

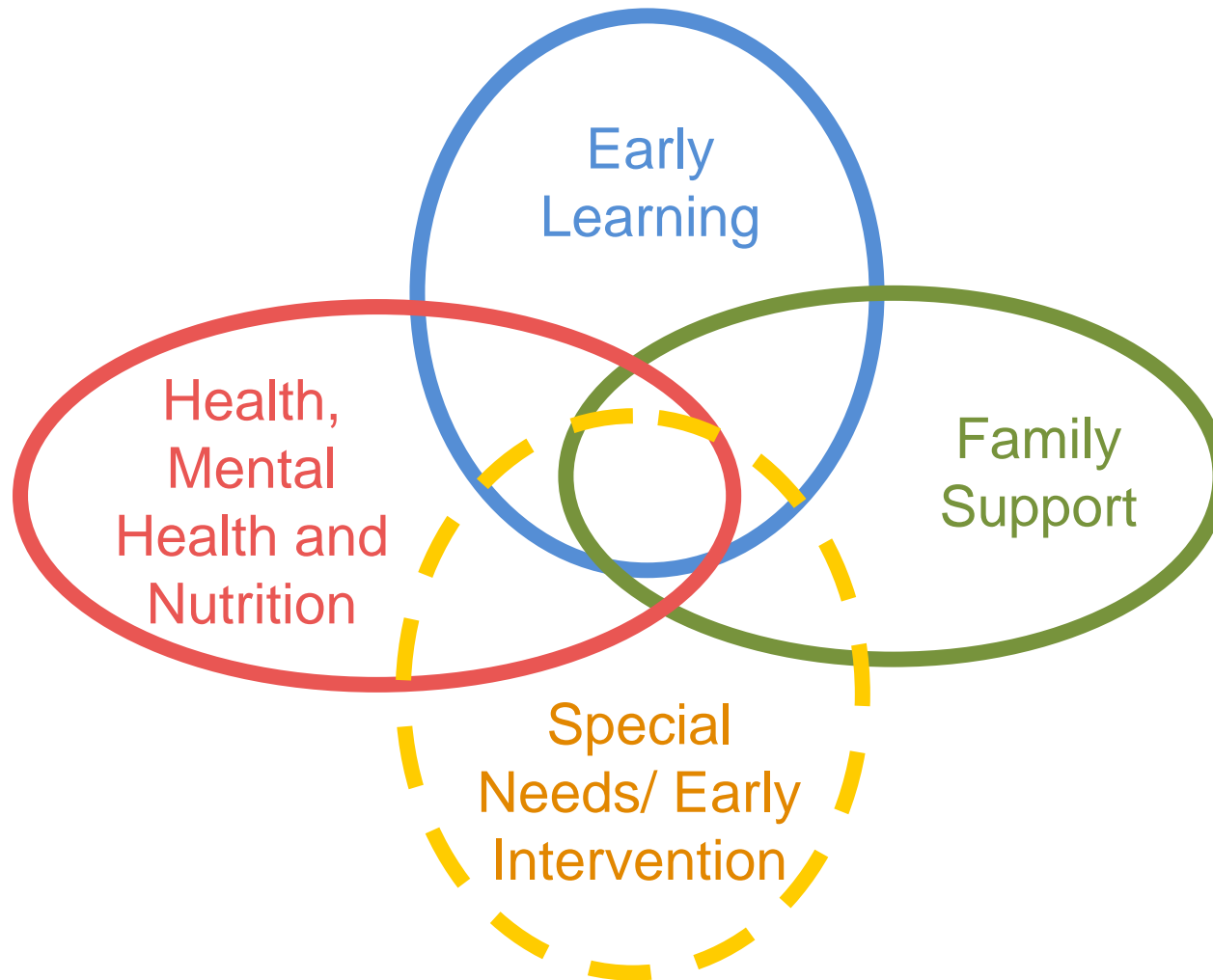


Build
Strong Foundations For
Our Youngest Children

A Systems Building Theory of Change

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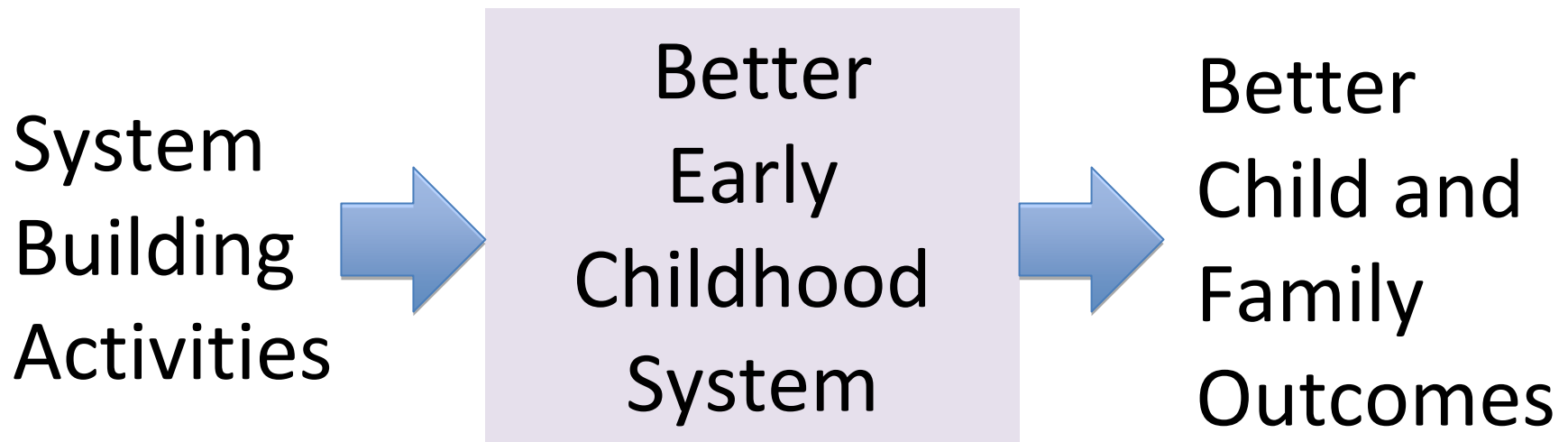
Early Childhood Development System



Three Questions

- ① What is early childhood systems building?**
- ② What are elements of a theory of change for early childhood system building?**
- ③ Where does collaboration enter in?**

System Building Sequence



2) Components



Family Support



Early Intervention

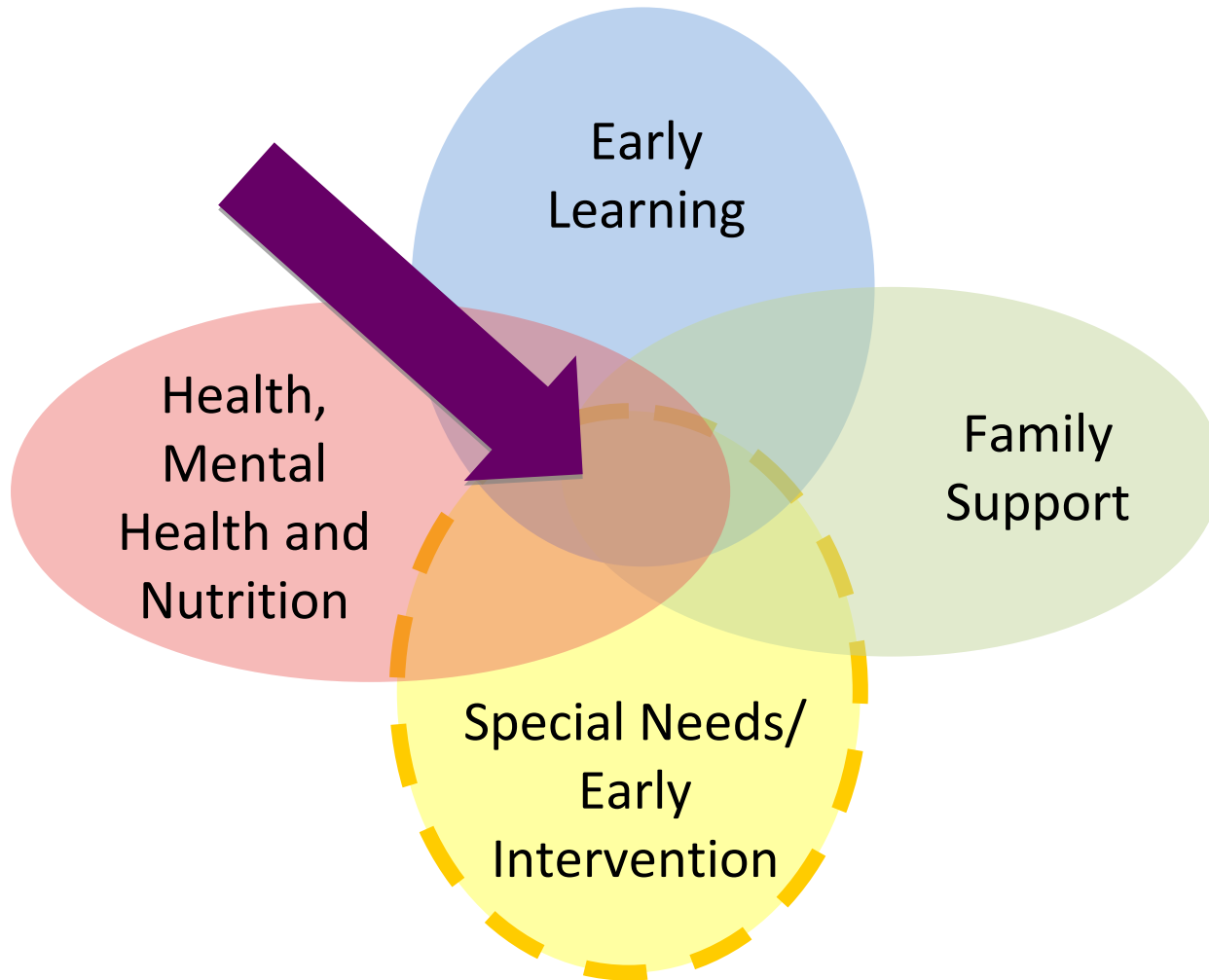


Early Learning



Health, Mental Health, Nutrition

3) Connections



4) Infrastructure

- Governance
- Training
- Quality
- Data



5) Scale

- Spread
- Breadth
- Depth
- Ownership



Five Elements of Systems Building

Context

Improving the political context that surrounds the system so it produces the policy and funding changes needed to create and sustain it

Components

Establishing high-performance programs and services that produce results for children and families

Connections

Creating strong linkages across system components that further improve results for children and families

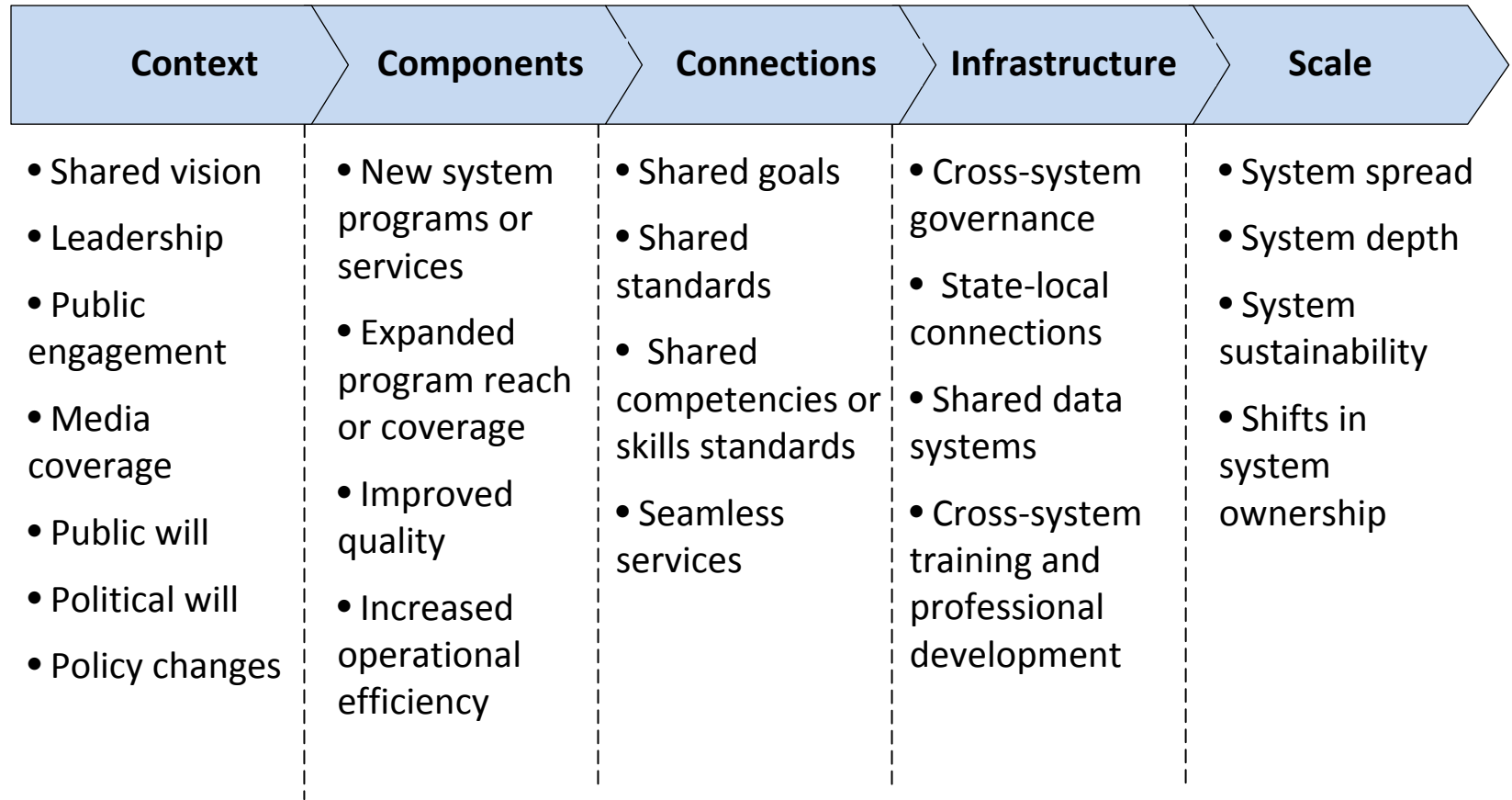
Infrastructure

Developing the supports systems need to function effectively and with quality

Scale

Ensuring a comprehensive system is available to as many people as possible

Expected System-Level Outcomes



Importance of Collaboration

PROCESS

RESULTS

Context

Collaborative advocacy,
shared messages

Less categorical policies
and funding streams

Components

Program-to-program
MOUs

Operational efficiencies

Connections

Aligned standards
across the system

Seamless services and
referrals

Infrastructure

Shared training and
professional development

Practitioners with cross-
system skills

Scale

Shared ownership
for system building

Sustainable systems