?
2. Does the strategy fill a gap identified through Needs and Assets Report?
3. Does the strategy build on existing financial resources and investments?
4. Does the strategy promote comprehensive system development?
5. Are the resources necessary to implement the strategy available and sustainable?
6. Is the impact of the strategy measurable?
7. Is the strategy politically viable?
8. Is a statewide infrastructure necessary for this strategy to be utilized effectively at regional levels?
9. Can the strategy be responsive to local needs and allow regions to purchase services and/or collaborate at the regional level?

Early Childhood System (Infrastructure/Operations)



Early Childhood System (Programs and Services)



Approved Statewide Grant Funds

Strategic Direction	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11
Quality First	\$4,500,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Child Care Health Consultants	\$600,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
T.E.A.C.H.	\$375,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Parent Kit	\$500,000	\$710,000	\$710,000
Communications/Public Awareness	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Competitive Grants	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000
TOTAL	\$8,975,000	\$12,410,000	\$13,410,000

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