COMMISSION MEETING

February 19, 2015
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ventura County Office of Education
5100 Adolfo Dr.
Camarillo

OPENING

1. Welcome and Introductions – Chair Dominguez
2. Seating of the New Chair and Vice Chair
3. Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2014
4. Agenda Approval and Review of Commission Packets
5. Public Comments/Correspondence
   (Speaker request forms should be completed and submitted within 15 minutes after opening call to order. Public correspondence will be received.)
6. Recognition and Appreciation of First 5 Conejo Valley Neighborhood for Learning Staff – Chair Stenslie
   (The Commission will recognize First 5 Conejo Valley Neighborhood for Learning (NfL) staff who have 5 or more years of service with the NfL.)

The following items will be reviewed and discussed by the Commissioners for appropriate action.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Items 6 and 7: Review and approve unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Commission and moved to the Regular Agenda for consideration. Consent items are to be routine and non-controversial. All items are approved as recommended without discussion.

6. Receive and File the First 5 Ventura County Financial Reports as of December 31, 2014
7. Ratification of Committees
   (In accordance with the Commission by-laws, all committee appointments are made by the Chair of each Committee, subject to ratification by the Commission.)
8. **Report of Committees**
   a. **Administration and Finance Committee** – Commissioner Stenslie, Commissioner Mantooth and Commissioner Dominguez

   (1.) Recommendation to revise contract boilerplate for funded programs

   *(Recommended action will revise provisions in the contract boilerplate to include language for electronic invoicing and refine insurance provisions.)*

   (2.) Progress Report

   b. **Health Committee** – Commissioner Gollub and Commissioner Dominguez

   (1.) Recommendation to approve revisions to First 5 Ventura County’s Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards

   *(Recommended action will revise Commission’s nutrition and physical activity standards to clarify language around breastfeeding, healthy eating and active living.)*

9. **Review of Key Recommendations and Findings from the First 5 Ventura County Annual Accountability Report, Fiscal Year 2013-14 – Petra Puls**

   *(The Commission will receive a staff presentation to review and discuss key findings and recommendations from the FY 2013-14 annual accountability report.)*

10. **Report from Executive Director – Claudia Harrison**
    (a) Report on Administrative Operations
    (b) Update on Commission Initiatives
    (c) Update on Statewide First 5 Activities

11. **Commission Member Comments**

    *(Government Code Section 54954.2(a) states: “No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.”)*

12. **Next Meeting:**

    Thursday, March 19, 2015, Ventura County Community Foundation, 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd., Ste. A, Camarillo
13. Future Meetings

Thursday, April 16, 2015, County Office of Education, 5100 Adolfo Dr., Camarillo
Thursday, May 21, 2015, County Office of Education, 5100 Adolfo Dr., Camarillo
Thursday, June 18, 2015, County Office of Education, 5100 Adolfo Dr., Camarillo
Thursday, July 16, 2015, County Office of Education, 5100 Adolfo Dr., Camarillo
Thursday, August 20, 2015, County Office of Education, 5100 Adolfo Dr., Camarillo
**Thursday, September 17, 2015, Ventura County Community Foundation, 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd., Ste. A, Camarillo
Thursday, October 15, 2015, County Office of Education, 5100 Adolfo Dr., Camarillo
Thursday, November 19, 2015, County Office of Education, 5100 Adolfo Dr., Camarillo
Thursday, December 17, 2015, County Office of Education, 5100 Adolfo Dr., Camarillo

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OPENING

1. Welcome

Chair Dominguez opened the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2014 Commission Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Gollub, seconded by Commissioner Marquez-O’Neill, to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2014 Commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Agenda Approval and Review of Commission Packets

Claudia Harrison provided an overview of the supplemental packet.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Mantooth, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments/Correspondence

There were no comments from the public.

5. Presentation: – California ACEs Summit: Children Can Thrive

Claudia Harrison introduced Deanna Handel, Program Manager for First 5 Ventura County and Randy Ahn, Director at Triple P America, to present highlights from the ACEs Summit held in November. Deanna Handel stated that this was the first-ever state summit on the impacts of early childhood trauma with its key purpose to increase awareness of ACEs as one of the largest unaddressed public health threats facing the state today. Deanna reported that Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are traumatic experiences, such as abuse, neglect and household dysfunction, which can result in toxic
stress and have a profound effect on children's developing brains and bodies. She stated that early exposure to adverse experiences is linked to increased risk for lifelong health and behavior problems, including chronic diseases such as diabetes, stroke, heart disease and cancer as well as behavioral health risks such as alcoholism, drug use, and suicide. She reviewed national data and the prevalence of ACEs noting that children with two or more ACEs are two and a half times more likely to repeat a grade and are more likely to experience chronic health problems. She discussed toxic stress as the mechanism by which ACEs are thought to generate long term health impacts and the multiple system impacts within the body in terms of brain development, behavior, immune function and gene expression.

Randy Ahn presented information on building trauma informed communities and provided examples from Walla Walla, Washington and Tarpon Springs, Florida. He provided an overview of human service systems in California transitioning to providing trauma informed care, including San Diego and San Francisco, both of which have provided workforce-wide training. He discussed efforts to integrate ACEs screening and interventions into primary care, such as the trauma informed toolkit recently launched by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and a demonstration project at the Children’s Clinic of Long Beach. He discussed key learnings from the summit relevant to our local work and steps to bring about change.

Commissioner Long asked how the program deals with privacy and consent issues. Randy Ahn responded that much of the information is collected through voluntary telephone surveys and noted the importance of aligning informed consent. Commissioner Stenslie inquired about the means for introducing local leadership into the different models that have been implemented and the process for learning about their curricula. Randy Ahn stated that the local child welfare departments are the key and they should be at the table with local stakeholders to develop a road map for approaching this work for Ventura County. Commissioner Levin commented that Ventura County Public Health would like to be more involved as 3 the top 10 causes of premature death can be directly linked to toxic stress. Commissioner Mantooth asked if there are offsets in the numbers in regards to kids in preschool or Head Start programs. Deanna stated that there is data that shows a decrease in risk if the children were involved in early education programs.

Claudia noted that the Commissioners will each receive copies of a larger report produced by the Center for Youth Wellness on ACEs at a future meeting. There was a discussion about including paraprofessionals in the training. Commissioner Marquez-O’Neill commented that the San Francisco Public Health Department has been trained in ACEs with tremendous results and she is very happy to hear that Ventura County Public Health wants to be involved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

6. **Receive and File the First 5 Ventura County Financial Reports as of October 31, 2014**

   A motion was made by Commissioner Stenslie, seconded by Commissioner Long, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
REGULAR AGENDA

7. Report of Committees  
   a) Health Committee  

   (1.) Progress Report  

   Commissioner Gollub provided an overview of the November meeting of the Health Best  
   Practices Committee. He reported on the Prenatal Convening and the continuum of care  
   approach for gathering input on prenatal best practices and gaps in our county. He stated  
   that the Committee discussed barriers to childbirth education and prenatal care along with  
   the role of health insurance as key areas to consider. He stated that the Committee also  
   reviewed the Strategic Planning timeline and indicators and rates of flu shots with  
   preschoolers. He commented that the NFls were provided with a list of participating Flu  
   Shot Clinics to share with parents.

8. Recommendation to authorize no-cost extension of FY 2014-15 contract with United Way of  
   Ventura County to support the Ventura County Children’s Oral Health Collaborative  

   Sam McCoy discussed the Commission’s approval to reallocate $20,000 of the FY 2014-15 funding  
   for oral health to the Ventura County Children’s Oral Health Collaborative through the United Way of  
   Ventura County. He commented that this funding is for a part-time staff person to support the work of  
   the Oral Health Collaborative and to help manage Collaborative projects in education and messaging,  
   coordination and referral, and evaluation. He reported that the current agreement with United Way of  
   Ventura County, in the amount of $20,000, began on December 1, 2014 and runs through June 30,  
   2015, but it has since been determined that the activities and deliverables would be most effectively  
   implemented in a one year timeline.

   A motion was made by Commissioner Gollub, seconded by Commissioner Long, to authorize a  
   no-cost contract extension with United Way of Ventura County through December 31, 2015, for  
   a part-time staff person to support the Ventura County Children’s Oral Health Collaborative.  
   No new allocation would be needed. The motion carried with Commissioner Stenslie and  
   Commissioner Mantooth abstaining.

9. Recommendation to modify the existing Preschool Expansion program  

   Petra Puls commented that in FY 2012-13, the Commission awarded funding for preschool expansion  
   to three agencies, for a total of 95 spaces. She added that the preschool expansion contracts were  
   modeled in alignment with State Preschool guidelines to provide maximum reimbursement of $21.22  
   per space per day, for 175 days per year. She stated that through changes to State Preschool  
   guidelines the reimbursement rates have increased to $22.28 per space per day, for up to 180 days.  
   Petra reported that due to start-up implementation delays and the relocation of a classroom, unspent  
   funds of $77,949 were realized in FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14.

   A motion was made by Commissioner Stenslie, seconded by Commissioner Levin, to approve an  
   increase of the daily reimbursement rate and maximum number of operating days for existing  
   Preschool Expansion programs, to align with a revised State Preschool model in the amounts of  
   up to $196,338 for Continuing Development Inc.; $96,250 for El Centrito Family Learning
Centers; and, $96,194 for the Ventura Unified School District, effective July 1, 2014. The recommended action would grant authority to the Executive Director to amend contracts for FY 2014-15 with designated Preschool Expansion contract agencies. Prior year unspent preschool expansion funding of up to $26,044 would be needed for FY 2014-15. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Recommendation to approve funding allocations for FY 2015-16

Petra Puls reported that in December of each year, the Commission approves funding allocations for the next fiscal year in order to provide funded partners with sufficient notice of any changes in funding. She discussed the overall FY 2015-16 proposed allocation of $10.4 million in program dollars for NfLs, Countywide Program Strategies, Countywide Preschool Efforts and CARES. She noted that in December 2013, the Commission had approved adjustments to allocations for FY 2015-16, pending available resources, to mitigate some of the anticipated incremental cuts for Countywide Program Strategies in oral health and obesity. Petra reported that unspent funds from FY 2013-14 can fully fund the adjusted allocations and have been incorporated into the FY 2015-16 proposed allocations.

Petra commented that the proposed allocations for FY 2015-16 are similar to prior years with a few exceptions. She explained that in the area of preschool expansion, proposed allocations have been increased to align with the State Preschool funding model. She discussed the Countywide Preschool Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) which is administered by the Ventura County Office of Education. She noted that the First 5 California Child Signature program funding is slated to end in June 2015, but First 5 California has expressed intent to provide one year bridge funding at up to 50% of the current county allocation. She stated that the proposed FY 2015-16 allocation for QRIS reflects these changes to leveraged funds, but she added that when more information about potential state funding for quality and preschool spaces becomes available in early 2015, the QRIS allocation will be revisited.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stenslie, seconded by Commissioner Mantooth, to approve FY 2015-16 allocations for the following Neighborhoods for Learning (NfL): $664,255 to the Conejo Valley Unified School District for the Conejo Valley NfL; $1,045,385 to the Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley for the Moorpark/Simi Valley NfL; $65,096 to the Oak Park Unified School District for the Oak Park NfL; $311,440 to the Ocean View School District for the Ocean View NfL; $200,365 to the Ojai Valley Unified School District for the Ojai Valley NfL; $431,220 to the Pleasant Valley School District for the Pleasant Valley NfL; $438,990 to the Rio School District for the Rio NfL; and, $810,174 to the Ventura Unified School District for the Ventura NfL. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mantooth, seconded by Commissioner Long, to approve the allocation for FY 2015-16 in the amount of $745,985 to the Hueneme School District for the Hueneme/South Oxnard NfL; $1,467,855 to the Oxnard School District for the Oxnard NfL; and, $599,540 to the Fillmore Unified School District for the Santa Clara Valley NfL. The motion passed with Commissioner Dominguez abstaining.
A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Stenslie, to approve the allocation for FY 2015-16 in the amount of $1,100,166 to the Ventura County Office of Education for the Preschool Quality Improvement Rating System (QRIS). The motion passed with Commissioner Mantooth and Commissioner Dominguez abstaining.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mantooth, seconded by Commissioner Gollub, to approve the allocation for FY 2015-16 in the amount of $196,510 to Continuing Development, Inc. for Preschool Expansion for South Oxnard CDC Twilight spaces; $96,250 to the Ventura Unified School District for Preschool Expansion for Portola Elementary School; and, $96,250 to El Centrito Family Learning Centers for Preschool Expansion for Ocean View Early Education Center. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Stenslie, to approve the allocation for FY 2015-16 in the amount of $475,791 to the Ventura County Office of Education for the CARES Plus program. The motion passed with Commissioner Mantooth abstaining.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marquez-O’Neill, seconded by Commissioner Mantooth, to approve the allocation for FY 2015-16 in the amount of $497,500 to Ventura County Behavioral Health for the Triple P Program. The motion passed with Commissioner Long abstaining.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mantooth, seconded by Commissioner Gollub, to approve the allocation for FY 2015-16 in the amount of $630,000 to Ventura County Public Health for Regional Health Educators, and $60,000 for Fluoride Varnish-Medical Providers. The motion passed with Commissioner Levin and Commissioner Long abstaining.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Stenslie, to approve the allocation for FY 2015-16 in the amount of $80,000 to Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project for the Puentes Program serving Mixtec Children and Families. The motion passed with Commissioner Marquez-O’Neill abstaining.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gollub, seconded by Commissioner Marquez-O’Neill, to approve the allocation for FY 2015-16 in the amount of $100,000 to Interface Children & Family Services for 2-1-1. The motion passed with Commissioner Mantooth, Commissioner Stenslie and Commissioner Long abstaining.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Mantooth, to approve the allocation for FY 2015-16 for the following programs: $60,000 to the Santa Barbara-Ventura Counties Dental Care Foundation for Fluoride Varnish-Dental Providers; $130,000 to the Santa Barbara-Ventura Counties Dental Care Foundation for the Mobile Dental Clinic; $50,000 to the Landon Pediatric Foundation for Help Me Grow; and, $80,000 to Clinicas del Camino Real for Oral Health Treatment Services. The motion carried unanimously.

These actions also grant authority to the Executive Director to enter into contracts for FY 2015-16 with the designated contract agencies.
11. Strategic Planning Discussion

Claudia provided an overview of the second half of the literature review prepared by staff, thanking staff for their hard work and collaboration. She stated that staff would like feedback from the Commission on additional data needed to help with strategic planning. Claudia walked the Commission through the document that highlighted issues pertaining to early childhood education, developmental screenings, Mixteco population, children facing hardship, child homelessness, child abuse and neglect, and children in foster care.

Commissioner Marquez-O’Neill requested additional data on domestic violence, both locally and nationally.

12. Recommendation to adopt a resolution per Government Code 54954 (a) to establish a time and place for holding regular Commission meetings for Calendar Year 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Mantooth, seconded by Commissioner Gollub, to adopt the resolution to establish a time and place for holding regular Commission meetings for calendar year 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Report from Executive Director

Claudia Harrison referred to the written report and provided an update on Administrative Operations. She stated that the configuration of the fiscal module in Persimmony Software System is currently underway with implementation targeted for January 2015, coinciding with the submission of Quarter 2 invoices/expenditure reports. She reported on Commission initiatives, highlighting ongoing activities at local Neighborhoods for Learning and provided an update on countywide strategies. She discussed that First 5 staff has worked closely with VCOE and the Higher Education Advisory Panel to identify barriers students face when trying to complete an AA or BA degree in early education and to review programmatic approaches to reduce these barriers. She highlighted the 2-1-1 Pilot in partnership with the Help Me Grow Collaborative, reporting that 2-1-1 is piloting a centralized call function for early identification and referral of children exhibiting developmental concerns. Claudia discussed the expanded early literacy campaign, partnerships with the Pacific View Mall for educational messaging and the Parent Leadership training, commenting that a Hueneme NfL parent, who had participated in the most recent training sessions, will be heading to Sacramento in early January for a “train the trainer” session. She mentioned that through First 5’s partnership with EC-LINC, an overview of this parent leadership work has been shared nationally to inspire other communities.

Claudia continued her report with an update on county, regional and national events. She mentioned the White House Summit on Early Education held in early December and President Obama’s new campaign, “Invest in US”, which challenges policymakers, public and private partners to build a better nation through high-quality early childhood education. She reported that Child Development Resources of Ventura County, Inc. (CDR) is on the preliminary list for an $800,000 federal Early Head Start Child Care Partnership grant, expanding the number of high-needs infants and toddlers served in Ventura County. She reported on the Countywide Prenatal Convening hosted by First 5 Ventura County in which approximately 25 professionals from organizations concerned with prenatal health and the continuum of care looked at best practices, resources and gaps that impact pregnancy
outcomes in Ventura County. She highlighted a pilot project led by the Ventura County Office of Education to assign unique identifiers to children enrolled in preschool in the Rio School District. She concluded her report with upcoming events and provider anecdotes and showed a video from the Ventura County Star website on early childhood development.

14. Commission Member Comments

Commissioner Gollub commented that the Triple P anecdote in today’s report from the Executive Director relates to recent studies on how the use of technology places obstacles in parental involvement with children.

Commissioner Stenslie commented that the Economic Development Collaborative of Ventura County (EDC-VC) has adopted a regional development economic strategy with emphasis on early childhood education and will be tracking how investments in childcare slots can be an indicator of economic health.

Chair Dominguez commented on an upcoming environmental health and safety visit from the federal government at the Head Start program in the last week of January. She thanked Carrie Murphy, Michele Henry and Claudia Harrison, acknowledging their collaboration on the federal grant application.

15. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2015, at the Ventura County Office of Education, on 5100 Adolfo Dr., in Camarillo. (This meeting was subsequently cancelled.)

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.
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### First 5 Ventura County
#### Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
From 7/1/14 through 12/31/14

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**Excess Revenues over Expenditures** $ (1,082,991)
### Roll-Up Report

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**TOTAL BUDGET** 14,273,833
## First 5 Ventura County Expenditure Report
### December 2014

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Total 100 - Administration: 675,000 43,558 296,798 378,202 44%

**NOTE:** Overall, Administration expenditures are running slightly under budget.
## 105 - Equipment

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**NOTE:** Plan for equipment expenditures is in process.
## 115 - Communications, Education & Development

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<td>Staffing</td>
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<td>125,309</td>
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<td>Education Campaigns</td>
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<td>Partnership Support</td>
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<td><strong>Total 115 - Communications, Education &amp; Development</strong></td>
<td><strong>380,047</strong></td>
<td><strong>26,564</strong></td>
<td><strong>154,286</strong></td>
<td><strong>225,761</strong></td>
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**NOTE:** Lower expenditures for education campaigns due to timing of activities; higher expenditures will be reflected in Q3 & Q4.
### 120 - Results Based Accountability

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<tr>
<td>Staffing</td>
<td>58,000</td>
<td>4,460</td>
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<td>Operating Expenses</td>
<td>16,000</td>
<td>395</td>
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<td>Persimmony Contract</td>
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<tr>
<td>Evaluation Contract</td>
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<td>Capacity Building Activities</td>
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**Total 120 - Results Based Accountability**  
314,197  
5,886  
83,789  
230,408  
27%

**NOTE:** Overall, RBA expenditures are running under budget. Expenditures for Capacity Building Activities will be reflected in Q3-Q4. Expenditures for Evaluation Services anticipated for Q3.
## 130 - Program Management

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<td>94,125</td>
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<td>5,775</td>
<td>8,725</td>
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<td>State Unemployment / ETT</td>
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**Total 130 - Program Management**  
430,000  
25,860  
170,576  
259,424  
40%

**NOTE:** Overall, Program Management expenditures are running under budget, largely due to decision not to fill part-time vacancy.
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### December 2014

### 165 - Countywide Specialized Strategies

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<td>VCPH- Regional Health Educators</td>
<td>Q</td>
<td>575,000</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>483,043</td>
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<td>Sep</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clinicas - Oral Health</td>
<td>ADV</td>
<td>60,000</td>
<td>15,000</td>
<td>35,000</td>
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<td>58%</td>
<td>Jan</td>
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<td>Sep</td>
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<td>n/a</td>
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**Total 165 - Countywide Specialized Strategies**

1,692,500  15,000  325,944  1,366,556  19%

**NOTES:**

Countywide Programs realized an average spending level of 19% as of their Quarter 1 billing (for 25% of the year lapsed). In most cases, the variances in slightly higher or lower spending levels are attributed to timing of activities.

1. VCPH Regional Health Educators - lower % spending level due to staff vacancies/medical leaves; recruitment underway for vacant positions.
2. VCBH Triple P program - lower % spending level primarily due to timing of activities (Triple P trainings and materials are billed at year-end).
3. Clinicas’ FY14/15 contract amount decreased based on FY13/14 spending level.
4. Help Me Grow - lower % spending level primarily due to timing of subcontractor billings.
5. MICOP - lower % spending level due to timing of activities.

Payment Method: Q=Quarterly, M=Monthly invoicing, ADV=Monthly Advance, F=Fixed Asset, D=Deliverables, I=Internal Program
## 195 - Countywide Preschool Efforts

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<td>Sep</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>85% 5</td>
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<td>1,338</td>
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**Total 195 - Countywide Preschool Efforts**

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<tr>
<td>2,931,512</td>
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**NOTES:**

1. Lower spending level for VCOE - QRIS largely attributed to timing of program improvement stipends, subcontractor billings and activities based on academic year in which higher expenditures are reflected in quarters 2-4; services are on track.
2. Lower spending level for F5VC - QRIS largely attributed dollars allocated for evaluation not yet spent and the BA degree advancement project.
3. Stipends, which represent the majority of costs, are paid at year-end. Program is on track.
4. Services based on academic year, program is on track.
5. Remaining federal & state grant funds were carried over to FY14/15.

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### 250 - Neighborhoods for Learning

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**Total 250 - Neighborhoods for Learning**

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**NOTES:**

Neighborhoods for Learning programs realized an average of 18% of actual expenditures as of their Quarter 1 billing (for 25% of the year lapsed). In most cases, lower spending levels are attributed to timing of subcontractor billings and activities based on an academic year in which higher expenditures are reflected in Q2-Q4.

1. Q1 Expenditures for Hueneme/So. Oxnard NfL are at 10% due to timing of subcontractor billings and activities based on an academic year; advances were adjusted according to spending level.
2. Q1 Expenditures for Ocean View NfL at 14%; lower spending level attributed to activities based on an academic year; advances were adjusted according to spending level.
3. Q1 Expenditures for Ojai Valley NfL at 13% primarily due to timing of preschool scholarship expenses, which occur largely in Q4; advances were adjusted according to spending level.
4. Q1 Expenditures for Oxnard NfL are at 14% due to timing of subcontractor billings and activities based on an academic year; advances were adjusted according to spending level.
5. Lower spending level for Rio NfL due to timing of subcontractor billings and activities based on an academic year.

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### 280 - Community Investment Loan Fund

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Total 280 - Community Investment Loan Fund: 26,140 0 4,173 21,967 16%

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Notes:
1. Slightly lower % budget expended for EDC-VC due to timing of activities.
2. To date, 4 loans have been issued: 1) Loan in Fillmore for $175,000 (issued in FY12/13) 2) Moorpark for $89,368 (issued in FY13/14), and 2 new loans that were issued in August 2014. Total loan fund is $1.3 million, leaving a remaining balance of $693,132 available for loans in FY14/15.

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Commissioner Bruce Stenslie
Commissioner Reyna Dominguez
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Upcoming Meetings:

- Friday, March 6, 2015
- Friday, April 3, 2015
- Friday, May 8, 2015
- Friday, June 5, 2015
- Friday, August 7, 2015
- Friday, September 4, 2015
- Friday, October 2, 2015
- Friday, November 6, 2015
- Friday, December 4, 2015

Proposed 2/20/2014
# First 5 Ventura County Program Committee

## Co-Chairs
Commissioner Ida Hatfield  
Commissioner Barbara Marquez-O’Neill

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First 5 Ventura County  
Early Learning Best Practices Committee

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Proposed 2/20/14
# First 5 Ventura County
## Family Strengthening Best Practices Committee

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Commissioner Meloney Roy  
Commissioner Kathy Long

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Proposed 2/19/15
**First 5 Ventura County**
**Health Best Practices Committee**

**Co-Chairs**
Commissioner Reyna Dominguez
Commissioner Michael Gollub
Commissioner Robert Levin

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Proposed 2/20/2014
Memo

To: Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County

From: Jennifer Johnson, Director of Operations (on behalf of the Administration/Finance Committee)

Date: February 19, 2015

Re: Recommendation to revise contract boilerplate for funded programs

Background

The standard boilerplate contract for funded programs is reviewed on an annual basis (before the beginning of each new fiscal year). Commission staff reviews insurance requirements, identifies any new provisions that may need to be added due to any issues encountered in the prior year, and looks for opportunities to clarify language and streamline the boilerplate. Modifications are developed in consultation with the Commission’s insurance broker and reviewed by legal counsel.

Recommendation

The recommendation is to revise the contract boilerplate for funded programs as attached. Highlights of the revisions to the boilerplate include:

- Clarify insurance provisions to reflect industry standard whereby the requirement for the Commission to be named as an additional insured does not apply to professional liability coverage.
- Incorporate language for electronic invoicing.
The following provisions are under consideration for modification. New language is reflected in underlined font. Omitted language is reflected in strikethrough font.

2.6 INSURANCE.

2.6.3 The Ventura County Children and Families First Commission is to be named as Additional Insured with respect to work done by CONTRACTOR under the terms of this Agreement on all policies required. However, this paragraph 2.6.8 shall not be construed to apply to Workers' Compensation coverage or Professional Liability coverage.

4.3 INVOICES/EXPENDITURE REPORTS. By the thirtieth (30th) calendar day following the close of each payment period as outlined in Exhibit A of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR through its authorized representative(s) shall submit to COMMISSION a complete and signed invoice/expenditure report in accordance with Exhibit C for each corresponding funding period. CONTRACTOR may have up to forty-five (45) days to submit the final invoice/report for expenditures through the end of each funding period. Invoice shall be prepared in a format approved by COMMISSION. Invoices/Expenditure Reports shall be submitted electronically with required supporting documentation in a software system designated by COMMISSION. CONTRACTOR shall designate authorized representative(s) to submit invoices/expenditure reports for the Program. Such an invoice shall include an itemized listing, as detailed in budget, Exhibit C for each corresponding funding period, of actual services rendered. The invoice shall be submitted to: First 5 Ventura County, 2580 East Main Street, Suite 203, Ventura, California 93003. COMMISSION may consider alternate methods for invoice/expenditure report submission, including but not limited to non-electronic, at its sole discretion or upon request by CONTRACTOR. COMMISSION shall review the invoice/expenditure report, verify adherence to Agreement requirements and services, and authorize payments to CONTRACTOR based upon claims submitted, provided that CONTRACTOR is not in default under any provision of this Agreement. COMMISSION shall not pay for unauthorized services rendered neither by CONTRACTOR nor for claimed services which COMMISSION’s monitoring staff shows have not been provided as required by this Agreement.

4.3.1 Final year-end invoices/expenditure reports received more than 60 days after the close of each funding period shall have a five (5) percent penalty imposed on the final invoiced/reported amount. CONTRACTOR may submit a written appeal of the penalty to the COMMISSION if there were extenuating circumstances that prohibited the timely submission of the invoice/report, but the COMMISSION retains the exclusive right to decide whether it will waive the penalty or not.
Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards for First 5 Ventura County Funded Partners

First 5 Ventura County (F5VC) is committed to promoting an environment in which children and their families can be healthy. Our strongest message is often the behavior we model to parents and our partners. Current public health concerns such as obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and oral health are directly affected by nutrition and physical activity practices. Together, F5VC and our funded partners have an opportunity to create healthier environments and convey healthy messages by introducing appropriate nutritional and physical activity options at F5VC funded or sponsored activities and events for which food and/or beverages are provided.

Standards

General principles:

- Be aware of food allergies and other health issues that children may have to certain foods.
- First 5 Ventura County funded programs will not serve sugary foods or drinks, such as candy, cookies, cupcakes or brownies, potato chips and other high fat, high sodium snack foods, juice, soda or other sugar sweetened beverages to children or family.
- Foods and beverages purchased with F5VC funds should be representative of current nutrition standards and served in an appropriate portion size for the age of participants.
- When serving snacks/meals to children and families at F5VC funded partner sites or activities, the following guidelines will be applied:
  - Ensure access to water throughout the day, especially at snack and meal times.
  - Include fruits and vegetables whenever possible.
  - Do not serve juice, soda or sugary/sweetened beverages (punch, Gatorade, energy drinks).
    According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), children from 1-6 years old should have no more than 4-6 ounces of juice per day. Children are at risk of exceeding this daily limit if they have juice at a F5VC activity.
  - Serve whole grain breads, cereals, pasta, tortillas and crackers, as they are higher in fiber and nutrients.
- Dietary guidelines for milk are:
  - Ages 0-1 = breast milk is recommended:
    - Exclusive breast milk is recommended for six months by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).
    - Breast milk supplementing appropriate solid foods is recommended for at least one year, continuing for as long as mother/child desire.
    - Non-breastfed babies should be given infant formula per their pediatrician’s recommendation.
  - Ages 1-2 = whole milk
  - Ages 2 and up = 1% or nonfat milk
## Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards for First 5 Ventura County Funded Partners

### Good Nutrition Best Practices for Funded Partners

| Food is not used as a reward or punishment.                                                                 |
| Funded partner staff act as role models by sitting with children and eating the same healthy meals and snacks served. |
| Children are encouraged, but not forced to eat.                                                          |
| Nutrition education is available to funded partner staff, parents/caregivers and children.                |

### Suggestions for Food and Beverages

| Bottled water or water hydration stations with accessible cups                                            |
| Fresh fruit slices or chunks served with low-fat yogurt dip                                              |
| Raw vegetables with fat free or low-fat dressing or salsa dip                                          |
| Nuts – 1.5 oz serving (Be aware of potential allergies)                                                 |
| Raisins or trail mix                                                                                    |
| Whole grain breads or crackers                                                                          |
| Yogurt (low fat, no added sweeteners)                                                                   |
| Whole grain veggie pizza with low-fat cheese, cut into small portions                                  |
| Salads                                                                                                  |
| Cheese (pasteurized, unprocessed, low-fat)                                                               |
| Unsalted pretzels                                                                                       |
| Frozen fruit treats with 100% whole fruits                                                              |

### Physical Activity & Screen Time Best Practices for Funded Partners

| Physical activity education is incorporated into family support and early education activities.           |
| Children are not seated for periods longer than 30 minutes, except when sleeping or eating.             |
| Funded partner staff act as role models by joining children during periods of planned active play.       |
| Screen time for ages 0-2: No screen time is included in F5VC programming for children under 2 years as per AAP recommendation. |
| Screen Time for ages 2-5: Television, video, computer time, gaming and smartphone use is limited to 30 minutes per week of (quality) viewing while the child is at F5VC classes or programs. |

### Supporting Breastfeeding

In alignment with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), F5VC encourages mothers to exclusively breastfeed their child for at least the first six months of life and strives to make our community breastfeeding friendly. As a funded partner, you can help by:

| Providing a quiet, comfortable place for moms to nurse/feed their baby or express breast milk.         |
| Offering breastfeeding information and resource guides to expectant families, available at no cost from F5VC. |
| Reminding families, when appropriate, of the health benefits of breastfeeding and the availability of local resources. |
| Remembering that all new parents need support, no matter how they decide to feed their baby.            |
## Talking to Parents and Caregivers about Nutrition and Physical Activity

### Recommended Messages that Promote Good Nutrition

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<td>Strive for <strong>1-2 hours of active play</strong> throughout the day (combinations of staff or parent-led activities, free play, and outdoor play).</td>
<td>Serve healthier fats: These include liquid vegetable oils, nuts/nut butters/seeds, avocados, olives, fish.</td>
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<td>Remember to include appropriate physical activity opportunities for children with special needs.</td>
<td>Reduce saturated fats: These come from animal sources, such as red meats, full-fat dairy products (butter, full-fat cheese, whole milk), and lard.</td>
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<td>Join your child during active play.</td>
<td>Eliminate trans fats (partially hydrogenated oils): These are found in some baked goods, fried foods and processed snack foods. Check labels!</td>
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<td>Provide a shaded area for outdoor play when possible.</td>
<td>Limit juice. If serving juice, it must be 100% juice and limited to 4-6 oz. per day. Do not serve sugary/sweetened beverages such as punch, Kool-Aid, soda, Gatorade or energy drinks.</td>
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<td>Avoid withholding active-play time as punishment for your child.</td>
<td><strong>Recommended Messages that Promote Breastfeeding</strong></td>
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- Breast milk has antibodies that help protect infants from illness.
- Breastfed babies have less risk of ear infections, stomach viruses, diarrhea, respiratory infections, asthma, obesity, and childhood leukemia.
- Premature babies do better when breastfed compared to those who are fed formula.
- Breastfeeding is linked to a lower risk for type 2 diabetes, breast cancer, and postpartum depression.
- Moms who breastfeed tend to lose more weight than those who use formula.
- There are no bottles and nipples to sterilize.
- Colostrum, the thick yellow first breast milk that mothers make is known as **liquid gold** because it is rich in nutrients and antibodies to infection.
- Breastfeeding may be linked to improved brain development and intelligence.
- Breastfeeding reduces risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).
- Breastfeeding can save between $1,160 and $3,915 per year.
- **All babies**—**bottle and breastfed**—**benefit tremendously from being held and cuddled, which helps them grow and feel secure.**

### Recommended Messages that Promote Physical Activity

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Introduction

At the heart of First 5 Ventura County are 11 Neighborhoods for Learning (NfLs), a community-based service system for early care and education. This nationally recognized place-based model provides parents with high quality, locally based resources to help them raise children who are healthy, nurtured, and prepared to meet their full potential. Each of our First 5 NfLs is governed by its community and decides how best to serve the area’s health, early learning and family support needs. NfL resources may include preschools or preschool scholarships, family resource centers (currently 25 throughout the county), and early learning activities for children 0-3.

Through partnerships with the Ventura County Health Care Agency and other local organizations, F5VC also provides community-based access to health services, dental treatment, developmental check-ups, behavioral health services and parent education through the local Neighborhood for Learning, thereby increasing access to essential services for families with young children.

In September 2013, the Commission took a series of steps to revise its evaluation design and approach, which included eliminating the majority of existing outcome questionnaires, refining frameworks and developing a new point-in-time parent evaluation questionnaire. The resulting FY 2013-14 accountability frameworks decreased the number of benchmarks and better aligned with funder partner service provisions.

The FY 2013-14 Annual Report uses performance data\(^1\) to populate the consolidated accountability frameworks and provides a summary of key performance findings prepared by staff.

With many thanks to our collaborative partners countywide, we are proud to report our accomplishments for FY 2013-14 and look forward to continuing this important work into the future.

Claudia Harrison

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\(^1\) Data on participants served, services provided, and outcomes were largely extracted by First 5 Ventura County staff from Persimmony, the Commission’s data management software system. The report also includes data collected outside of Persimmony by the County of Ventura Public Health and Behavioral Health departments.
Participants Served in FY 2013-14

Children’s Age
Funded partners provided intensive health, family strengthening and early education services to 5,967 children\(^2\), an increase of 280 children from FY 2012-13. The majority (65 percent) of children served were infants and toddlers, with the remainder made up by preschool aged children (35 percent), representing a similar age distribution as compared to prior years.

Race and Ethnicity
The racial and ethnic composition of participants is nearly identical to prior years. 74 percent of children served were Hispanic/Latino, 15 percent White, followed by 3 percent Asian, and 1 percent African American. Four percent of children served were mixed race; race reported for the remaining 3 percent was Alaskan Native/American, Pacific Islander, other or unknown.

Home Language
Nearly two-thirds of all children served in FY 2013-14 lived in families where a language other than English was the predominant language spoken in the home. Among them, 70 percent spoke Spanish, 23 percent Mixteco, and 7 percent spoke other languages. The percent of Mixteco speaking families continues to increase each year, indicating that efforts to reach this target population were successful.

NOTE: Child age is calculated based on their age in years on the first day of the fiscal year

\(^2\) This figure represents an unduplicated count of children receiving intensive services. Intensive services are typically considered those services provided to children and families with 3 or more contacts.
### FY 2013-14 Key Accomplishments

#### General
- First 5 funded partners served close to 6,000 children, providing intensive health, family strengthening and early education services (an increase of 280 children over the prior year).
- Recognizing the importance of reaching children early, 65% of children served by First 5 funded partners were zero to three; statewide 40% of children served are infants and toddlers.
- First 5 funded partners are largely meeting or exceeding service levels for the majority of benchmarks.

#### Early Learning
- Two new loans were realized through First 5’s Community Investment Loan Fund in partnership with EDC-VC, resulting in an additional 120 preschool spaces in the high need areas of Fillmore and Santa Paula.
- Successful implementation of the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) by the Ventura County of Education resulted in 61 additional participating sites, inclusive of center based and family child care homes; of the 55 sites already participating, 24 were rated at the top two tiers of quality.
- An additional 14 early childhood educators earned a higher education degree, bringing the total number of educators who have completed an AA or BA through the CARES Stipend project to 135.

#### Developmental Screenings
- Implementation of developmental screenings in preschools resulted in almost a 100% increase in the number of screenings conducted as compared to the prior year (8,965 children screened vs. 4,600 in prior year).
- 93% of county clinics who provide routine well-child visits for children 0-5 incorporate developmental screenings into the exam.
- The number of children screened 2 years of age or younger increased to 60% (as compared to 52% and 44% in the prior two years), as a result of targeted efforts to identify developmental delays as early as possible.

#### Health
- Close to 15,000 fluoride varnish applications were delivered countywide through medical offices, county clinics, preschools and family resource centers, reflecting 1,840 more fluoride varnish applications than in prior year.
- Preventive oral health education was provided to over 4,600 parents and guardians, a 55% increase from the prior year.
- Obesity prevention education was provided in areas across the county, with more than half of participating families located in the high need areas of the Oxnard Plains and Santa Clara Valley.
- 16 restaurants in Ventura County participate in First 5 Ventura County’s “Good for Kids” program, offering healthy food choices for children.
Family Support

- 1,990 women received screening for preventable prenatal risks, such as smoking, alcohol/drug use and domestic violence using the 4Ps+ tool, with 59% of women accepting case management services for follow-up (as compared to only 48% in the prior year).

- Approximately twice as many parents participated in parent education and Triple P Level 3 brief parenting interventions offered through NFLs as compared to FY 2012-13.

- Over 2,100 families received service coordination/case management support to access needed services, exceeding the target by 30%.

- More effective outreach and services for children in the currently underrepresented, high need areas in East County.

- Utilization of oral health program allocations and outreach strategies for uninsured children.

- Engagement of more volunteer dentists to provide oral risk assessments and fluoride varnish to children.

- Analysis of Triple P outcome data to understand differences from prior year which may be due to different populations served and/or a different mix of services.

Areas for Further Study
Goal 1: Children have the language and social emotional skills they need to succeed in school

Because....
- Disparities in development are evident as early as 9 months of age, with the disparities growing larger and more significant by 24 months.
- Too few children enter Kindergarten prepared to learn.
- We can close the school readiness gap before it becomes an achievement gap.
- Delays in language or other areas can affect school readiness. But, early intervention services can greatly improve a child’s development and reduce the need for special education services later on.

Quality Preschool
First 5 Ventura County continues to invest in preschool through partnerships with local school districts, the county’s Office of Education, State Preschool providers, Head Start, and community based organizations. First 5 funds ongoing preschool operating costs, start-up of new programs, scholarships, and county-wide quality improvement and workforce development efforts. First 5 Ventura County also partners with the Economic Development Collaborative of Ventura County (EDC VC) to provide low cost capital for new facilities.

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<td>% of children achieving “building or integrating level” on measures of social and cognitive development as measured by DRDP 2010</td>
<td>85% of children</td>
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<td># of early education programs participating in QRIS</td>
<td>55 programs</td>
<td>116 programs</td>
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<td>% of participating preschools rating at the top two tiers of quality</td>
<td>45% of programs</td>
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<td># of early education teachers completing requirements for AA or BA degree</td>
<td>10 early education teachers</td>
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<td># of additional CILF loan issued to increase licensed capacity</td>
<td>1 CILF loan</td>
<td>2 CILF loans</td>
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Early Learning for Parents and Children Together (PACT)
First 5 Neighborhoods for Learning (NfLs) implement a broad range of family literacy and early learning for parents and children together (PACT) programs, targeting children in the earliest stages of development. These programs focus on positive interactions between caregiver and child to promote bonding and attachment, and emphasize the importance of reading early and often.

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<td># of parents and caregivers participating with their children in early learning activities.</td>
<td>2,583 parents and caregivers</td>
<td>3,052 parents and caregivers</td>
<td>3,035 parents and caregivers</td>
<td>• Neighborhoods for Learning • Mixteco Indigenous Community Organizing Project (MICOP)</td>
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<td>% of children in First 5 funded early learning activities ages 0-3.</td>
<td>70% of children</td>
<td>75% of children</td>
<td>68 % of children</td>
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Developmental Surveillance

First 5 Ventura County partners with Ventura County Public Health and the Landon Pediatric Foundation to create a comprehensive system to increase the number of children receiving an age appropriate developmental screening. Pediatrician and family practice providers receive training and technical assistance to integrate surveillance, screening, assessment, and referrals for developmental problems in young children into routine well-child care. Health educators provide developmental check-ups in community-based settings to detect possible developmental delays, and refer children and support their access to early intervention services. Through QRIS efforts, more preschool programs are integrating developmental screenings into their program.

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| # of children receiving developmental screening through NfLs or at participating clinic sites | 4,600 children     | 6,144 children     | 5,226 children     | • Ventura County Public Health
|                                                                             |                    | 2,821 additional children screened in QRIS preschools |                    | • Landon Pediatric Foundation
|                                                                             |                    |                                                                |                    | • New in FY 2013-14: QRIS programs |
| % of children screened who are 2 years of age or less (<24 months)         | 60% of children    | 60% of children    | 52% of children    | • Ventura County Public Health |
| % of children screening positive for a developmental concern referred to follow-up assessment and early intervention services | 100% of children   | 100% of children   | 100 % of children  | • Ventura County Public Health
|                                                                             |                    | 86% of referrals were accepted by parents                   |                    | • Landon Pediatric Foundation
|                                                                             |                    |                                                                |                    | • New in FY 2013-14: QRIS programs |
| # of referrals followed to determine eligibility for services in programs such as Early Start, Special Education, Tri-Counties | 100% of referrals  | All accepted referrals were followed                         | 87 % of referrals were eligible for services |
|                                                                             |                    | 84% of referrals were followed                               |                    |
| % of children not eligible for early intervention services through Early Start, School Districts, etc. linked with community-based services, NfLs, Parent Navigator, etc. | 80% of children    | 100% of children    | NEW in FY 2013-14 |
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<td># of parents receiving individualized navigation support as a result of developmental screening</td>
<td>225 parents</td>
<td>205 parents</td>
<td>306 parents</td>
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| % of County Ambulatory Care Clinics receiving training on universal developmental screenings and incorporating screening into routine well-child exams | 75% of County Ambulatory Care Clinics | 93% of County Ambulatory Care Clinics\(^3\)  
- 6 private clinics also received training and incorporated screenings into well-child exams | 79 % of County Ambulatory Care Clinics |}

\(^3\) Targets are based on the number of Ambulatory Care clinics that provide routine well-child visits for children 0 to 5. 14 Ambulatory Care clinics provide routine well-child visits for children 0-5; 13 of which incorporated developmental screenings.
Goal 2: Children are healthy

Because...
- *Children without insurance fail to get medical care, go without prescriptions filled, or without preventive visit.*
- *Tooth pain keeps many children home from school or distracted from learning. Early childhood cavities is the number ONE chronic disease affecting young children.*
- *Early obesity can track into adulthood and affect future health and well-being.*

Obesity Prevention
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| # of parents and caregivers attending workshops on child nutrition and physical activity, with a focus on families from Oxnard Plains and the Santa Clara Valley | 310 parents and caregivers | 1,283 parents and caregivers<sup>4</sup> | 550 parents and caregivers | • VCPH Regional Health Professionals  
• Neighborhoods for Learning |

<sup>4</sup> A significant portion of the increase in participants is contributed to MSV NfL; participant data includes some duplication.
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<td>% of funded programs will adopt and adhere to First 5 standards for nutrition and physical activity</td>
<td>100% of funded programs</td>
<td>100% of funded programs</td>
<td>10 of 11 NfLs</td>
<td>• F5VC Funded Partners</td>
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<td># of Community partners targeting physical activity programming to children under 5</td>
<td>3 Community partners</td>
<td>F5VC secured Kaiser HEAL Zone funding to conduct a partnership based, in-depth assessment of West Ventura recreational strategies and opportunities. This will serve as a model for other communities</td>
<td>F5VC conducted a community scan and will convene key recreation and community leaders to share these findings and to identify steps to improve opportunities</td>
<td>• F5VC</td>
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<td># of hospitals who have identified gaps in breastfeeding policies/resources and begin acting upon those gaps</td>
<td>6 hospitals</td>
<td>All 6 maternity care hospitals</td>
<td>All 6 maternity care hospitals</td>
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<td># of large employers making information on breastfeeding, workplace and community resources available to pregnant employees and/or their partners</td>
<td>5 large employers</td>
<td>3 employers joined the Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace Campaign</td>
<td>F5VC researched similar programs to learn about best practices in policy development, funding and capacity building</td>
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<td># of restaurants participating in Good for Kids and offering healthy food choices on their menu</td>
<td>23 restaurants</td>
<td>16 restaurants</td>
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**Oral Health**

Through partnerships with SB-VC Dental Care Foundation and Clinicas del Camino Real, First 5 Ventura County provides parent education, oral health screenings, dental cleanings, x-rays, and fillings for children 0-5 either on site or through a mobile unit. First 5 Ventura County also invests in training and support to increase the capacity of local medical and dental health providers to provide fluoride varnish. Private dentists are recruited to volunteer in support of these programs.

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| # of fluoride varnish applications delivered to children in pediatric physician/medical offices or clinics and non-medical settings, such as preschools, family resource centers | 13,250 fluoride varnish applications                                               | 14,994 fluoride varnish applications                   | 13,154 fluoride varnish applications                     | • Santa Barbara-Ventura Counties Dental Care Foundation  
• Clinicas del Camino Real  
• Ventura County Public Health                      |
| # of children receiving oral health treatment services (e.g., dental exams, x-rays, fillings) | 830 children                                                                       | 693 children                                           | 597 children                                           | • Santa Barbara-Ventura Counties Dental Care Foundation  
• Clinicas del Camino Real                      |
| # of parents and caregivers receiving preventive oral health education    | 2,875 parents and caregivers                                                       | 4,677 parents and caregivers                          | 3,010 parents and caregivers                          | • Santa Barbara-Ventura Counties Dental Care Foundation  
• Clinicas del Camino Real                      |
| Children served are proportionally distributed across the county and reflective of high need areas | Children served are proportionally distributed across the county and reflective of high need areas | Oral health preventive services (i.e., fluoride varnish) were accessible across the county and distributed proportionate to areas of high need.  
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<td># of clinics with lower participant numbers which increase the number of fluoride varnish applications by 50%.</td>
<td>5 clinics</td>
<td>6 clinics</td>
<td>3 clinics</td>
<td>• Ventura County Public Health</td>
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<td># of new volunteer dentists recruited to provide oral risk assessments and fluoride varnish to children at community events</td>
<td>15 new volunteer dentists</td>
<td>7 new volunteer dentists</td>
<td>12 new dentists</td>
<td>• Santa Barbara-Ventura Counties Dental Care Foundation</td>
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This represents the percentage of children served who lived in Oxnard, for example.
Goal 3: Families have the resources they need

Because...
- Helping parents be the best they can be, even under stress, protects and nurtures young children while promoting their development

Healthy Births (4P’s Plus)
Prenatal care providers conduct substance abuse screening using the 4Ps+ Tool and provide follow-up support for women screening positive for prenatal risks.

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<td># of pregnant women receiving screening for preventable prenatal risks, such as smoking, alcohol/drug use, and domestic violence</td>
<td>1,800 pregnant women</td>
<td>1,990 pregnant women</td>
<td>1,796 pregnant women</td>
<td>• Ventura County Public Health</td>
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<td>% of pregnant women who are enrolled in case management services receiving intensive support throughout pregnancy and the early postnatal period</td>
<td>70% of pregnant women</td>
<td>59% of pregnant women</td>
<td>48% of pregnant women</td>
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Service Coordination and Case Management
First 5 Neighborhoods for Learning (NFLs) and countywide implementation partners, including Ventura County Public Health (VCPH) and MICOP, offer service coordination and case management to address identified needs and help families access appropriate services.

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| # of families receiving service coordination/case management support to access needed services | 1,641 families | 2,128 families | 2,058 families | • Neighborhoods for Learning  
• MICOP  
• Ventura County Public Health - Regional Health Professionals |
**Parent Education**

Through NfLs, MICOP and Ventura County Public/Behavioral Health professionals, First 5 Ventura County empowers families through parenting education, implements the Triple P positive parenting program, and addresses children’s social-emotional and behavioral concerns.

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| # of parents or caregivers participating in parent education activities related to early childhood health, development, and safety | 1,790 parents or caregivers | 2,528\(^6\) parents or caregivers | 1,043 parents or other caregivers\(^7\) | • Neighborhoods for Learning  
• MICOP  
• Ventura County Public Health  
• Ventura County Behavioral Health – Triple P |
| % of parents reporting a reduction in their child's symptoms or problem behaviors | 84% of parents | 74% of parents | 82% of parents | Ventura County Behavioral Health – Triple P |

\(^6\) FY 2013-14 target and results include services provided by Ventura County Public Health, MICOP, and NfLs.

\(^7\) FY 2012-13 target and results included services provided by Ventura County Public Health and MICOP only.
Data Sources

**Persimmony Child and Parent Intake, and Service Transactions, FY 2013–14**
The Persimmony data management system records intake information, service transactions, and participant outcomes for children and parents or other caregivers who participate in First 5 Ventura County funded programs and activities.

**Landon Pediatrics, Ventura County Behavioral Health and Ventura County Public Health, FY 2013–14**
Landon Pediatrics, Ventura County Behavioral Health and Ventura County Public Health maintain external program records for children and families served through selected county programs, including the Ventura County Triple P Positive Parenting Program and the Ventura County Public Health Prenatal Support and Care Program.

**Desired Results Developmental Profile-2010 (n=943 Matched Pre and Post Pairs), FY 2013–14**
The DRDP-2010 is a standardized assessment tool developed by the California Department of Education that is designed to evaluate children’s developmental competence across the four domains of health and safety, effective learning, social and emotional competence and motor skills. Children are rated on a 4-point scale identifying whether the child is ‘exploring’, ‘developing’, ‘building’, or ‘integrating’ on each developmental skill. Children who attended First 5 Ventura County funded preschool programs were administered the DRDP 2010 measure of developmental competency at the time of enrollment and were re-administered the measure at the conclusion of the school year.

**Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System (TQRIS), FY 2013–14**
The Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System (TQRIS) is a comprehensive method to assess, improve and communicate the quality of early education programs for children 0-5. QRIS sites are assessed in the three core areas of Child Development and School Readiness, Teachers and Teaching, and Program and Environment using a 5 tier quality continuum framework. The elements within the three core areas are measured and assigned a corresponding point value, which is then used to determine the level of quality, with Tier 3 considered “good” and Tier 5 “excellent”.

**First 5 Ventura County Program Staff**
First 5 Ventura County staff coordinated with funded partners to collect specific data elements maintained outside of the Persimmony system that support measurement of accountability benchmarks.

**Grant Evaluation Management Solution (GEMS) Child and Parent Intake, and Service Transactions, FY 2013–14**
The GEMS data management system records intake information, service transactions, and participant outcomes for children and parents or other caregivers who participate in First 5 Ventura County funded programs and activities. Partial FY 2013-14 was collected in GEMS and then transferred to Persimmony.
I. Update on Administrative Operations

- **Form 700 – Web-based Filing System**
  - Clerk of the Board has sent an email notice to all Commissioners with instructions on filing electronically by the April 1, 2015 deadline.
    - Please contact Kathy Rangel at 648-9990 for any questions or assistance.

- **Persimmony Software System**
  - **Fiscal Module**
    - Fiscal module successfully implemented; First 5 staff trained fiscal representatives from each funded partner individually.
      - Positive feedback received from funded partners, noting the ease of use and increased efficiency of the invoice process.
    - All funded programs submitted 2nd quarter invoices through Persimmony, except for programs with the County of Ventura due to firewall issues which we are working to resolve.
      - One-third of funded partner invoices were processed within 11 calendar days of the close of the reporting period.
  - **Contract Management Module**
    - Staff is beginning implementation of contract management module which will provide a central data base for tracking contract compliance, such as insurance coverage, personnel disclosure, and subcontractor information.

- **Health Insurance Rate Decrease with Anthem Blue Cross**
  - Annual open enrollment period for medical/dental coverage occurred in December.
    - Anticipated rate increase of 14% was reduced to 12% for “grandmothered” plans (non ACA plans).

- **Strategic Planning**
  - Parent and community partner surveys were widely distributed in February through funded partners, media (social and traditional), libraries and community partner mailing lists.
    - Over 650 surveys were received through both online access and paper copies; parent surveys were translated into Spanish.
    - Full results will be available in March.
  - Commission website now has a special tab with strategic planning documents ([www.first5ventura.org/planning/](http://www.first5ventura.org/planning/)).
• Staff Professional Development
  o First 5 staff are forming an internal “learning community” to explore and discuss new or emerging topics relevant to staff work, with topics rotating around key program areas.
    ▪ First topic will focus on a place-based initiative that trains early learning providers how to recognize and respond to toxic stress.

II. Update on Commission Initiatives
• Neighborhoods for Learning
  o Ventura NfL
    ▪ NfL recently began collaborating with the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura; Housing Authority’s West View Village is implementing a major remodel and redesign and sought community partners to serve families.
      • Following a pilot series of Play and Learn classes, a large classroom was made available for use on a regular basis to reach the entire West Ventura area.
        o New Play and Learn class, focused on preschool age children who are not in preschool, will start in February.
        o Additionally, space will be used for parent education classes in collaboration with Public Health and City Impact.
  o Ojai Valley NfL
    ▪ Positive Parenting workshops in Spanish will be provided by a local father who attended the class, and was so moved by the information that he received, that he wanted to teach classes in his home language.
  o Port Hueneme/ South Oxnard NfL:
    ▪ Over 100 families have participated in the Read with Me Lending Library since July, providing interactive literacy activities and books for children ages 0 to 5 at two locations.
      • Parents learn about early childhood developmental stages and levels of progression that they can support at home.
  o Santa Clara Valley NfL
    ▪ FOOD Share continues to collaborate with the NfL through two programs: Sharing the Harvest and USDA Commodities.
      • Since the beginning of July, 1,863 families were served through these two programs (1,063 families in Santa Paula, 602 in Fillmore and 198 families in Piru).
      ▪ Through the United Way of Los Angeles, $2,300 has been made available to the NfL to assist families in paying their electric bill.

• Countywide Strategies
  o Oral Health
    ▪ Medical Provider Training (Ventura County Public Health)
      • Since July, Public Health has trained 90 medical providers and staff in oral health assessment, dental classification and fluoride varnish application, reaching 43 of the 50 CHDP providers.
Help Me Grow

2-1-1 Pilot Update
- Working in partnership with the Help Me Grow Collaborative, 2-1-1 completed pilot testing of a centralized call function for early identification and referral of children exhibiting developmental concerns.
- Since the pilot began in November, 2-1-1 staff spoke to 579 callers about developmental concerns.
  - 69 of these callers (17%) have been referred for services to either Early Start (children under 3) or their local NFL (children 3 – 5).
  - Staff are working with 2-1-1 to refine the pilot for implementation.

In-service Training for Medical Providers
- Help Me Grow and Public Health’s CHDP Program offered in-service training for medical providers on the Ages and Stages developmental screening questionnaires.
  - Over 30 physicians and medical office staff attended, representing Ventura County Ambulatory Care clinics, Community Memorial Hospital clinics, Clinicas del Camino Real, and two private clinics.
    - Topics included the importance of screening, how quickly an ASQ-3 can be administered and scored, referral information, community resources, and how to bill for screenings.
    - Several clinics requested and received follow-up support, including one clinic that requested additional training on switching from PEDS to ASQ-3 and another on referral guidance for an existing patient.

Preschool – CARES Plus/AB 212 Stipend Project
- 171 participants are enrolled in the stipend project for 2014-2015 school year.
  - 58 participants are entering students; 36 are making progress towards their AA degree; 73 are working on a BA/BS degree; and 4 are serving as student advisors.

Results Based Accountability
- Funded Partner Capacity Building Training
  - Zero to Three - National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families, is scheduled to provide full-day training for funded partner staff on March 27, 2015.
    - Training will provide information on leading research on early brain development, best practices, developmental milestones, understanding of the effects of toxic stress and working with parents to support healthy brain development for their children.
      - The training is expected to include 80 funded partner staff.

Communications, Education and Development
- Barnes & Noble Book Donations
  - Barnes & Noble has donated five boxes of quality books for infants, toddlers and preschoolers in continued support of F5VC’s early literacy campaign.
o Breastfeeding
  ▪ California Breastfeeding Summit in January focused on collective impact to reduce and remove the “barriers to breastfeeding”.
    • F5VC was selected for a poster presentation on our local breastfeeding work, which was displayed for the duration of the Summit. (see attached)
  ▪ F5VC’s Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace Campaign
    • Since the initiation of the Breastfeeding Friendly (BFF) Campaign, five workplaces have signed on to be BFF partners: Horizon Hills (Thousand Oaks), Interface Children & Family Services (Camarillo), Pacific View Mall (Ventura), The Oaks Mall (Thousand Oaks), and the County of Ventura.
      o County of Ventura adopted an updated lactation accommodation policy, which will serve as a model for Ventura County employers.
        ▪ Policy emphasizes the importance of breastfeeding, and creates an atmosphere of tolerance and acceptance in each County department.
        ▪ Within the policy, the County will also be implementing a lactation equipment pilot project, installing hospital grade pumps into highly utilized lactation spaces in the County.

o Meet You at the Kitchen Table!
  ▪ New collaboration between Ventura County Library System, First 5 Ventura County, Brighter Beginnings Counseling Center, YMCA, Agriculture Museum, VCPH, and Catholic Charities is encouraging families to enjoy cooking and eating together.
    • Research shows that families who eat meals together do better in school and are more resistant to problems with drugs, alcohol, and eating disorders.
    • Orientation event will take place Sunday, February 22, 2015, from 1:00 - 2:30 pm at the EP Foster Library in Ventura.
    • Subsequent events will include celebrity chef cooking demos featuring quick, healthy and delicious meal preparation with economical FOOD Share ingredients, family friendly games and activities, and an interactive story time.

III. County, Regional and National Updates
  • Prenatal Convening
    o In partnership with Ventura County Public Health, First 5 co-hosted second prenatal convening, joining forces with the MCAH Action Collaborative.
      ▪ Initial meeting held in December was instrumental in defining best practices and identifying the gaps in the current service system. (see attached graphic)
        • Subgroup will begin looking at best practices for first trimester of care.
  • Pre-K Facilities Convening
    o F5VC will be convening program administrators, school district representatives and other partners in the near future to learn more about facility shortages and discuss potential solutions.
      ▪ New State Preschool Expansion funding has highlighted the need for facilities in order to maximize existing and future preschool expansion opportunities.
• QRIS
  o QRIS block grant
    ▪ F5VC and VCOE submitted an application to the California Department of Education on behalf of Ventura’s RTT ELC Consortium.
      • Ventura was eligible to apply for $956,402.
    ▪ Funds are intended to provide “block grants” to State Preschool programs at Tiers 4 and 5 of the QRIS matrix and to provide quality improvement activities to help Tiers 1 to 3 programs reach higher levels of quality.
  o First 5 California’s Child Signature Program (CSP)
    ▪ F5CA approved one year extension of CSP 1 funding, effective July 1, 2015.
      • Funding for FY 2015-16 is less than initially anticipated, reflecting 50% of current year allocation without any coordination funds.
        o CSP 2 program will not receive extension funding.
    ▪ State Commission is working on new funding for a California Quality System of Support (CQSS).
      • F5CA expected to release an RfP in May for July 1, 2015 funding.

• First 5 Association Advocacy Day
  o F5VC participated in Advocacy Day as part of F5CA’s Summit in February. (see attached)
    ▪ Claudia Harrison and Commissioner Dominguez visited with Assemblymember Das Williams, Senator Hannah Beth Jackson and Senator Fran Pavley’s legislative director; visits were jointly attended by First 5 Santa Barbara and First 5 LA.
      • Senator Hannah Beth Jackson suggested First 5 work closely with the Legislative Women’s Caucus, which she currently chairs.

IV. Upcoming Events

• First 5 Committees
  o Administration/Finance Committee, March 6, 2015, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., F5VC offices
  o All First 5 Committee Meeting, March 11, 2015, 1:00 – 2:30 pm, VCCF Non-Profit Center, 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd., Camarillo
PROVIDER ANECDOTES

Neighborhood for Learning - Parent and Child Together (PACT)

Mrs. M, a mother of three children, was a victim of long term domestic violence and had recently left her abusive husband. Mrs. M and her three children became homeless and began sleeping in the homes of friends, relatives, and any other place she could find shelter. Initially, she was afraid to seek out services because she is undocumented. Driven by the extreme and dire circumstances of her situation, she needed to find a steady source of food and a permanent place for her family to live. A friend convinced her to contact First 5. That is the day she remembers as the day that her whole life began to change in a positive direction.

Mrs. M began attending PACT classes in September 2014 with her eighteen month old son. On the second day of class she confided to the teacher that she and her family were homeless and that they were in desperate need of help. The PACT teacher immediately referred her to the Family Strengthening Therapist from City Impact and within that week Mrs. M was receiving individual counseling and began to gain the strength she needed to begin to advocate for herself.

During the fall, Mrs. M became very assertive in seeking out additional referrals for services such as the Migrant Program, where her grade school children now attend Saturday School. Mrs. M also received assistance as a battered spouse and in applying for a U non-immigrant visa through La Hermandad. With assistance, she applied for government programs and is currently receiving food stamps and welfare. In December, Mrs. M was referred to the Boys & Girls Club where she received Christmas gifts for her children. These gifts were especially meaningful as she and the family were dealing with the trauma of domestic violence and being homeless.

Five months later, Mrs. M is now working three days per week and has enough money to be able to afford to rent a room for herself and her three children. It is not the best situation, but for now Mrs. M feels confident that she and the family can get by on her own hard work, especially since she has learned how to access the services she and her family need.

MICOP Puentes Program

A family came to the Rio NfL because the father had not been able to work due to an illness. The loss in earnings meant the family was having difficulties buying food and paying rent and were also concerned about mounting medical bills. The mother of the family had also stayed home from work to care for the father and, as a result, they were experiencing significant financial instability.

MICOP promotoras started by giving the family a list of places where they could obtain food and information about their children’s development, especially for the 3 year old girl. They enrolled the daughter in “Aprendiendo con Mama y Papa” parent and child together classes. They helped the family register to get Christmas gifts during the holidays and helped them receive various services from the community including MediCal and CalFresh with support from the Cesar Chavez school social worker. They helped the family erase the medical debt and also referred the father to the California Rural Legal Assistance to consult about workers’ rights relevant to the injury sustained at work. The family has visited the promotora frequently and has now returned to economic stability as a result of this support.
First 5 Briefings
January 2015

Annual Meeting
January 21, 2015

Moira Kenney and Association President John Sims welcomed new members Wendy Wendt (San Luis Obispo) and Michele Harris (Solano).

Association Election

Moira Kenney reviewed the process for assembling the slate of nominations for this year’s Executive Committee. She and John Sims thanked outgoing Executive Committee members Amy Reisch (Marin), Lani Schiff-Ross (San Joaquin), Sheila Kruse (Tuolumne), and Karen Pautz (Siskiyou). The following members were unanimously elected:

- President, John Sims
- Vice President, Sean Casey
- Secretary-Treasurer, Janis Burger
- Advocacy Chair, Christina Altmayer
- Communications Chair, Ben Romo

In addition, the Regions have selected the following representatives:

- Regional Representatives:
  - Bay Area, Laurel Kloomok
  - Central, Martha Hermosillo
  - Northeast, Lindsay Dunckel
  - Northwest, Anne Molgaard
  - Sacramento, Ginger Harlow
  - Southern, Kim Belshé
  - Southern, Kim Medeiros

Association Updates

Moira Kenney shared the following updates:

- The Association has drafted a 2015 policy document, reviewed by the Advocacy Committee.
- The Executive Committee approved a contract with strategic communications consultant PR & Company. The focus will be on framing the Association’s message for Sacramento and elected officials.
- Plans for Advocacy Day on February 10 continue; the schedule will be as follows:
  - 9AM-12PM: Legislative visits at the Capitol
  - 1PM-5PM: Pre-Summit Commissioner Workshop – to date, 106 people have registered
  - 5:30-6:30PM: Reception for Commissioners
- 2015 Summits: The Association will hold a Fiscal Summit in Alameda March 30-31, and a Staff Summit in Southern California September 28-30.

Renewing Our Partnership With Health Allies

Moira Kenney reported that the Board of Equalization issue has provided an opportunity to engage with health allies including the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. For an overview of the BOE situation, click here: http://first5association.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/BOE-Overview-NEW-012615.pdf.
Speakers Dave Bonfilio, a founding First 5 Marin Commissioner and honorary life member of the California Division of the American Cancer Society (ACS), and Tim Gibbs, Senior Director of Government Relations for the ACS Cancer Action Network, discussed the work of ACS around tobacco control and health.

- The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network is the advocacy affiliate of ACS. ACS CAN works at the local, state and federal level to make the fight against cancer a priority. ACS CAN was a critical partner in passing Proposition 10.
- ACS CAN has more than 250 Legislative Ambassadors around the state who engage in advocacy at all levels, including the local level. First 5s should utilize these ambassadors.
- ACS CAN is working hard at the local level to pass tobacco legislation in California, including e-cigarette, tobacco retailer licensing and comprehensive smoke-free policies.
- Current state-level policy priorities include:
  - Tobacco Tax Bill Legislation and Initiative E-cigarette legislation
  - Rising BOE costs
  - Under 21 bill
  - Tobacco Cessation under Medi-Cal
  - Access to Care

Members engaged in discussion about current legislation and strategies. Moira encouraged members to engage with ACS CAN to make connections at the local level, while continuing to leverage relationships with commissioners and other advocacy partners.

Click here to visit ACS CAN’s website: http://www.acscan.org/


**First 5 California Updates**

Camille Maben reported that 650 people are currently registered for First 5 CA’s February summit. Confirmed keynote speakers include Neera Tanden, Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, Dr. Ross Thompson, and Dr. Dowell Meyers. First 5 CA is partnering with the California State Library to host a screening of The Raising of America followed by a panel discussion on February 11. Camille also shared the following updates:

- First 5 CA will partner with Too Small to Fail and the Clinton Foundation, as well as with the CBS First Book program.
- They are reviewing proposals for their next media campaign; they plan to announce the contract award in early February.
- Talk Read Sing ads will continue airing through February 25.
- A new bilingual cookbook has been released; click here to download: http://tinyurl.com/F5CAEnglishCookbook
- New staff include Dana McVeigh, Melinda Geyser, Megan Bower, and Erin Gabel.
- The FY 2013/14 Annual Report will be printed and distributed; in the meantime it is available online: http://tinyurl.com/ccfc1314AnnualReport

**California Quality System of Support Overview**

Sara Neville-Morgan provided an overview of next steps for CSP and CARES Plus. With these programs scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2016, respectively, First 5 California and workgroup members partnered to design a transition path to a new California Quality System of Support (CQSS) investment initiative open to all county commissions by building on state and local investments in a QRIS.


**Early Care and Education Policy Outlook for 2015**

Kim Johnson, Public Policy Director for the California Resource and Referral Network, provided an overview of policy and budget updates impacting the field, as well as additional opportunities.


Click here to view the R&R Network’s policy resources: http://www.rrnetwork.org/rr_at_the_policy_table
Erin Gabel, First 5 CA’s new Deputy Director of External and Governmental Affairs, then reviewed ways in which First 5 can engage, highlighting the need to build bridges with K-12. She shared First 5 CA’s draft policy agenda.

State Commission Meeting
January 22, 2015

Commissioners Present:

George Halvorson, Chair
Conway Collis
Muntu Davis
Kathryn Icenhower
Joyce Iseri
Ex Officio Member: Jim Suennen

Chair Halvorson opened the meeting with comments about the state of the state and the country with regards to early childhood education. He said, “This is clearly the right time for this state and this country to focus on young children,” continuing with comments on the impact of interventions focusing on the first 5 years. He also commented on the new Annual Report, focusing on the work of local commissions, calling those local investments “a model for the country.”

Commissioner Collis reported on two studies his organization, GRACE, has been working on with the Stanford Center on Policy and Inequality. Stanford has recently completed a yearlong study on the evidence base and cost-benefit analysis for programs that address poverty and inequality. In conjunction with the study, GRACE conducted polling and focus groups statewide to test the responses of Californians to the findings showing the importance of, among other things, early childhood education, prenatal care, and home visiting. We will share those results with you when they are public, but he mentioned that the surprise finding was that they found a deep drop-off in public support for 0-5 when the focus was on parents, prenatal care, and home visitation.

First 5 Fresno Commissioner Hugo Morales provided public comment on the need for greater broadband access for low-income families. You can find more information about the work he is doing with the California Emerging Technology Fund here: http://www.cetfund.org/

Executive Director Report

Camille Maben updated the Commission on the upcoming summit, recent program activity, staffing updates, and her visits to Commissions in Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Colusa. Please see the Association meeting updates for additional details.

Association Report

Moira Kenney provided an update on the policy and advocacy work of the Association, inviting the Commission to join First 5s across the state in this important work:

Early Learning: Commissions are taking the lead role in rolling out the new $50 million Quality Rating Improvement System Block Grant included in last year’s budget, and our early learning work is, as a result, focused on ensuring both that these funds are successfully implemented and that other funding – including the catalytic investments made by First 5 CA – are aligned.

Early Identification: The Association is calling on state leaders to commit to ensuring that 100 percent of California children receive recommended developmental screening and appropriate referrals. Last year, county commissions invested $23.5 million to screen and assess 117,000 children, primarily ages 0-3. Commissions invested another $24 million to provide children with identified needs the appropriate services. This year, we are working closely with Children Now to identify legislator champions who will help us in our work on these two goals.

On the state departments side, we are very excited that there is some indication that the Department of Health Care Services is working on an internal proposal to include the assessment of developmental delays in their Core Set indicators. In the next few weeks, we hope to meet with DHCS staff to understand this proposal. We have also been in conversation with staff at the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Programs at the California Department of Public Health who are
working on renewal of the federal Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant.

Family Strengthening: The Association is highlighting the need for increased and aligned investment to implement evidence-based family strengthening programs, particularly those with evidence of reducing the risk for child abuse and neglect. Last year, county commissions invested more than $103 million in family strengthening programs – parent education, family support programs, and training for staff working with families. These investments reached more than 123,000 parents.

Specifically, the Association is working closely with the Office of Child Abuse Prevention, which has committed to aligning its new RFA for county child abuse prevention programs with our local First 5 investments. At the same time, we must do more to ensure that all our child welfare departments are able to partner with First 5, to implement evidence-based programs, and to include the prevention of child abuse and neglect more centrally in their work.

Oral Health: The new report from the California State Auditor found that the state’s Denti-Cal program is failing to provide adequate care for children due to a shortage of dentists participating in the plan. The state audit found that 56% of enrolled children eligible for care under Denti-Cal did not use the program in 2013; the state’s utilization rate of 43.9% is below the national average of 47.6%. The audit suggested that many dentists don’t participate in the program because of low reimbursement rates. California’s reimbursement rates for the ten most common dental procedures averaged $21.60, which was only 35% of the national average of $61.96 for those same ten procedures.

We are working with child health advocates across the state to add our voice to the call for the state to address these serious issues, and as a key funder of oral health services for young children, we believe that our experience, working with these children left behind by the state program, can make a difference. Oral health continues to be an area of focus across the state, with 33 county commissions investing a total of $23 million to serve 182,000 children.

Board of Equalization: We submitted a letter to the BOE as part of the process requested by the Legislature, and outlined three alternatives for the Board to consider that would provide significant relief to First 5. As a reminder, county commissions are projected to pay more than $14 million to the BOE for administrative costs this year, an amount roughly equal to the county commissions’ statewide investments in health access programs (premiums, outreach and enrollment), or their total investments in infant and toddler education programs. Clearly, we have many alternative uses for these critical funds, more in keeping with the mandates of Proposition 10.

Commissioners had a number of comments and questions. Commissioners Collis, Icenhower and Davis all commented on the family strengthening policy work. Commissioner Collis suggested that there was a need for public education around what family strengthening involves, since, as their polling and focus group work revealed, there is significant resistance, most particularly among low-income parents. Commissioner Davis noted that this resistance often stems from the experience parents have with public systems, especially when those systems are not operating from a strengths-perspective and when parents are required, rather than invited to participate. Commissioner Icenhower concurred with those comments and urged the Association to work beyond OCAP to engage the broader child welfare system. She invited the Association to engage with the Child Welfare Council on these issues as well. Finally, she suggested that the Association reach out to the Casey Family Foundation.

Toni Moore (Sacramento) and Laurel Kloomok (San Francisco) both made comments about the family support programs their commissions support. Laurel described as well some work in Colorado and other states to define family support programs as a strategy, rather than to simply focus on the evidence base for specific programmatic interventions (like parent education).
Commissioner Collis also had comments on the Oral Health policy issue, suggesting that Commissioner Suennen might be able to carry this issue to the Department of Health Care Services, focusing on the need to be more creative on the provider side.

**Advisory Committee Reports**

Audit Oversight Committee – Commissioner Collis reported that the committee (consisting of Commissioners Collis and Halvorson) met to discuss the Board of Equalization issue. He noted that the BOE members are also experiencing frustration on this issue. After reviewing the issue, the committee has decided to retain a consultant to look at the BOE issue from a broader systems analysis perspective, rather than a formal audit. The Commission will move ahead with that work.

**California Quality Systems of Supports**


Commissioners Collis and Icenhower commented on the priority commissions placed (in the survey) on early identification services. They both asked for more information and thought in order to ensure that families are connected to the services they need, including health care and mentioned models on which First 5 CA could draw, such as the Promise Neighborhoods and Promise Zones.

Commissioner Iseri asked if the evaluation would be robust enough to show comparisons across counties and across program models.

Commissioner Icenhower emphasized her support for the focus on infants and toddlers as well as for supports to license exempt facilities, a category that includes child care centers in substance abuse programs, teen parenting programs, etc. which have not had access to these quality resources previously.

Kim Johnson, CA CCRRN, thanked the Commission for the recognition of the diversity of child care providers in the proposal and the focus on both infant and toddler care and family child care homes.

A number of executive directors (Lani Schiff-Ross, Kathi Guerrero, Laurel Kloomok) commented positively on the focus on collaboration and layering to support the work, describing the multiple ways local commissions are creating local systems to reach diverse providers and non-traditional partners (like libraries). They also specifically thanked staff for the inclusive process and new approach to the state/county partnership. Laurel Kloomok also noted that the proposal is very ambitious, and cannot be realized with First 5 funds alone.

David Weller, an “end-user”, asked if there was any information to show outcomes for children participating in the programs, specifically focusing on college achievements.

Patty Scroggins, Child Development Training Consortium, commented on the important work her agency has provided to CARES Plus participants, and said she looks forward to the next round.

Commissioner Davis noted that we need to think creatively about which other programs and agencies we need to partner with in order to address the underlying need in looking at the social, economic and environmental health that are so important for a child’s healthy development and lifelong success.

**Child Signature Program 1 and 3 – Transition Funding**

Sarah Neville-Morgan also presented the plan to provide 1 year of transition funding for CSP1 and CSP3 counties. Her presentation was included as part of the previous item, and you can access the complete presentation here: [http://first5association.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/CQSS-Presentation-for-Jan-2015-Commission-Mtg-01-21-15snm2.pdf](http://first5association.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/CQSS-Presentation-for-Jan-2015-Commission-Mtg-01-21-15snm2.pdf).
West Sacramento program staff, providers, and parents provided public comment. The transition funding was unanimously approved.

**Report on the Effect of Young Children’s Contact with the Child**
Emily Putnam-Hornstein, PhD presented the report and data she shared at the First 5 Association Summit in September 2014. While we don’t have her presentation from the State Commission meeting, we do have the Summit presentation on our website: [http://first5association.org/2014summit/](http://first5association.org/2014summit/)

Commissioners were very interested in the presentation, asking questions about the specifics of the risk factors, county specific data, and possible impact of the increased social worker caseloads on the CPS data.

Commissioner Collis asked Dr. Putnam-Hornstein for her recommendations on next steps. Commissioner Davis commented that it’s important to think of the risk factors as social factors as well. Dr. Putnam-Hornstein agreed, and also noted that these risk factors are simply proxies for much more complex social, economic, and environmental factors. In response to a question about the power of specific variables, Dr. Putnam-Hornstein noted that, in terms of protective factors, participation in first trimester prenatal care lowers the risk for involvement in the child welfare system. Families where mothers sought prenatal care in the first trimester had the lowest rates of involvement, and those where prenatal care was started later had the highest risk.

**Update on Alternative Sources for Additional Revenue**
Frank Furtek provided an update on the staff activity, as directed by Commissioners, to explore additional revenue sources to continue First 5 efforts. The following is a summary of his presentation:

- First 5 California (F5CA) will work with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the First 5 Association to on the e-cigarette taxation issues.
- Momentum is growing for a California marijuana initiative in 2016. The Drug Policy Alliance (DPA) is poised to place an initiative on the California ballot next year. Staff has made contact with DPA to assess its interest in including First 5 on the list of intended recipients for the 2016 initiative.
- A coalition of labor and health advocates recently unveiled a campaign to impose a $2.00 a pack tax through legislation or a ballot measure. Staff has discussed the possibility of including funds for early childhood programs with campaign representatives.
- Staff are considering ways to include a “donate” button on the First 5 CA website that would allow donors to specify the target source of their donation.
- Staff will continue conversations with advocates and the Legislature to determine the interest in a future sugar-sweetened beverage excise tax, and whether First 5 could be included as one of the recipients of the tax if a bill were drafted.

**Financial Update**

She noted that staff are now using a more conservative approach to projecting future tobacco tax revenues. Total tobacco tax revenue received by the Fund decreased by 4.2 percent in FY 2013–14 and is expected to decrease by another 5 percent in FY 2014–15. Recent revenue projections provided by Department of Finance anticipate tax revenue to decline between 2.3 to 2.6 percent between FYs 2015–16 and 2018–19. Based on the significantly greater decrease over the past two fiscal years, staff decided to use a more conservative figure of 4.5 percent for revenue decline.
Partnerships to Support Healthy Breastfeeding Beginnings

**Goal:** Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of a child’s life is the norm in Ventura County

### Mothers, Infants, and Families

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### Actions

- **Staff Training**
- **Policy Development**
- **Quality Improvement**
- **Peer-to-Peer Support**
- **Messaging to Families**
- **Management Support**
- **Lactation Accommodation**
- **Community Education**
- **Peer-to-Peer Support**
- **Messaging to Families**
- **Leverage Efforts**

### We Learned It Is Important To:

- **Build capacity** among health professionals through training and collaborative partnerships to support breastfeeding.
- **Develop relationships** with regional partners as they can provide support on best practices.
- Work closely with the Breastfeeding Coalition to leverage efforts and reach more families.
- **Learn** directly from hospitals and clinics about their gaps, policies, and quality improvement.
- Provide peer-to-peer support to develop relationships among leaders and soften silos.
- **Engage with employers** that are breastfeeding champions and encourage other employers to adopt similar policies and practice.
- **Expand partnerships** to drive policy, quality improvement, and systems change for improved breastfeeding rates.

### Results

- **Six maternity care hospitals** engaged in collaboration, quality improvement, and best practices.
- **360 health professionals** were trained in mother-infant attachment and supportive breastfeeding practices.
- **83 new Certified Lactation Counselors** were trained to provide breastfeeding support from prenatal to postpartum.
- Partnerships with two hospitals resulted in 5000 breastfeeding bags provided to parents with breastfeeding resources.
- **Three large employers** joined the workplace breastfeeding campaign (two large malls and the County of Ventura) with lactation guidelines, accommodation, and resources for employees and customers.
- **Partnerships** with organizations serving families prenatal to postpartum have expanded impact and encouraged hospitals to develop relationships within the community.

### About First 5 Ventura County

Because the first 5 years impact a lifetime, voters approved Proposition 10 in 1998, giving rise to First 5. First 5 Ventura County works with communities to create and fund early learning, health, and family support services anchored by 11 Neighborhoods for Learning. First 5 embraces partnerships with families, service providers, civic leaders, and businesses. These efforts help children start kindergarten healthy, supported and prepared to learn.

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What Mothers & Babies Need

**Supported by healthcare providers who:**
- Understand what mothers and babies need
- Listen, educate and screen patients
- Have adequate knowledge, support and capacity
- Participate in coordinated systems of care

**Supported by partnerships, centralized information resources & guiding frameworks:**
Healthy People 2020, 5 Protective Factors, Lifecourse Perspective, ACEs, Baby Friendly, Health Equity & Social Determinants of Health

Ventura County Prenatal Convening: December 1, 2014
5 Gap Areas Emerged

1. Transitions  prenatal to postpartum, hospital to home, returning to work.

2. Special Populations  teens, Mixteco.

3. Centralized Information  2-1-1.


INVESTING IN CALIFORNIA’S CHILDREN

For over 15 years, First 5 has been a leader in providing essential and effective services for California’s youngest children.

In 1998, California voters passed Proposition 10, the ballot initiative that created First 5 commissions in every county to support the healthy development of children from birth through 5 years of age – the time when 90% of brain development occurs. Last year alone, First 5 county commissions invested over $546 million to improve the lives of California children – more than the top private and community foundations combined.

CALIFORNIA’S YOUNGEST CHILDREN AT A GLANCE

- 3M children ages 0-5 in California
- 46% Medi-Cal births
- 25% living in poverty
- 10% reported for abuse or neglect at least once
- 8% with identified special health care needs

LAST YEAR, FIRST 5 COUNTY COMMISSIONS INVESTED...

- $546M Reaching nearly 875,000 children – 1 in 4 of California’s kids
- 197M Early Childhood Education (Preschool, QRIS, Infant and Toddler Care)
- 170M Health (Home Visiting, Developmental Screening, Health Access)
- 122M Family Strengthening (Parent Education, Homeless Services)
- 57M Systems Investments

COUNTY COMMISSIONS SERVED:

- 40% Infants and toddlers
- 60% Preschoolers
- 64% Latino
- 14% White
- 11% Multi-Racial / Other
- 6% Asian
- 5% African-American
POLICY PRIORITIES 2015

PROPOSITION 10 REVENUE HAS DECLINED BY NEARLY FIFTY PERCENT SINCE 2000:

$650 million in 2000
$350 million in 2010
$300 million in 2020 (projected)
$100 per child

FIRST 5 HAS CREATED A SOLID INFRASTRUCTURE OF CRITICAL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES. But to fully realize the great gains to children and society that investments like these reap, California must invest more (and make the case for increased Federal investments) in these areas:

EARLY LEARNING
Ensure access to high quality preschool for four-year-olds, build sufficient training and assessment capacity to increase quality, and increase the availability of programs serving infants and toddlers in quality licensed settings.

ORAL HEALTH
Increase access and quality of dental services, especially for the State’s youngest children and implement the Department of Health Care Services recommendations to increase utilization of dental services – especially for younger children – included in the recent state audit of Medi-Cal’s dental program.

EARLY IDENTIFICATION
Implement a universal state plan to ensure all children receive periodic and routine developmental screening and connection to needed services through care coordination.

FAMILY STRENGTHENING
Expand access to evidence-based family strengthening programs (including home visitation), particularly those with evidence of reducing the risk for child abuse and neglect.

SYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY AND REACH
Work with statewide partners to increase funding streams dedicated to early childhood health and development and take to scale the evidenced-based practices proven by First 5 Commissions throughout the state.

IT’S TIME TO TAKE THIS EFFORT TO SCALE. There is too much evidence to ignore. We know what children need, and together, we can ensure all of California’s children get the best possible start.
Prioritizing Young Children in All Policies

Family Strengthening

- Formally adopt the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework as the “north star” in the statewide early childhood system of care, guiding investments in policy, program, training, and assessment systems.
- Provide universal access to a continuum of evidence-based voluntary newborn home visiting programs.
- Implement evidence-based family strengthening programs, particularly those with evidence of reducing the risk for child abuse and neglect.

Early Identification and Intervention

- Implement a universal state plan to ensure all children receive periodic and routine developmental screening and connection to needed services through care coordination.
- Improve data collection, data sharing and data reporting on key indicators of screening activities, including referral and follow-up as a result of the screening results.
- Increase access to comprehensive approaches (such as Help Me Grow) to enhance communication and care coordination to ensure children are connected to services as quickly as possible.

Oral Health

- Provide financial incentives to ensure access to essential dental services for the youngest children enrolled in Medi-Cal.
- Invest in community-based programs, such as the Virtual Dental Home, that bring preventive dental services to young children where they are (e.g., Head Start, Early Head Start, clinics) through the innovative use of workforce solutions and technology.
- Ensure the Department of Health Care Services implements the recommendations to increase utilization of dental services—especially for younger children—included in the recent state audit of Medi-Cal’s dental program.

Quality Early Learning

- Require that early learning programs utilizing federal, state, or local funding participate in continuous improvement processes with benchmarked tiers of quality rating with action plans and resources tied to improvement plans.
- Ensure counties, early learning consortia, and early learning programs have the supports needed to successfully implement the QRIS statewide.
- Strengthen the qualifications, compensation, and stability of the ECE workforce.
- Continue to expand access to high quality preschool for four-year-olds and grow the capacity statewide to serve infants and toddlers in quality licensed settings.

System Sustainability and Reach

- Work with statewide partners to explore and advance opportunities to increase funding streams dedicated to early childhood health and development.