

CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND ACTION COUNCIL PATHWAY TO CHANGE

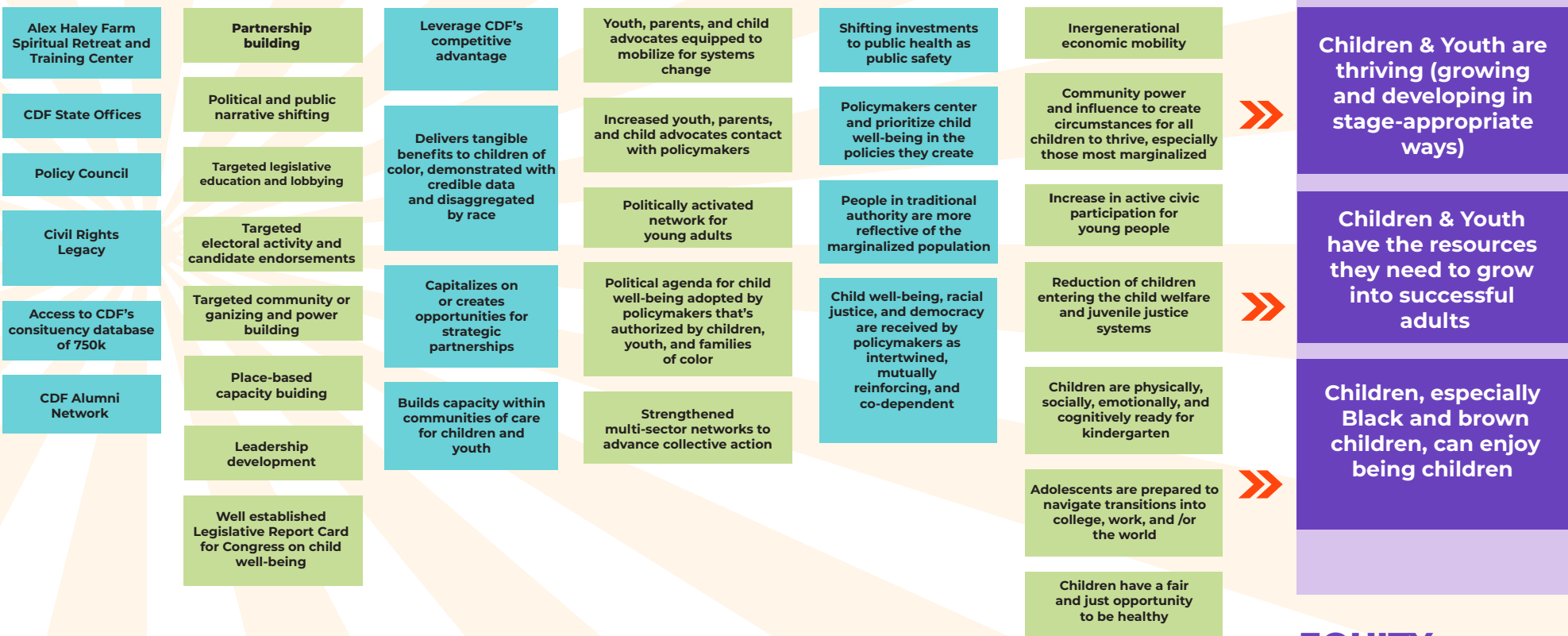


MISSION STATEMENT: The CDF Action Council advances child well-being through grassroots lobbying, advocating for child-centered policies, and holding elected officials publicly accountable for supporting those policies.

Assumptions

- Children and youth are the voices of authority on their life and circumstances
- Power lives in communities and our work is grounded in deploying the power of community
- In order to build a movement, you must invest in your base. (No Base, No Movement)
- Child well-being, racial justice, and democracy are intertwined, mutually reinforcing, and co-dependent
- The demographics of today's children reflect the demographics of the future and the political landscape
- Political power is not distributed equally or equitably among all spaces

STRUCTURAL RACISM	WHITE SUPREMACY	RESURGENCE OF SOCIAL ACTIVISM
CONDITIONS	DEPENDENCE ON TECHNOLOGY	GLOBALIZATION
SINGLE-ISSUE FOCUS	SHIFTING DEMOGRAPHICS	HYPER-POLARIZATION



EQUITY