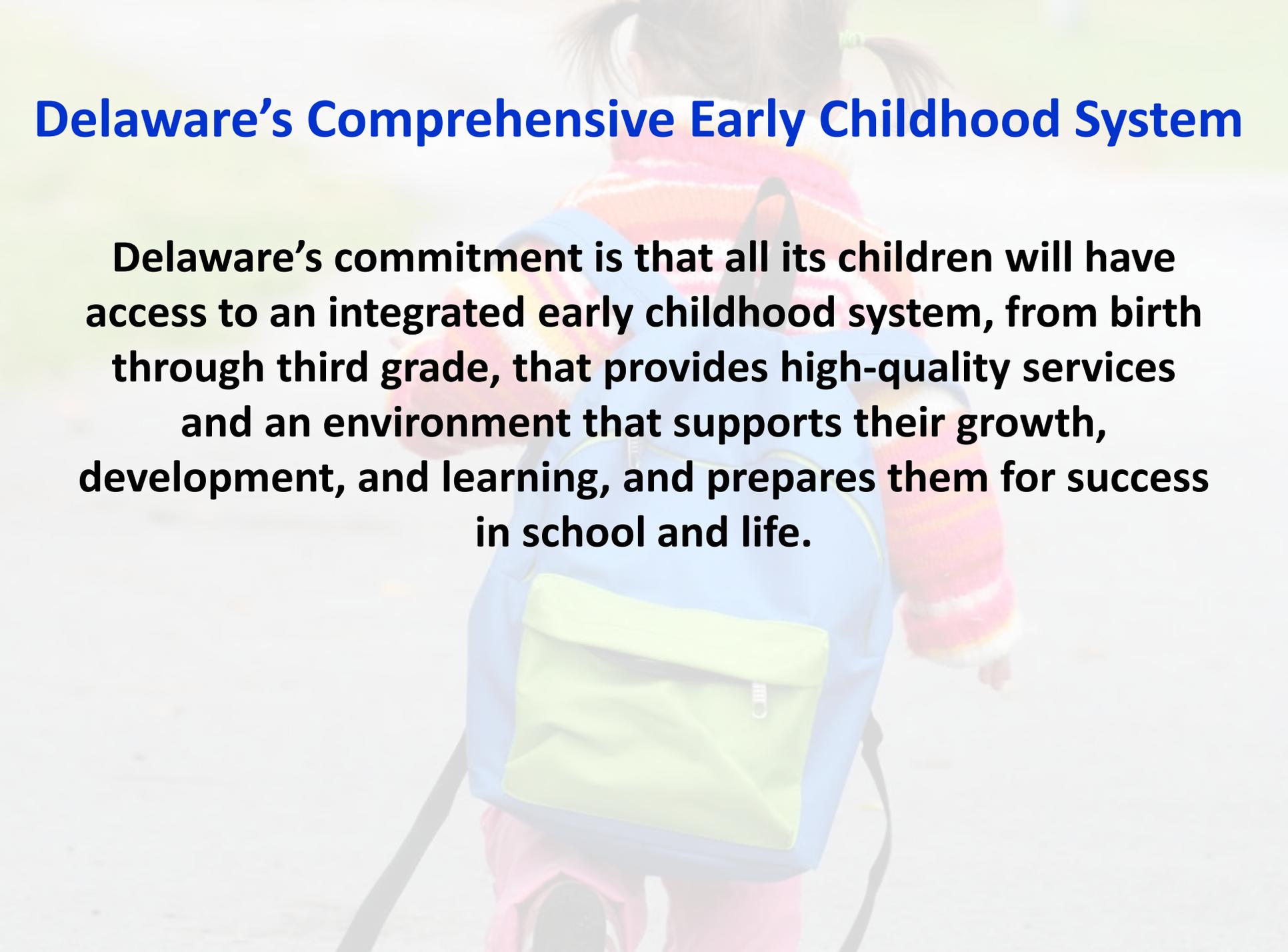


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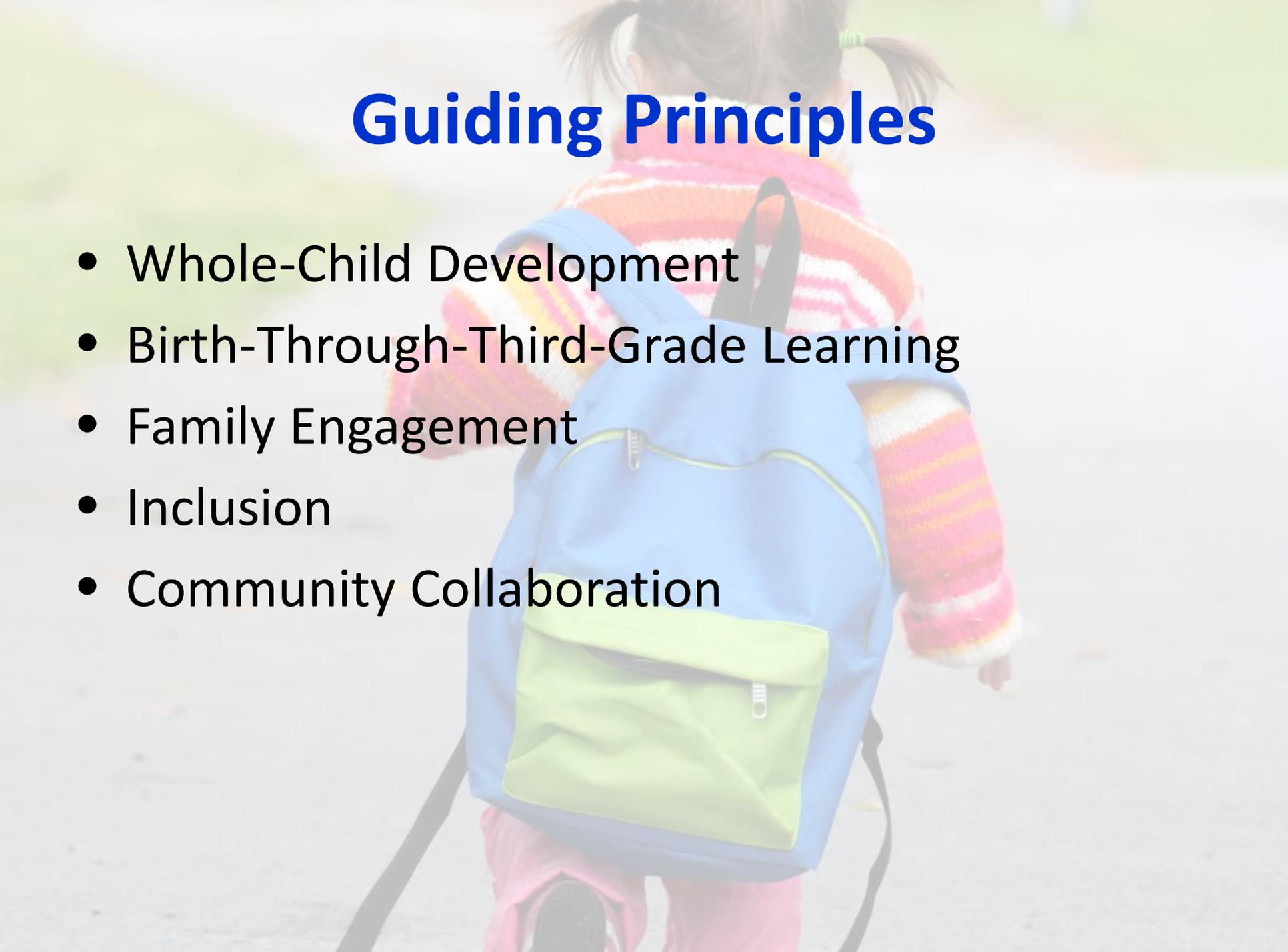
**Delaware's Strategic Plan for a
Comprehensive Early Childhood System**

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Delaware's commitment is that all its children will have access to an integrated early childhood system, from birth through third grade, that provides high-quality services and an environment that supports their growth, development, and learning, and prepares them for success in school and life.

Guiding Principles



- Whole-Child Development
- Birth-Through-Third-Grade Learning
- Family Engagement
- Inclusion
- Community Collaboration

A young child with a backpack walking to school. The child is wearing a colorful striped sweater and a blue backpack. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting.

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Goal 4: Sustainable System Improvement

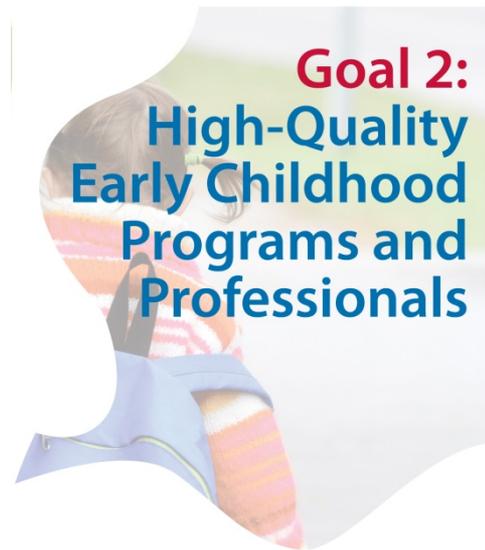
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- Provide high-quality developmental screening and follow-up services for all children
- Support children’s healthy social-emotional development
- Strengthen family-centered health and preventive care
- Expand evidence-based home visiting and family health practices

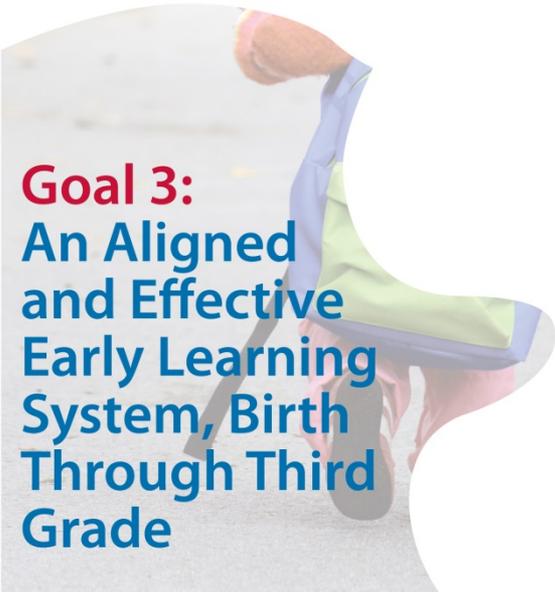


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- Achieve high-quality program improvement through Stars
- Invest in a more highly skilled and well-supported early childhood workforce

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- Strengthen family, community, and school engagement in early learning
- Develop and implement unified learning standards and assessments, birth through third grade
- Provide shared programs of preparation and professional development for early learning and elementary-grade educators.



Goal 3:
An Aligned
and Effective
Early Learning
System, Birth
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Delaware will develop and sustain policies, programs, and partnerships that address the comprehensive developmental needs of all children.

- Strengthen governance, service integration, and funding
- Implement continual improvement in state services
- Mobilize community partnerships and public commitment





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