

COMMISSION MEETING
April 19, 2023 – 3:00-5:00pm
3375 Sonoma Blvd, Suite 30, Vallejo, CA 94590

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CALL TO ORDER / SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Public Comment

Information

This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on matters not listed on the Agenda that are otherwise within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Please submit a Speaker Card and limit your comments to 3 minutes.

II. Consent Calendar (5 min)

Action

- A. Approve the April 19, 2023 Commission Meeting Agenda
- B. Approve the [March 15, 2023 Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

III. April Children's Month Resolutions (10 min)

Action

Adopt resolutions recognizing April 2023 as [Children's Month](#) and [Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)

Juanita Morales, Program Manager; Zoila Sanchez Child Abuse Prevention Council Coordinator

IV. Child Care Provider Appreciation Day Resolution (10 min)

Action

Adopt a resolution recognizing May 12, 2023 as [Child Care Provider Appreciation Day](#)
Lorraine Fernandez, Program Manager; Kathy Lago, Executive Director, Solano Family and Children's Services

V. Allocations of Funding (25 min)

Action

- A. Consider approval of allocations of funding for Help Me Grow Solano Services of up to \$380,000 per year for 3 years, total allocation of \$1,140,000 for FY2023/24-FY2025/26 in response to Request for Proposals #2023-01 to Solano Family and Children's Services
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 - c. \$20,000 to Carquinez Garden School to provide childcare to children 12-24 months of age in Vallejo.
 - d. \$20,000 to Faith Food Fridays to provide healthy and culturally appropriate foods to children 0-5 experiencing food insecurity.
 - e. \$20,000 to Gifted Minds to provide transportation and childcare for under resourced children ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers.
 - f. \$10,000 to Miracle Math Coaching to create brain-based tools and provide highly interactive learning opportunities for children ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers
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 - h. \$20,000 to Solano County Resource Families Association to pilot a Trauma Informed Care Training for caregivers of children ages 0-5.
 - i. \$20,000 to Solano Family Justice Center to design and create an environment specifically for children under 5 years of age
(Source of funds: 2023-2028 Program Investment Plan)
- D. Consider approval of an allocation of \$100,000 per year for 3 years, total allocation of \$300,000 for FY2023/24-FY2025/26 to Solano County Health and Social Services via Aliados Health for prenatal and early parenting activities for black mothers (Source of funds: 2023-2028 Program Investment Plan)
- E. Consider approval of an allocation of \$50,000 per year for 3 years, total allocation of \$150,000 for FY2023/24-FY2025/26 to Solano County Health and Social Services, Mental Health Division for EPSDT mental health services (Source of funds: 2023-2028 Program Investment Plan)

Denise Winters, Deputy Director, Juanita Morales, Program Manager

- VI. Strategic Plan Review & Review Community Indicators of Child Well-Being** (50 min) **Information/ Discussion**
Review the Commission's [Strategic Plan](#) and data on community indicators of child well-being
Michele Harris, Executive Director; Christina Branom, Applied Survey Research
- VII. Executive Director's Report** (15 min) **Information**
Michele Harris, Executive Director
- VIII. Commissioner Remarks** (5 min) **Information**
- IX. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location** **Information**
The next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting is June 21, 2023 at 3:00PM at 3375 Sonoma Boulevard, Suite 30, Vallejo. Future agenda items: First 5 CA Annual Report, Equity Audit report and presentation

ADJOURN

Tyffany Wanberg, Chair
Amy Fabi, Vice Chair
Nimat Shakoor-Grantham
Lisette Estrella-Henderson
Gerald Huber



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS

Tiffanee Jones
Erin Hannigan
Neely McElroy
Michele Harris, ED

Vision: All Solano County children are healthy, eager to learn, and nurtured by strong families in safe and inclusive communities.

Mission: First 5 Solano is a catalyst that strategically advances innovative, prevention-focused approaches across systems that improve the lives of young children and their families.

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**First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission
Commission Meeting**

March 15, 2023, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
3375 Sonoma Blvd, Suite 30, Vallejo, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present: Chair Tyffany Wanberg, Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Amy Fabi, Jerry Huber, Neely McElroy, Nimat Shakoor-Grantham

Commissioners present via Zoom videoconferencing; Tiffanee Jones

Chair Wanberg called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM

I. Public Comment

No public comment

II. Consent Calendar

Motion:

A. Approve the March 15, 2023 Commission Meeting Agenda

B. Approve the December 14, 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes

Consent Calendar moved by Commissioner Huber; Seconded by Commissioner Fabi

Approved 6-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Fabi, Huber, Jones, McElroy, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. Introduction of 2023 Officers; Chair Affirms Committee Assignments

Commissioner Wanberg was introduced as Commission Chair and Commissioner Amy Fabi was introduced as Commission Vice Chair.

Commissioner Shakoor-Grantham joined the meeting

IV. First 5 Solano FY2023/24 Annual Budget

First 5 Solano Deputy Director Denise Winters presented the FY2023/24 Annual Budget. This budget will be effective July 1st, 2023 until June 30th, 2024. The budget does not include funds that are not secured. Projected revenue at \$10.2M is significantly higher than FY2022/23, as budget includes multiple contributions which will be used towards Vallejo's Early Learning Center (ELC) renovation. Expenditures at \$13.3M, include data collection,

administration, grants, and will also be significantly higher as funds are being used towards the ELC.

Motion:

A. Approve the First 5 Solano FY2023/24 Proposed Budget

First 5 Solano FY2023/24 Annual Budget motion A moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson; Seconded by Commissioner McElroy

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Fabi, Huber, Jones, McElroy, Shakoor-Grantham, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

B. Delegate authority to the Executive Director to incorporate additional grant funds in the FY2023/24 budget

First 5 Solano FY2023/24 Annual Budget motion B moved by Commissioner Huber; Seconded by Commissioner

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Fabi, Huber, Jones, McElroy, Shakoor-Grantham, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

C. Approve an allocation of \$620,700 to Bay Area Community Resources for the First 5 Center

First 5 Solano FY2023/24 Annual Budget motion C moved by Commissioner Estrella-Henderson; Seconded by Commissioner McElroy

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Fabi, Huber, Jones, McElroy, Shakoor-Grantham, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Commissioner Estrella-Henderson recused herself

D. Approve an allocation of \$100,000 per year for 3 years, total allocation of \$300,000 for FY2023/24-FY2025/26 to Solano County Office of Education for School Readiness activities

First 5 Solano FY2023/24 Annual Budget motion D moved by Commissioner McElroy; Seconded by Commissioner Huber

Approved 6-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Fabi, Huber, Jones, McElroy, Shakoor-Grantham, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Commissioner Estrella-Henderson rejoined the meeting

E. Approve an allocation of \$100,000 per year for 3 years, total allocation of \$300,000 for FY2023/24-FY2025/26 to Solano County Health and Social Services via Aliados Health for prenatal and early parenting activities for black mothers

Due to a lack of quorum physically present, this item will be continued to the April 19th, 2023 Commission meeting.

F. Approve an allocation of \$50,000 per year for 3 years, total allocation of \$150,000 for FY2023/24-FY2025/26 to Solano County Health and Social Services, Mental Health Division for EPSDT mental health services

Due to a lack of quorum physically present, this item will be continued to the April 19th, 2023 Commission meeting.

G. Approve an allocation of \$42,000 per year for 3 years, total allocation of \$126,000 for FY2023/24-FY2025/26 to Rio Vista CARE for neighborhood-based family support activities

First 5 Solano FY2023/24 Annual Budget motion G moved by Commissioner Huber; Seconded by Commissioner Shakoor-Grantham

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Fabi, Huber, Jones, McElroy, Shakoor-Grantham, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

H. Approve an allocation of up to \$80,000 to the following Pre-Kindergarten Academy providers for Summer 2023:

- a. Up to \$50,000 to Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District***
- b. Up to \$10,000 to Dixon Unified School District***
- c. Up to \$20,000 to Vallejo City Unified School District***

First 5 Solano FY2023/24 Annual Budget motion H moved by Commissioner McElroy; Seconded by Commissioner Fabi

Approved 7-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Estrella-Henderson, Fabi, Huber, Jones, McElroy, Shakoor-Grantham, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

V. Equity Audit

This item will be continued to the April 19th, 2023 Commission meeting as the Consultant was ill and unable to attend.

VI. Executive Director's Report

First 5 Solano Executive Director Michele Harris noted that the County Administrator and Assistant County Administrator made a site visit to F5S to discuss the Early Learning Center and the progress that has been made. F5S is working with F5 CA on a Home Visiting Coordination Grant. Due to a lack of staffing with F5 CA, the process has been slowed but funding is expected to be received within the next fiscal year. In addition, the First 5 Center in Vallejo celebrated it's third birthday. Several Commissioners came to the Center to celebrate with families and staff. Commissioners Fabi and Estrella-Henderson both noted that it was a wonderful and fun event.

VII. Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner Estrella-Henderson congratulated F5S Deputy Director Winters on her first budget presentation as Deputy Director. Per Commissioner Huber, CalFresh funding will see a cut starting in April. In addition, Medi-Cal redetermination paperwork is due 04/01/2023. As there was no redetermination during the COVID pandemic, there is no projection on how many families will be lost (due to address changes, income changes, failure to respond, etc.). Commissioner Wanberg encouraged those who have not visited Vacaville's Play 4 All park to do so.

VIII. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location

The next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting is April 19, 2023 at 3:00PM at 3375 Sonoma Boulevard, Suite 30, Vallejo. Future agenda items include: Strategic Plan Review, Community Indicators Review, Allocations of Funding, April Children's Month

IX. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS: (Pursuant to Government code §54956.8): a. Property: 1450 Coronel Avenue, Vallejo, California (APN 0074-195-010); Agency negotiators Michele Harris, Executive Director, First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission, Scott Sheldon, Terra Realty Advisors – Negotiating party: Vallejo

City Unified School District Under negotiation: Price and terms

Adjourn

Chair Wanberg adjourned the meeting for the public at 3:55 PM.

Caitlin Brakefield, Office Assistant III

Approved:

Resolution No. 2023-002

RESOLUTION OF THE FIRST 5 SOLANO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2023 AS “CHILDREN’S MONTH” IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Solano County is committed to the improvement of health and wellness of all those who live and work in our community and acknowledges the health, safety and well-being of young children as critical components of the Solano County Board of Supervisors’ strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, each year since 2006 Solano County has celebrated and observed the multiple children’s events recognizing April as “Children’s Month”; and

WHEREAS, many community partners join together to expand awareness of young children’s issues by promoting “April Children’s Month” through public education and events; and

WHEREAS, From birth to age 5, a child’s brain develops more than at any other time in life. And early brain development has a lasting impact on a child’s ability to learn and succeed in school and life; and

WHEREAS, Solano County recognizes April as Autism Acceptance Month, previously named Autism Awareness Month and April 2 as Autism Acceptance Day to celebrate and promote acceptance for those living with autism which, as of 2020, occurs in one of every 54 children in the United States and;

WHEREAS, National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), Quality Counts Solano and Solano County Office of Education recognize April 1-7, 2023 as Week of the Young Child celebrating early learning, young children, their caregivers and teachers, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Solano County Library, in conjunction with the American Library Association and public libraries across the country, celebrates April 23-29, 2023 as National Library Week with the theme “There’s More to the Story” and April 30, 2023 as “El Dia de los Niños/El Dia de los Libros” (Children’s Day/Children’s Book Day); and

WHEREAS, Month of the Military Child allows us to pay tribute to military children, across the country and in our local military community at Travis Air Force Base, for their ability to take on unique challenges and adapt to present and future changes that other youth their age never experience; and

WHEREAS, these observances focus on the need to give children in our community and around the country a better chance for safe and positive futures and supportive environments in which to thrive; and

WHEREAS, many local organizations have dedicated their efforts to ensuring that all Solano children receive the care, support and services crucial to their growth and development, to build better futures for everyone in Solano County and should be recognized for the work that occurs year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission hereby proclaims the month of April 2023 as “Children’s Month” in Solano County, and encourages all residents to work to support the health, safety and well-being of children and youth in Solano County.

Dated this 19th day of April 2023

Tyffany Wanberg, Chair
First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission

By: _____
Caitlin Brakefield, Office Assistant III

Resolution No. 2023-003

RESOLUTION OF THE FIRST 5 SOLANO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2023 AS “CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH” IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Solano County is committed to the improvement of health and wellness of all those who live and work in our community and acknowledges the health, safety and well-being of young children in Solano County; and

WHEREAS, the Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council is sponsoring the Blue-Ribbon Campaign in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month to promote public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children, and the resources available to strengthen and support families; and

WHEREAS, Children’s Memorial Flag Day is recognized in the United States by the Child Welfare League of America on the fourth Friday of April as a way of memorializing the thousands of children who die each year, and as a day to raise awareness about the continuing problem of violence against children; and

WHEREAS, across America, National Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association and its local member organizations set aside a day in April as Children’s Light of Hope Day to recognize and acknowledge the CASA volunteers, foster and adoptive parents who have opened their hearts and homes to abused and neglected children in our community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects and are serious problems affecting every segment of our community; and

WHEREAS, finding solutions requires input and action from everyone as our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Solano County; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, we work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission hereby proclaims the month of April 2023 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Solano County and urges all citizens to recognize this month by improving the quality of life for all children and families in Solano County.

Dated this 19th day of April 2023

Tyffany Wanberg, Chair
First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission

By: _____
Caitlin Brakefield, Office Assistant III

Resolution No. 2023-004

RESOLUTION OF THE FIRST 5 SOLANO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION PROCLAIMING MAY 12, 2023 AS CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

WHEREAS, high quality child care and early education play a crucial role in child development, health and nutrition, child abuse prevention, and social-emotional outcomes that result in enhanced school readiness, and successful K-12 educational and higher education experiences; and

WHEREAS, child care providers include teachers and caregivers in child care centers, family child care homes, extended family, friends, and neighbors, all of whom are essential to supporting working parents; and

WHEREAS, there are over 500 licensed child care providers, over 780 license-exempt child care providers, and countless other community members in Solano County who provide this essential service which supports the local economy; and

WHEREAS, child care programs, which are mostly small businesses, run and staffed predominantly by women, are still recovering from health and financial hardships stemming from the pandemic while they have continued to meet the needs of families; and

WHEREAS, Solano County has acknowledged the crucial role that child care plays in the local economy, resource infrastructure during emergencies, and in everyday lives of community members who count on safe and reliable child care to work, go to school, and become self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, Solano Family & Children's Services, in partnership with other early childhood community partners, continues to engage in a child care provider recruitment campaign with the goal of expanding the availability of licensed child care settings to serve families in Solano County to aid in the recovery stage of the pandemic and to support growth in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission, Solano Family & Children's Services, the Local Child Care Planning Council, along with advocacy organizations across the United States, will be increasing awareness of the importance of child care providers on May 12, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission does hereby proclaim May 12, 2023 as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in Solano County.

Dated this 19th day of April 2023

Tyffany Wanberg, Chair
First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission

ATTEST:

Caitlin Brakefield, Office Assistant III

DATE: April 12, 2023
TO: First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission
FROM: Denise Winters, Deputy Director; Juanita Morales, Program Manager
SUBJ: FY2023/24 Allocations of Funding

Motion A: Consider approval of allocations of funding for Help Me Grow Solano Services of up to \$380,000 per year for 3 years, total allocation of \$1,140,000 for FY2023/24-FY2025/26 in response to Request for Proposals #2023-01 to Solano Family and Children's Services

(Source of funds 2023-2028 Program Investment Plan and Mental Health Services Act)

Staff Report: In FY2023/24, the Commission dedicated \$1,140,000 toward its three years of Help Me Grow Solano Services. Staff issued Request for Proposals (RFP) #2023-01 to solicit for vendors to operate this program. After multiple inquiries, one proposer was the only viable candidate, the existing HMG Solano operator, Solano Family and Children's Services. This motion brings forward the allocation to continue these services for three additional years.

Motion B: Consider approval of allocations of funding for Triple P Parent Education Services of up to \$375,000 per year for 3 years, total allocation of \$1,125,000 for FY2023/24-FY2025/26 in response to Request for Proposals #2023-02 as follows:

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(Source of funds: 2023-2028 Program Investment Plan and Mental Health Services Act)

Staff Report: In FY2023/24, the Commission dedicated \$1,125,000 toward its three years of Triple P Parent Education Services. Staff issued Request for Proposals (RFP) #2023-02 to solicit for vendors to operate this program. Three proposers submitted competitive applications, which were reviewed by a panel of 3 members with expertise in this area. This motion brings forward the recommendation for funding made by the review panel to continue these services for three additional years.

Motion C: Consider approval of allocations of funding of up to \$160,000 for FY2023/24 Annual Grants in response to Request for Applications #2023-04 as follows:

- a. \$20,000 to Bay Area Community Resources to continue the Diaper Bank Program and provide diapers to under resourced families.
- b. \$10,000 to Care4EM to provide a free Toy Lending Library to childcare programs, providers, and families.
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- h. \$20,000 to Solano County Resource Families Association to pilot a Trauma Informed Care Training for caregivers of children ages 0-5.
- i. \$20,000 to Solano Family Justice Center to design and create an environment specifically for children under 5 years of age

Staff Report: In FY2023/24, the Commission dedicated \$160,000 toward its sixth year of Annual Grants. These grants of up to \$20,000 were made available in Request for Applications (RFA) #2023-04 to meet a variety of community needs. In this cycle of funding, applicants were required to submit a Letter of Intent and attend a 30-minute mandatory grant development session facilitated by First 5 Solano staff. First 5 Solano received 19 Letters of Intent and 19 proposers attended a grant development session. In total, 12 applications were submitted in response to the RFA. Of those applications, all met the minimum criteria to be considered for funding.

A review panel consisting of representatives from First 5 Solano and other expertise in the area of early childhood, read and assigned preliminary scores to the 12 applications. The review panel subsequently met to finalize their scores and rankings, with the top 9 proposals presented to the Commission for funding.

Annual Grant Recommended Awards of Funding

	Agency	Program Description	Recm'd	Strategic Plan Priority	Geographic Location
1	Bay Area Community Resources	To supply diapers to families through a Diaper Bank Program at the First 5 Center.	\$20,000	Health & Well-Being	Vallejo
2	Care4EM	To provide free Toy lending Library to childcare programs	\$10,000	Early Childhood Learning and Development	Countywide
3	Carquinez Garden School	To support a pre-school director and expand a 2 nd childcare site for children ages 12-24 months in Vallejo	\$20,000	Early Childhood Learning and Development	Vallejo
4	Faith Food Fridays	To provide healthy and culturally appropriate foods to children 0-5 experiencing food insecurity.	\$20,000	Health & Well-Being	Vallejo
5	Gifted Minds	To provide transportation and childcare for under resourced children ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers.	\$20,000	Early Childhood Learning and Development	Countywide
6	Miracle Math Coaching	To create brain-based tools and highly interactive	\$10,000		Countywide

		learning opportunities for children ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers		Early Childhood Learning and Development	
7	Vacaville Solano Services Corp	To provide family supports and parent education in a safe and nurturing environment	\$20,000	Family Support and Parent Education	Vacaville
8	Solano County Resource Family Association	To pilot a Trauma Informed Care Training for caregivers of children ages 0-5.	\$20,000	Family Support and Parent Education	Countywide
9	Solano Family Justice Center	To design and create an environment specifically for children under 5 years of age that have experienced trauma	\$20,000	Early Childhood Learning and Development	Countywide
	Totals:		\$160,000		

Motion D: Consider approval of an allocation of \$100,000 per year for 3 years, total allocation of \$300,000 for FY2023/24-FY2025/26 to Solano County Health and Social Services via Aliados Health for prenatal support and systems activities to support birthing for black mothers

(Source of funds: 2023-2028 Program Investment Plan)

This motion, tabled from the last meeting due to a lack of a quorum in the room, brings forward the allocation of \$100,000 per year for FY2023/24-FY2025/26 to Solano County Health and Social Services via Aliados Health for prenatal support and systems activities to support birthing for black mothers. The program, developed by Solano County H&SS and administered by Aliados Health, is a dual-pronged approach to support pregnant black moms. Through the direct services arm of the program, training for doulas will be provided, with ancillary supports to help the doulas learn the craft and connect to the women that need their services the most. Secondly, community members will be educated on the challenges for black mothers in the prenatal care process, and be given the tools to carry that message into the community.

Motion E: Consider approval of an allocation of \$50,000 per year for 3 years, total allocation of \$150,000 for FY2023/24-FY2025/26 to Solano County Health and Social Services, Mental Health Division for EPSDT mental health services

(Source of funds: 2023-2028 Program Investment Plan)

This is a continued allocation of funding to Solano County Health and Social Services, Mental Health Division for EPSDT mental health services enables children 0-5 continue to for Medi-Cal mental health treatment services by First 5 Solano providing the match funds required.

Note: All awardees will be notified that the award of funds by the Commission does not constitute approval to move forward with services. Contracts for services must be successfully negotiated and executed before work can begin. Furthermore, no funds may be expended prior to the execution of contracts approved by County Counsel and the Executive Director/County Administrator, as appropriate.

DATE: April 12, 2023

TO: First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission

FROM: Michele Harris, Executive Director

SUBJ: **Strategic Plan Review and Review of Community Indicators of Child Well-Being**

The First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission is required by statute to annually review its Strategic Plan. This Commission last updated its Strategic Plan in 2022. This meeting serves as the required annual review of the Strategic Plan.

In support of the implementation of the Commission's Strategic Plan, the Commission receives an annual update on the standing of common community indicators regarding the status of young children and their families. Staff is pleased to be able to share the community indicators via the First 5 Solano website, which will allow anyone to access the data, as well as update the data as new data becomes available (a minimum of twice a year). The community indicator data can be accessed at: http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/first5/community_indicator_data.asp.

Attachment A: Strategic Plan and Community Indicators Presentation



FIRST 5 SOLANO STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

April 19, 2023




1

Strategic Plan Overview

- Strategic plan provides framework for making investment decisions that address current needs and align with your priorities and values
- Last updated in 2022 given significant changes in the community that had occurred since the previous update in 2016
 - First 5 Solano's increased systems change efforts and successes
 - COVID-19 and its ongoing effects
 - Increased awareness and attention to equity

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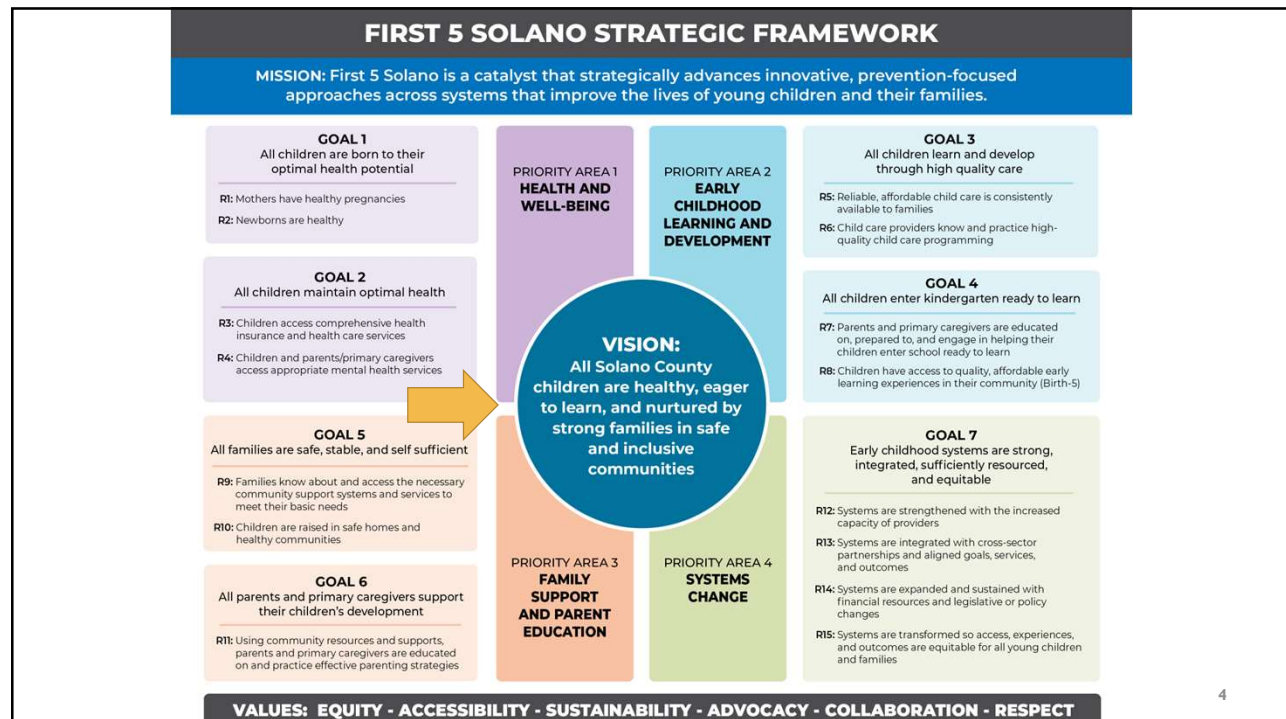
What three values should be central to the work of First 5 Solano and its partners to support young children and families?

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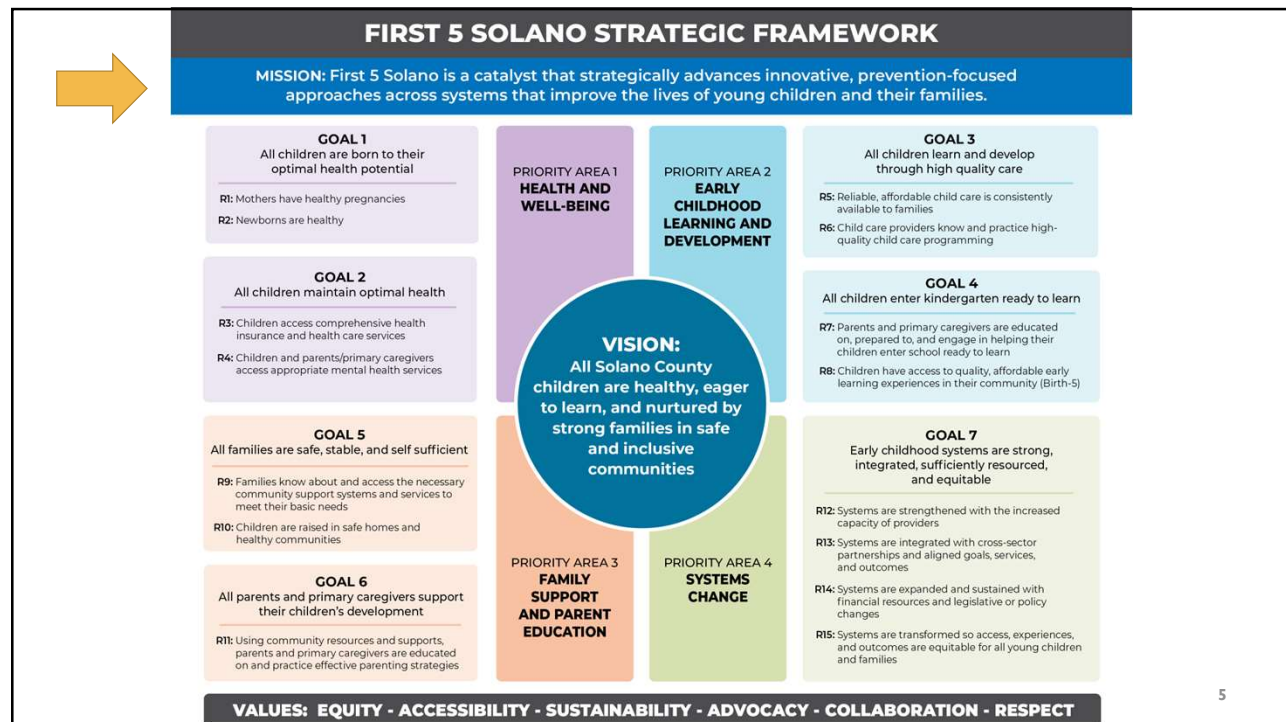
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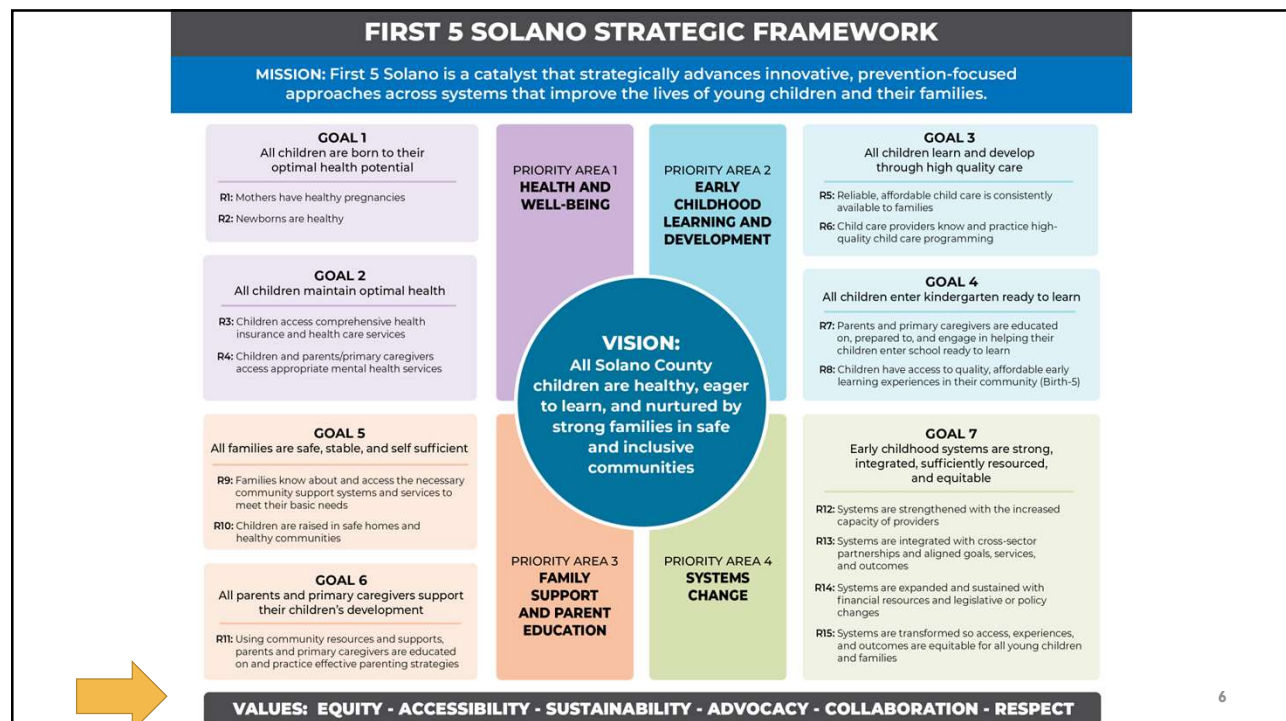


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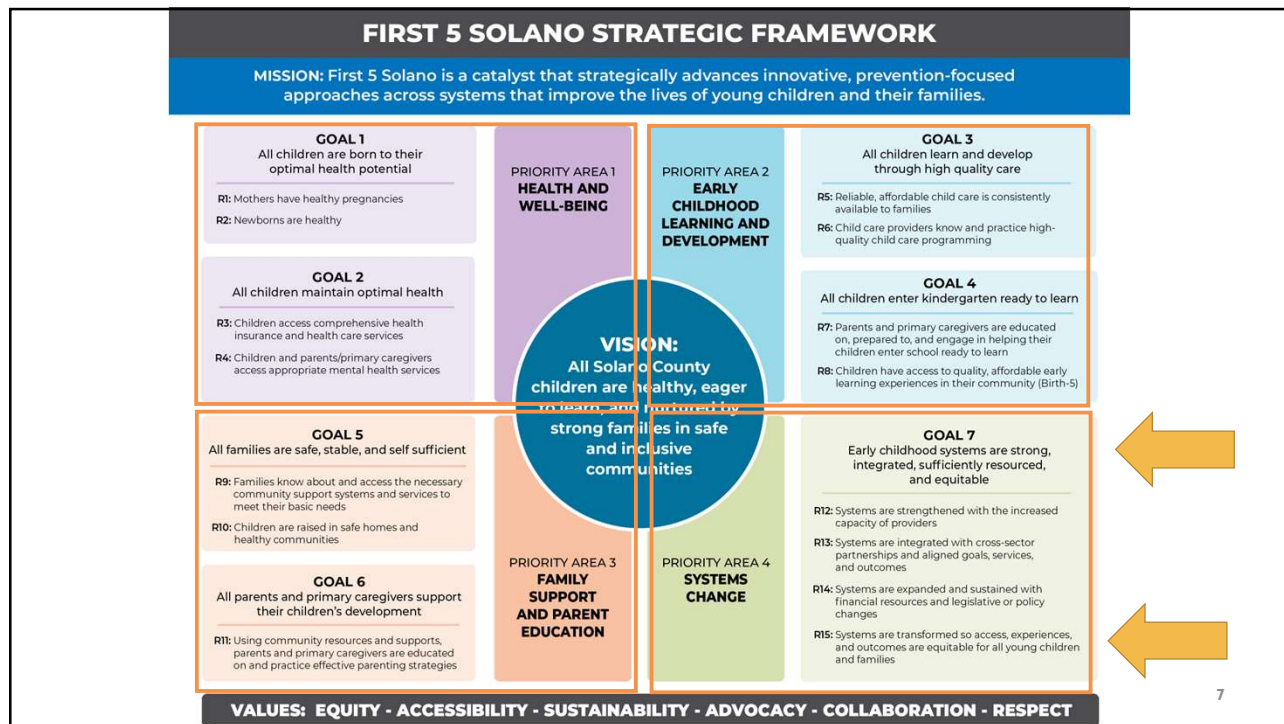
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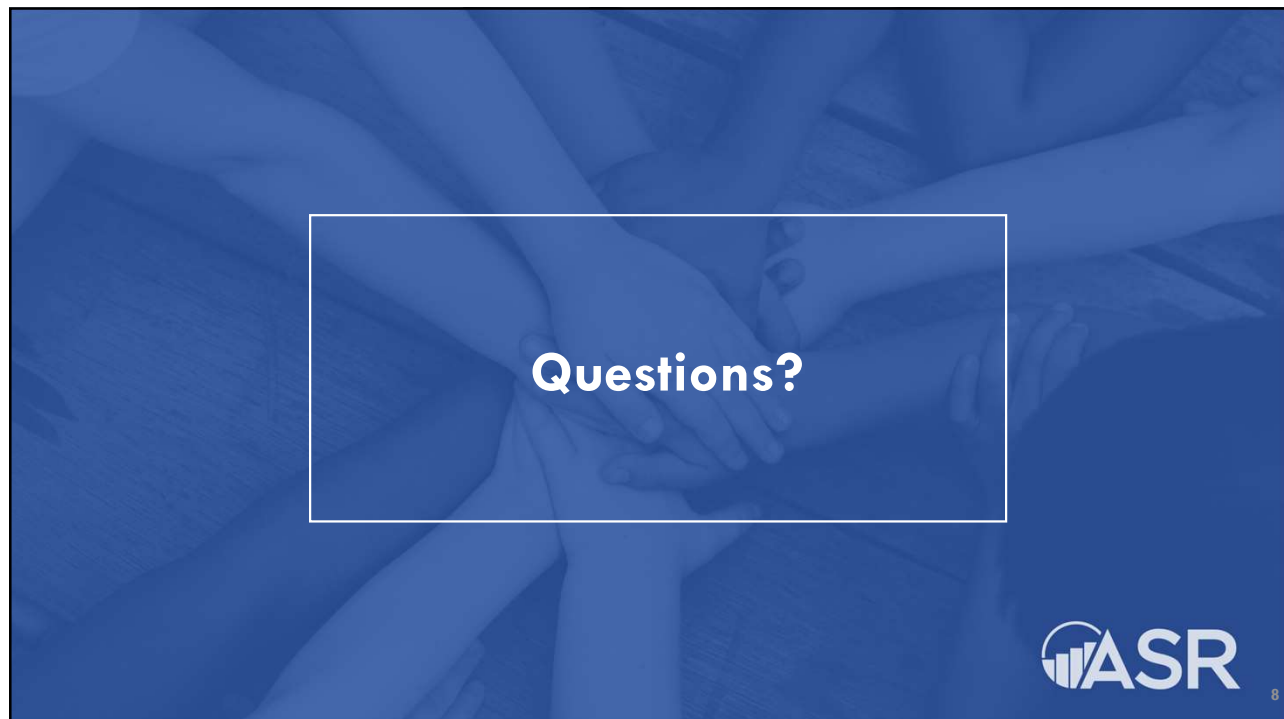
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DATE: April 12, 2023

TO: First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission

FROM: Michele Harris, Executive Director

SUBJ: **Executive Director's Report for April 19, 2023**

Triple P Budget Ask: First 5 Solano was invited to participate in a State Budget Ask that is being organized by Triple P America, requesting funding to support 6 public and community-based organizations across the state, including First 5 Solano, so that we may increase access to positive parenting and family support services within their communities. The request is for a one-time \$16.3 million reappropriation from the Children Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) in the 2023-24 State Budget. Representatives from Triple P America have had conversations with the Governor's office, and it was indicated that there are unencumbered dollars from CYBHI that could be used for these purposes. A letter of support for this budget ask is attached.

Solano Economic Development Corporation Annual Meeting: On March 21st, Lorraine Fernandez, First 5 Solano Program Manager, attended the Solano Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Annual Breakfast meeting. This was the 40th annual meeting held by Solano EDC. The presenters shared information about how Solano County is recovering post-pandemic, data on wages and housing prices, and discussed the competitive assets that Solano can offer businesses who are considering locating in Solano County.

Pre-K Academies: Eight Pre-K Academy sessions will be offered, five in Fairfield, two in Vallejo and one in Dixon. The cities with the highest risk factors such as children living in poverty, 3rd grade reading scores and dual language learners were prioritized. First 5 Solano Pre-K Academies will begin June 5-July 27, 2023. If interested in visiting a Pre-K Academy, contact Caitlin Brakefield at 707-784-1332

Community Investment Fund Planning: In June 2019, the Board of Supervisors established a Community Investment Fund (CIF) to address the top human service needs in the county, First 5 Solano continues to manage the CIF contracts. CIF planning is currently underway for the FY24/25 through FY26/27 funding period. Over the next two months the planning group will be meeting a total number of 3 times to review the current annual grants funded, discuss the current highest needs of Solano County and ask for any changes or recommendations in the funding structure for annual grants.

First 5 Solano Staffing Update: Juanita Morales has accepted the position of Early Learning Liaison, Childcare Planning & Policy at the Solano County Office of Education and will be leaving us after almost 6 years of service to the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission. First, we would like to congratulate Juanita on the new role that she has accepted and let her know that we are excited that she will continue to be an advocate and support children 0-5 in Solano County. We will be looking for great things coming from Juanita and wish her all the success.

We are recruiting to fill this position as quickly as possible.

Play4 All Park: The Play 4 All park officially opened on February 8, 2023. First 5 Solano was given an area to create a space representing the sponsorship of the park as well as a creative area to welcome children. Over the last several months we have worked with Navalta Media who worked with a local artist that put together an amazing mural, of course many delays due to weather. In the end we find the mural beautiful and are excited to have children and families visit the First 5 Solano area at the Play 4 All Park.



2023 Solano County Fair: First 5 Solano staff and grantees are meeting to plan the First 5 Family Zone at the Solano County Fair which will take place June 16-18 from 12 pm-6 pm. The fair has given First 5 Solano the opportunity to utilize a full lawn space for activities that will engage children ages 0-5 and their families. The theme for this year's event will be Western. The first day will be dedicated to STEAM and literacy, the second to a day of family fun, and the third to a day of Health and Wellness. Community partners will provide resources and activities to families visiting the Family Zone during the duration of the three-day event.

Community Responsive Mini Grants: On May 1, 2023, the first application period for all four types of mini grants (Community Engagement Event, Professional Development Opportunity, Equipment and Materials, and Time-Limited Program) will be open, with a total of \$30,000 available for events or activities taking place between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. Applications are due May 19, 2023. The second application period will be released in October for event(s) or activities in January 1, 2024 - June 2024. The application will be made available through an electronic google form to provide easy access for community partners on the First 5 Solano website.

Attachment A – Triple P Budget Ask



March 30, 2023

The Honorable Joaquin Arambula, Chair
Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health & Human Services
1201 O Street, Suite 8130
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phil Ting, Chair
Assembly Budget Fiscal Committee
1201 O Street, Suite 8230
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
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Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Caroline Menjivar, Chair
Senate Budget Subcommittee on Health & Human Services
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RE: Family Support Services/Positive Parenting Support Services

We write to respectfully ask for a one-time \$16.3 million reapportionment from the Children Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) in the 2023-24 State Budget that will provide funding to public and community-based organizations across the state so they may increase access to positive parenting and family support services within their communities.

California continues to lead the nation in its forward-thinking efforts to address and champion change for children and families, especially those affected by increased anxiety, depression and other mental and behavioral health needs of children and youth, including challenges within the existing systems of care to meet these needs.

Early intervention can increase access for children and youth to behavioral health services, address needs more effectively earlier, and reduce reliance on more intensive services. Given new and existing investments being made in acute areas, there is an opportunity to accelerate the progress of programs upstream that currently operate at sub-scale throughout California. "Research echoes the importance of early intervention with roughly 30 percent of California caregivers reporting moderate concerns over their child's social and emotional development and

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behavioral health, and 20-40 percent of those same caregivers reporting engaging in some ineffective type of parenting.”ⁱ

We urge the Legislature to champion funding for children and families’ mental and behavioral health. We need options that can provide ***immediate, actionable support*** for parents and caregivers. Failure to address mental health, particularly early in a child’s life, can have long standing consequences for the child and costly outcomes for California.

On behalf of providers who offer the evidence-based Triple P – Positive Parenting Program for parents and families across the state of California, we respectfully outline investments below that have the potential for a widespread and transformative effect on child and family well-being in the state. Throughout California, many organizations are working together to ensure that all families have opportunities to access positive parenting programs and services in ways that respect their unique beliefs, traditions, customs, interests, and racial, ethnic, and cultural practices.

Triple P is one of the most effective evidence-based parenting programs in the world, backed by more than 35 years of ongoing research. Triple P gives parents simple and practical strategies to help them build strong, healthy relationships, confidently manage their children’s behavior, and prevent problems from developing. Triple P is used in more 30 countries and has been shown to work across cultures, socio-economic groups and in many different kinds of family structures. Select Triple P materials are available in 14 different languages. The Triple P System isn’t a one-size-fits-all approach to parenting support, but rather has different programs to help ensure that parents get the right amount of support at the right time and in a place where they feel comfortable seeking support. In California, Triple P is utilized in at least 30 of the 58 counties. Triple P was selected as one of a few core evidence-based programs to scale as part of the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) – approved by the Governor in 2021 – a key component of the plan and a multiyear, multi-department package of investments totaling \$4.7 billion that reimagines the systems that will improve access to behavioral health and wellness. Last year, Governor Newsom recognized and named Triple P in the May Revision as an evidence-based program to build supports for children, youth, and parents. We thank Governor Newsom for raising awareness of children and families’ mental health needs, most recently relating to the pandemic and inflation, among other stressors.

We are not seeking new funding, but a **reapportionment of existing funds within the CYBHI** to meet the positive parenting support service demand in communities. We are seeking a one-time reapportionment of the CYBHI funds, specifically \$16.3 million, to be expended over three years on positive parenting programs provided by specified organizations that can provide services immediately.

I. Capacity Building Funding: Provider Training

A designated funding stream reapportioned from the Governor’s Master Plan for Kids’ Mental Health would ensure that enough trained providers exist in select communities to meet the current need. This would be a tremendous investment in California’s children and families. Such funding would also provide for the expansion of services to more families across the state by allowing for trained practitioners to provide immediate, in-person assistance to

families, coupled with the availability of online parenting education program to families unwilling or unable to receive face-to-face services. Although resource and referral programs are critically important in ensuring families get access to the services they need, these networks rely on braided funding that is often subject to grant cycles and other limitations that prohibit the ability to invest in a sustainable system of care. High-quality, evidence-based programs such as Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, have been a lifeline for families.

II. Fear-Less

This funding would provide access to Fear-Less Triple P. Fear-Less Triple P is a new, cognitive-behavioral parenting program for parents (and caregivers) of children aged 6 to 14 years with anxiety. Fear-Less Triple P is currently available to parents as six group or individual sessions, as a workshop or as a 2-hour seminar. There is also Fear-Less Online. With our kids on backlogged behavioral health waitlists, Fear-Less Online enables supports that are accessible 24/7, not just face-to-face, and mitigate the wait period ahead of a child's upcoming in-person appointment, which could range up to twelve months, providing children with much-needed support from the comfort of their own homes. Families could see enough positive change to come off waitlists, saving those higher-end interventions for the most at need and significantly improve access to supports through the existing network of staff from existing community-based programs, counties, health clinics, libraries around the state. The Triple P system, with online options and support that can be provided by a range of people with different backgrounds and levels of educational and lived experience can free up more highly trained professionals currently overwhelmed by community needs. [Two-thirds of Californians aged 12–17](#) who have depression did not receive any care in the past year and less than 50% of California young children with emotional, behavioral, or relationship disturbances receive any treatment, especially nonpharmacologic treatmentsⁱⁱ. Furthermore, 60% of patients presenting at emergency departments or primary care with behavioral health issues leave medical settings *without receiving treatment* for these conditionsⁱⁱⁱ. This is compounded with the fact that for every 100,000 children in California, the state has only 13 practicing board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrists^{iv}. Lack of timely care can lead to or worsen the symptoms of depression, behavior problems in school, and substance misuse.

III. Implementation

The state's existing infrastructure could be leveraged for further scaling of parent education and support services. Trained providers help families identify their needs, build on their strengths, and provide the supports that are relevant to their diverse desires and interests. This funding would help train providers to address turnover and attrition at current agencies including expansion in counties, and ensuring the necessary parent resources are accessible for providers. This funding would account for resources and evaluation for quality assurance, efficacy, and improvement, as well as provide funding to reach a broad cross section of the population with positive parenting information and messages. This includes a range of materials that put parenting on the public agenda and to raise awareness of the need to support parents in this vital role and aims to destigmatize and normalize the process of seeking parenting help; encourage parents to participate in positive parenting interventions; increase the visibility and reach of positive parenting interventions; and, help parents become more confident and self-sufficient in their parenting.

Conclusion

These investments have the potential to reduce costs to the state economy and contribute to economic growth. For example, the Triple P program has a significant return on investment, the Washington State Institute of Public Policy (WSIPP) recently calculated that Standard Triple P provides benefits to taxpayers, participants, and others of \$5,669 *per participant*, in areas such as criminal justice, labor markets earnings, education and health care. It found **for every \$1 spent on Triple P upstream it saves \$7.78 downstream across several human service sectors.**^v



In addition, a landmark study on Triple P conducted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) illustrated similar cost savings, demonstrating community-wide reductions of child maltreatment by 23.5%, foster care placements by 9.1%, and hospital-treated child maltreatment injuries by 10.5%.^{vi}

Families need to be able to get the support they need before they are in crisis, and we must continue to normalize help-seeking behavior while promoting family self-sufficiency and choice. We are facing a mental health crisis and our children and parents/guardians deserve greater access to comprehensive supports. Moreover, we understand the state's fiscal outlook is different today compared to last year's surplus; however, the state must continue to focus on investments in this space—the future health and prosperity of California depends on what we do for our children and families today. We call on our state leaders to prioritize funding for positive parenting programs as part of this year's budget. All parents and families are worthy of obtaining the supports to have a healthy and productive life.

This request is supported by the organizations from counties throughout the state including: First 5 Santa Cruz, First 5 Solano, Jewish Family Service of San Diego, C.O.P.E. Family Support Center, LA County Libraries, Napa County Triple P Collaborative (COPE Family Center, Up Valley Family Centers, and ParentsCAN). We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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