

## A Short Introduction to *The Blueprint for Change*

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) published *The Blueprint for Change* in 2022. *The Blueprint* is a set of goals that gives ideas for how to help children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) at the community, state, and federal levels over the next 15 years.

*The Blueprint* outlines the ways services and care can become more integrated, family-centered, evidence-informed, and culturally responsive. It was co-created with input from families.

**The Blueprint maps out four critical areas that affect the health and well-being of CYSHCN and their families.**

### Critical Area 1: Health Equity

All CYSHCN have a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible and thrive throughout their lives (e.g., from school to the workforce), without discrimination, and regardless of the circumstances in which they were born or live.

### Critical Area 2: Quality of Life and Well-being

The service system prioritizes quality of life, well-being, and supports flourishing for CYSHCN and their families.

### Critical Area 3: Access to Services

CYSHCN and their families have timely access to the integrated, easy-to-navigate, high quality health care and supports they need including but not limited to physical, oral, and behavioral health providers; home and community-based supports; and care coordination throughout the life course.

### Critical Area 4: Financing of Services

Health care and other related services are accessible, affordable, comprehensive, and continuous; they prioritize the well-being of CYSHCN and families.