

POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
October 2, 2023 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
3375 Sonoma Boulevard, Suite 30, Vallejo, CA 94590

CALL TO ORDER

I. Introductions, Public Comment, Commissioner Comment

II. Consent Calendar

Action

- A. Approve the October 2, 2023 Policy and Oversight Committee Meeting Agenda
- B. Approve the [March 6, 2023 Policy and Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
- C. Receive the [Commissioner Meeting Attendance Status Report](#)

III. Annual Review of Commission Policies

Information

Receive a report on the 2023 Review of Commission Policies
Toya Adams, Program Manager

IV. Early Learning Center Update

Information/Discussion

Receive an [Early Learning Center](#) update, including status of the site, the funding and the design for the campus

Michele Harris, Executive Director

V. 2023 Strategic Plan Implementation Updates

Information/Discussion

Receive updates on the following:

- A. [Community Engagement](#) Update
- B. [Program Updates](#)
- C. [Systems Change Update](#)

Kwiana Algere, Toya Adams, Gene Ibe, Program Managers

VI. First 5 Solano Staffing and Finance Update

Information

Receive a report on First 5 Solano [staffing and financials](#), including an update on the Annual Audit. *Denise Winters, Deputy Director*

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

Information

The Policy and Oversight Committee is scheduled to meet next on Monday, November 27, 10:00 am to 11:30 am, at 3375 Sonoma Boulevard, Suite 30, Vallejo, CA. Future agenda items include Early Learning Center finances, Strategic Plan Implementation updates, and Staffing and Finance.

ADJOURN

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
Policy & Oversight Committee (POC) Meeting**

March 06, 2023, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
3375 Sonoma Blvd Ste 30, Vallejo, CA

Minutes

Commissioners present: Commissioner Fabi, Commissioner Wanberg, Commissioner Hannigan (joined at 10:30 AM)

Chair Fabi called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM.

I. Introduction, Public Comment, Commissioner Comment

There were no public or Commissioner comments.

II. Consent Calendar

Motion:

- A. Approve the March 06, 2023 Policy and Oversight Committee Meeting Agenda
- B. Approve the October 03, 2022 Policy and Oversight Committee Meeting minutes
- C. Receive the Commissioner Meeting Attendance Status Report

Moved by Commissioner Wanberg; Seconded by Commissioner Fabi

Approved 2-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Fabi, Wanberg

Nay: None

Abstain: None

III. Early Learning Center

Executive Director Michele Harris offered an update for the Committee on the Early Learning Center in Vallejo. After 15 months of negotiations with Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD), it was realized that it was not possible to lease the Beverly Hills Elementary School site so a purchase of the site must be made, with Child Start as the master owner. In order for Solano County as an agency to negotiate with VCUSD, ED Harris will attend next Tuesday's Board of Supervisor's meeting to ask permission to negotiate a sale and then transfer ownership to Child Start with renovations to start afterwards. Renovations are estimated at \$12M, with \$10.88M already raised and an additional \$6M out in asks, totaling \$16M in a stretch goal. If \$16M is obtained, a new Community Resources Building is planned to be built on site. Commissioner Wanberg asked if this model has been attempted before (statewide) and ED Harris explained that this is a pilot program, one that has not been completed before.

Commissioner Erin Hannigan joined the meeting at 10:30 AM

IV. Equity Audit

Lorraine Fernandez, Program Manager at First 5 Solano (F5S), introduced Pati Navalta, of Navalta Media, who presented an update on First 5 Solano's Equity Audit. The aim of the Equity Audit is to review First 5 Solano's written materials to make recommendations on equitable language used that should be lifted up and used more, while identifying and phasing out language that doesn't support First 5 Solano's strategic goals. Ms. Navalta explained that an "inside-out" approach was used to achieve this goal by reviewing content (F5S's website, social media, documents) and conducting surveys/interviews with Board of Supervisors, staff, an educator, community partner, and provider. Some key findings with the survey include: there was general alignment on what equity and inclusion look like, there were identified areas where more can be done (such as removing barriers to language, transportation, and technology, increasing diversity amongst staff, increasing outreach to families that can benefit most from services), and there was a racial divide among those who believe F5S Leadership is diverse, with non-Hispanic respondents believing it is diverse and Hispanic respondents believing it is not diverse.

V. Mid-Year Performance Report

Lorraine Fernandez introduced the Mid-Year Performance Report. The purpose of the Mid-Year Performance Report is to show the successes and challenges of all grantee programs throughout the first 6 months of the fiscal year. Most grantees are on track, with very few programs taking longer to meet early goals. The largest challenge for these first 6 months is the transition to the Commission's new database system, Apricot.

VI. 2016 Strategic Plan Implementation Updates

In the interest of time, ED Harris encouraged Commissioners to review updates in the packet, which include Mini Grant awards and some Systems Change Updates.

VII. First 5 Solano Staffing and Finance Update

DD Winters reported that F5S is fully staffed, 20% of budget being spent, Services & Supplies are 12% spent, Grants are 24% spent.

VIII. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date Location

The Policy and Oversight Committee is scheduled to meet next on Monday, April 3, 2023, 10:00 am to 11:30 am, at 3375 Sonoma Boulevard, Suite 30, Vallejo, CA. Future agenda items include: Early Learning Center update, Strategic Plan Implementation updates, and Staffing and Finance.

Adjourn

Chair Fabi adjourned the meeting at 11:31 AM.

Caitlin Brakefield, Office Assistant III

Approved:

2023 COMMISSIONER MEETING ATTENDANCE LOG

COMMISSION MEETINGS												
	1/18/2023	FEB	3/15/2023	4/19/2023	MAY	6/21/2023	JUL	8/16/2023	SEP	10/18/2023	NOV	12/13/2023
WANBERG	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	PRESENT	PRESENT	NO MEETING	PRESENT	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING		NO MEETING	
FABI			PRESENT	PRESENT		PRESENT						
ESTRELLA-HENDERSON			PRESENT	PRESENT		PRESENT						
HANNIGAN				PRESENT		PRESENT						
HUBER			PRESENT			PRESENT						
JONES			PRESENT	PRESENT		PRESENT						
McELROY			PRESENT	PRESENT		PRESENT						
SHAKOOR-GRANTHAM			PRESENT	PRESENT		PRESENT						
POLICY & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETINGS												
	JAN	FEB	3/6/2023	APRIL	MAY	6/5/2023	JUL	8/7/2023	SEP	10/2/2023	11/27/2023	DEC
WANBERG	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	PRESENT	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING	NO MEETING			NO MEETING
FABI			PRESENT									
HANNIGAN			PRESENT									

FIRST 5 SOLANO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION MEETING ATTENDANCE POLICY

The Solano County Code (Chapter 7.3) and First 5 Commission Policy set forth the requirements of Commissioner meeting attendance. Per these documents, Commissioners cannot miss three Meetings in a row or more than 50% of Meetings in a calendar year, whereas "Meetings" are defined as meetings of the full Commission per the approved annual Commission Meeting Schedule. In addition, Commissioners serving on a standing Committee cannot miss more than 50% of Committee Meeting.

Date: October 2, 2023

TO: Amy Fabi, Policy and Oversight Committee (POC) Chair
Erin Hannigan and Tyffany Wanberg, POC Members

FROM: Toya Adams, Committee Staff/Program Manager

SUBJ: **Policy and Oversight Committee Meeting Staff Report**

Agenda Item II: Consent Calendar

- A. Approve the October 2, 2023 Policy and Oversight Committee Meeting Agenda
- B. Approve the March 6, 2023 Policy and Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes
- C. Receive the Commissioner Meeting Attendance Status Report

Agenda Item III: Annual Review of Commission Policies

An annual review of the First 5 Solano Commission Policies was completed for FY2022/23. First 5 staff conducted a thorough review of the 'Services Restrictions by Age' policy and the Commission's 'Signature Authority' policy, specifically. Of the Commission's 15 distinct policies examined, there were no identified recommendations for revisions. The next review of the Commission's policies will be in September 2024.

Agenda Item IV: Early Learning Center Update

First 5 Solano, Child Start, Inc. and the Solano Office of Education continue to work on establishing an Early Learning Center in Vallejo to provide high quality early learning opportunities for children and safe and consistent childcare for working families. This project involves the repurposing of a surplus elementary school site, Beverly Hills Elementary, into an early learning facility in Vallejo. This staff report brings forward updates on critical pieces of early work to accomplish this long-term goal:

The Site

The facility will provide a variety of early care and education opportunities for infants through preschoolers and families of all income levels, for a total capacity of up to 300 slots. In addition, the project is providing opportunities for Family Based Child Care homes to move from a home-based facility to a larger Center-Based facility located within the Early Learning Center.

The ELC Team, First 5 Solano; Terra Realty Advisors (First 5 Solano's real estate advisor and negotiator); Child Start; Solano County Office of Education; and the Vallejo City Unified School District) have been navigating a path toward completing the purchase of the school and deeding it to Child Start, who is the local Head Start provider and the ultimate owner of the building. They will operate the ELC and lease classrooms to private providers to fill the remaining classrooms.

The site is currently in the "due diligence" phase of the purchase, ensuring that there are no facility issues that need addressing prior to purchase. This phase ends October 18, 2023 at which time the building purchase moves into escrow and staff complete the purchase. Once the purchase is completed, First 5 Solano and Child Start will negotiate an agreement to transfer the property ownership from Solano County to Child Start, as well as transfer the funds needed to renovate the facility. These activities are expected to take the remainder of the calendar year and staff expect bringing an allocation item before the Commission at its December 2023 or January 2024 meeting.

The Funding

On another front, staff have been working on raising funds to cover the renovations. The project budget is estimated as follows:

Project Budget (in priority order)		Amount
Facility Purchase		2,800,000
Renovation		13,000,000
New Community Resource Building		4,000,000
Mindfulness Track		1,000,000
Portable Replacement		4,000,000
Total Project Budget		24,800,000

To date, staff have commitments for \$14M, so we are inching closer toward our goal every day! The committed funding is as follows:

Committed Funding	Amount
First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission	1,870,000
American Rescue Plan Act – Solano County	1,870,000
Child Start, Inc.	1,500,000
City of Vallejo	610,000
Solano County Office of Education	30,000
State of California - Dodd Earmark - Roof	5,000,000
Solano County - Purchase	2,000,000
Irwin Foundation - Furniture	200,000
State of California - Dodd Earmark - Renovation	1,000,000
Total Funding	14,080,000

In addition, staff and our partners have also submitted 6 requests for funding totaling \$14M – these requests are currently being considered.

As you can see from the funding tables above, the ELC Team can purchase and renovate the school building.

The next phase of fundraising focuses upon securing the costs associated with the new Community Resources Building (CRB). The size and scope of the new CRB will be wholly dependent upon the amount of funding secured during these next several months. Should commissioners have any leads that could result in funds for the CRB, please reach out to the Executive Director, Michele Harris.

The Design

The ELC Team has been actively working on the design and renovations of the ELC (school proper). These designs were recently completed with the architect, so designing has now transitioned to the new CRB. Staff are designing for the ideal CRB. Once funding is secured and the Team is at the point of deciding on the 2nd phase of this work (CRB) consideration for the amount of funding secured will help to determine the ultimate size of the CRB and which agencies can occupy it.

Staff and the entire ELC Team will continue down these paths of fundraising and site design, bringing forward appropriate decisions to the Commission when they are ready.

Agenda Item V: 2023 Strategic Plan Implementation Updates

A. Community Engagement Update

Community Responsive Mini Grant Update: The first application period for FY2023/24 was successful in awarding ten grant requests totaling \$24,250, issuing awards of up to \$5,000 each for community engagement events, professional development opportunities, materials and equipment, and time-limited programs.

The second application period for all four types of mini grants (Community Engagement Event, Professional Development Opportunity, Equipment and Materials, and Time-Limited Programs) will open on October 9, 2023 and will end on November 3, 2023. Between January 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, a total of \$20,750 will be available for events or activities. As a reminder, the application process has been simplified for these smaller grants, making them more accessible for new community partners to engage with First 5 Solano in support of young children and families.

Community Responsive Mini Grant Awards of Funding **FY2023/24 First Application Period**

	Agency	Activity	Recommended Funding
1	Emmanuel Arms Community, Inc.	Community Engagement To provide a Police/Community awareness event.	\$500
2	Solano County WIC	Community Engagement To provide a community open house and health fair in celebration of National Breastfeeding Month.	\$500
3	Solano County Public Health	Community Engagement To provide an immunization and dental screening event for children ages 4-5 years	\$500
4	Solano County Office of Education	Professional Development To provide a Quality Counts Early Learning Conference for 100 early care and education providers.	\$3,000
5	Solano County Family Resource	Professional Development To provide the annual caregiver and social worker training and appreciation event.	\$3,000
6	Circle of Friends	Professional Development To provide professional development training to staff through Conscious Discipline.	\$3,000
7	Another Chapter	Material & Equipment Activity will provide books to school age children 3-5 in need to promote literacy	\$4,500
8	Mariana FCC	Materials & Equipment Purchase educational equipment to provide children with adequate learning spaces.	\$5,000
9	Solano County Library	Materials & Equipment To purchase and replace worn, damaged, and broken early literacy toys and equipment in the library's beloved Stay & Playroom for young children & their families	\$2,250
10	Special Care Services	Materials & Equipment To purchase sensory materials and equipment to assist toddlers in interacting with peers through play and working on Developmental milestones.	\$5,000

The full list of 27 applicants totaling \$95,050, can be found in [Attachment C](#)

B. Program Updates

2024 First 5 Solano Calendar Distribution: The 2024 parent calendar is currently in design, with production set to begin in mid-October. The calendar is community-focused, with pictures of Solano County children and families, an equity page, monthly themes, fast suggestions, and fun activities. First 5 Solano has added back the recommended monthly book to each month and will distribute it upon request to community partners and the First 5 Center. Last year's children's coloring calendar was a success and will continue for another year. The activity calendar is coupled with the First 5 Solano informative calendar and comes with 4-6 packs of crayons. As with each year, the Calendar will be distributed through the schools to every incoming TK & K student.

Triple P Positive Parenting Program Update: Over the past five years, the Triple P Parent Education program has been well-received and parents in Solano County are experiencing positive changes in relationships with their children. In FY2023/24, Triple P partners will focus on outreach as a part of their new contract, expanding specifically in Vallejo. Parents by Choice intends to utilize multiple outreach strategies, such as, social media platforms or community publications and childcare and/or faith-based programs. In order to raise awareness of Triple P services with in-person or hybrid choices, Parents by Choice is organizing an event with Vallejo schools as a part of their outreach efforts.

C. Systems Change Implementation Plan Updates

First 5 California Executive Director Visit and Vallejo First 5 Center Tour with Jackie Thu-Huong Wong: On June 19th, Ms. Wong met with First 5 Solano staff for a site visit and a tour of the Vallejo First 5 Center. This discussion included a history and overview of First 5 Solano, the upcoming Fairfield First 5 Center and Vallejo Early Learning Center projects, and other initiatives. During the visit, there was a program spotlight on the ELC which highlighted the multiple agencies under one roof, collaboration of those partners,, the ability to pilot the project which can be replicated by others, and the eventual expected launch date of Summer 2026 for the ELC.

Book Launch Event: Social Sector Hero – How Government and Philanthropy can Fund for Impact: On May 25th, First 5 Solano hosted a book launch from Adam Luecking, Results-Based Accountability (RBA) trainer and author of *Social Sector Hero – How Government and Philanthropy can Fund for Impact*. Luecking joined First 5 Solano and 24 local leaders from government and philanthropy to discuss his book and the RBA framework in which First 5 Solano demonstrates its community impact. Two local programs currently working to demonstrate impact in the community were spotlighted -- the Vallejo First 5 Center and H&SS Public Health Nursing. Jackie Wong, Executive Director of First 5 California also joined in the discussion, offering examples of how the RBA framework is used to demonstrate program success at the state-level.

First 5 California Request for Applications (RFA) for Regional Technical Assistance for Home Visiting Coordination and Integration: In October 2019, the First 5 California State Commission approved up to \$24 million in funding for five years through Fiscal Year 2024–2025 to help counties create a sustainable, unified system that supports families with the home visiting services they need and maximizes available funding to serve more families. First 5 Solano received two years of funding under this initiative. On January 3, 2023, First 5 California released a grant opportunity for Home Visiting Coordination and Integration so that counties can continue this work through a regional technical assistance model. First 5 Solano has collaborated with the First 5s in our region to submit an application, which was approved for funding. Program implementation has begun for this home visiting coordination program.

Agenda Item VI: First 5 Solano Staffing and Finance Update

Staffing Update: First 5 Solano is fully staffed as of October 2, 2023 and does not anticipate any vacancies.

Finance Update: Through August 31, 2023 (16% of the year complete), \$0.00 (0%) of the budgeted revenues have been received. \$153,193 (12%) of the salaries & benefits budget has been expended, \$33,785 (0%) of the services and supplies budget has been expended, and \$4,500 (0%) of the grants budget has been expended.

Overall, \$0 (0%) in revenues have been received, and \$192,347 (1%) of expenses have been incurred.

Finally, the Commission's FY2022/23 Year End Contract Performance Report is [Attachment D](#) to this report.

[Attachment A:](#) March 6, 2023 Policy and Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

[Attachment B:](#) Commissioner Meeting Attendance Status Report

[Attachment C:](#) Community Responsive Mini Grant Applicants

[Attachment D:](#) FY2022/23 Year End Contract Performance Report

Attachment C
First 5 Solano
Community Responsive Mini Grant Applications
For Grants Beginning July 1, 2023

Applications Received

1	Emmanuel Arms Community, Inc.	\$500	Community Engagement
2	Solano County WIC	\$500	Community Engagement
3	Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum	\$500	Community Engagement
4	Samiyah's House of Hope	\$500	Community Engagement
5	Solano County Public Health	\$5,000	Community Engagement
6	Solano County Public Health	\$500	Community Engagement
7	CARE4EM	\$3,000	Professional Development
8	Solano County Office of Education	\$3,000	Professional Development
9	Bay Area Providers and Parents Network	5000	Professional Development
10	Jayda Learning Center LLC	\$5,000	Professional Development
11	Napa Solano SANE SART	3000	Professional Development
12	Solano County Resource Family Association	\$3,000.00	Professional Development
13	Circle of Friends Child Development Center LLC	\$3,000	Professional Development
14		\$5,000	Materials & Equipment
15	Kiddo'z daycare	2,800	Materials & Equipment
16	Safe In My Hands FCC & Early L	5000	Materials & Equipment

17	Creative Stars Child Care	5,000.00	Materials & Equipment
18	Another Chapter	\$4,500	Materials & Equipment
19	Marianna Onumah FCC	5000	Materials & Equipment
20	Saig Academy	\$5,000	Materials & Equipment
21	Solano County Library (Fairfield Cordelia Library)	\$2,250	Materials & Equipment
22	Tia's Family Childcare	\$5,000	Materials & Equipment
23	Special Care Services	\$5,000	Materials & Equipment
24	Sharmani family childcare	5,000	Materials & Equipment
25	Lacy's Home Childcare	\$5,000.00	Materials & Equipment
26	LES GRANDS PAPILLONS	\$5,000	Materials & Equipment
27	Bay Area Community Resources / Vallejo First 5 Center	\$3,000	Time Limited Program



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS

FY2022/23 Year End Contract Performance Report

Introduction

This report contains a summary of FY2022/23 contract performance for each of the First 5 Solano Commission's major initiatives. Each contract contains a number of performance measures which were developed through the Request for Proposals and contracting process. Following a Results Based Accountability Framework, performance measures contain a mix of activities (how many?) and outcomes (how are people better off?).

Program Investments

Priority 1: Health & Well-Being - Early Childhood Mental Health								
Grantee	Program	Contract #	FY2022/23 Budget	FY2022/23 Expenditure	% Spent	# of Perf Measures	# Met/ Exceeded	# Unmet
Solano County Health & Social Services	EPSDT Mental Health Treatment	2018-106	\$100,000	\$60,000	60%	2	2	0
Solano Family & Children's Services	Help Me Grow	2020-104	\$350,000	\$337,164	96%	18	17	1
Total			\$450,000	\$397,164	88%	20	19	1

In the Early Childhood Mental Health Initiative, the Commission funds the Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program, which provides mental health treatment services for qualifying Medi-Cal eligible children. A total of 150 children were provided EPSDT treatment services through multiple community-based subcontractors. 96% of 128 children who reached 6 months of services demonstrated improvement in at least one treatment goal. Underspending occurred in this contract due to the timing of submitting billing for client services at 6-months of treatment.

Help Me Grow (HMG) Solano includes both the evidence-based resources and referral call line (across priorities), as well as the addition of developmental screenings in FY2022/23 (early childhood mental health initiative). HMG is co-funded by Mental Health Services Act and operated by Solano Family & Children's Services. HMG Solano met seventeen performance measures in FY2022/23, including fielding 2,186 calls and conducting 617 developmental screenings (a combination of electronic and in person screenings).

Priority 2: Early Childhood Learning and Development – Quality Child Care & Pre-Kindergarten Academies

Grantee	Program	Contract #	FY2022/23 Budget	FY2022/23 Expenditure	% spent	# of Perf Measures	# Met/ Exceeded	# Unmet
Solano County Office of Education	IMPACT	2020-501	\$241,735	\$221,287	92%	9	9	0
Solano County Office of Education	Raising A Reader	2018-502	\$75,000	\$74,983	100%	6	6	0
Solano County Office of Education	Shared Services Alliance Network	2022-504	\$165,605	\$114,644	69%	15	15	0
Benicia Unified School District	Pre-Kindergarten Academy	2022-801	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%	1	1	0
Fairfield-Suisun Adult School	Pre-Kindergarten Academy	2022-802	\$10,000	\$1,434	14%	1	0	1
Dixon Unified School District	Pre-Kindergarten Academy	2022-803	\$20,000	\$3,816	19%	2	0	2
Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District	Pre-Kindergarten Academy	2022-804	\$40,000	\$30,000	75%	4	3	1
River Delta Unified School District	Pre-Kindergarten Academy	2022-805	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%	1	1	0
Vacaville Unified School District	Pre-Kindergarten Academy	2022-807	\$30,000	\$23,888	80%	3	3	0
Vallejo City Unified School District	Pre-Kindergarten Academy	2022-808	\$20,000	\$20,000	100%	2	2	0
Solano County Office of Education	Pre-Kindergarten Academy	2022-812	\$10,000	\$10,000	100%	1	1	0
Total			\$632,340	\$520,052	82%	45	41	4

IMPACT is a program that works in conjunction with other quality early learning programs housed at Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) under the overall umbrella of Quality Counts Solano. SCOE met all of its performance measures for IMPACT and served 40 early care and education sites, providing them with coaching, assisting them with improvement plans, and holding professional development trainings.

Raising a Reader (RaR) is an evidence-based book sharing program that is delivered at Quality Counts Solano participating early care and education sites, including state preschools, private centers, and family childcare homes. The program provides high-quality books

to participating families on a weekly basis. The families bring home a “red bag” of books and bring them back approximately a week later and check out new books. In addition, parents are provided information and training on “read-aloud” strategies.

Pre-Kindergarten Academies were held in Fairfield, Vallejo, Rio Vista, Benicia, and Vacaville, serving 102 children. First 5 Solano’s Pre-K Academies have been an effective approach in assisting the successful transition of young children into Kindergarten. In looking at results from previous years, the Pre-K Academies have shown to be a consistent strategy to aid in early childhood development and are welcomed by the community. Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) is now available in most areas around Solano County, also preparing children for continued education.

The expansion UPK began with a planning year in the 2021-2022 school year with full expansion by 2025-2026. This expansion has an impact on multiple sectors of Solano County’s Early Learning and Care (ELC) mixed-delivery system, including family childcare, private childcare centers, and state preschool programs such as those operated by Local Education Agencies, community-based organizations, and Head Start. Families will also experience impacts of UPK implementation.

The First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission recognized that establishing a new grade was likely going to impact child care and early learning providers with this sweeping change, as soon all 4 year olds would be eligible for free UPK through the public school system. The Commission has partnered with the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) to conduct countywide research, inquiry, and analysis to determine existing and potential impacts of UPK expansion. This study will include cross-departmental collaboration of SCOE staff with specialized expertise, and external partners such as Applied Survey Research (ASR), Childcare Resource & Referral, Child Start, Inc., the Solano Childcare Planning Council, and others.

Priority 3: Family Support and Parent Education – Family Strengthening								
Grantee	Program	Contract #	FY2022/23 Budget	FY2022/23 Expenditure	% spent	# of Perf Measures	# Met/ Exceeded	# Unmet
Rio Vista CARE	Family Strengthening	2018-705	\$50,000	\$37,042	86%	9	9	0
Bay Area Community Resources	Vallejo First 5 Center	2019-701	\$620,700	\$602,042	97%	23	23	0
			\$670,700	\$639,084	93%	32	32	0

Rio Vista CARE provides neighborhood-based family resource center services in Rio Vista and surrounding rural areas. Rio Vista CARE met all performance measures serving 50 families, with 90% of families remaining stable/improving in parent/child relationships. In Rio Vista we also have 16 families that received guidance with financial budgeting tools and 100% of those 16 developed and maintained a household budget.

Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) fully met 23 of the performance measures at the First 5 Center, including the number of healthy eating/active living classes, community resource consultations, completing developmental screenings, and meeting the measures around the knowledge gains by participating parents. FY2022/23 proved to be a successful year for the First 5 Center Vallejo, the Center also met all of their performance measures related to the Triple P initiative.

Priorities 1/3: Health & Well-Being/Family Support & Parent Education – Triple P Positive Parenting Program							
Grantee	Contract #	FY2022/23 Budget	FY2022/23 Expenditure	% spent	# of Perf Measures	# Met/ Exceeded	# Unmet
Parents by Choice	2018-401	\$200,480	\$199,850	99%	8	8	0
Child Start, Inc.	2018-403	\$55,280	\$36,300	66%	5	5	0
Solano Family & Children's Services	2018-405	\$13,750	\$5,750	42%	4	3	1
Rio Vista CARE	2018-406	\$6,250	\$5,250	84%	4	4	0
Fairfield Suisun Unified School District	2018-408	\$20,080	\$17,480	87%	5	5	0
Catholic Charities Yolo-Solano	2020/1-410	\$13,290	\$3,510	26%	5	5	0
		\$309,130	\$268,140	86%	31	30	1

The total amount of services provided included:

Triple P Intervention	Number Completed	Families Served
Level 2 Seminar	157	832
Level 3 Individual Brief Intervention	217	217
Level 4 Group	34	180
Level 4 Individual	41	41

The Triple P Parenting Education Program has been offered as an evidence-based parenting education strategy throughout the county for the last four years. In the FY2022/23 program year, 22 new practitioners representing 7 community partners were trained and received accreditation across multiple levels of Triple P interventions. Community partners have continued to provide services both virtually and in-person, and this has allowed parents to be more consistently engaged as they have the option to participate in Triple P sessions on-line. Additional successes in FY2022/23 included recognition of Positive Parenting Awareness Month in January 2023 by the California State Assembly, and at convenings of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, and at the First 5 Solano Commission. Parent satisfaction upon completion was measured, with at least 99% of participants stating that they would recommend this program to another parent.

The majority of Triple P partners fully met their deliverables in FY2022/23. Fairfield Suisun Unified School District – Healthy Start FRC experienced only minor challenges with a staffing change, which impacted their ability to implement some services. The grantee continues to work to address these challenges for FY2023/24.

Priority 4: Systems Change – Collaboration								
Grantee	Program	Contract #	FY2022/23 Budget	FY2022/23 Expenditure	% spent	# of Perf Measures	# Met/ Exceeded	# Unmet
Navalta Media	Equity Audit	2022-920	\$73,000	\$73,000	100%	5	5	0

In the Priority Area of Systems Change, there is one an equity review contract with Navalta Media. Navalta Media provided a review of the Commission’s work related to its Equity Goals, and provided a report back to the Commission on recommendations going forward for staff to implement. This effort will continue to build internal systems and communications as well as external trainings for Commissioners, grantees, and staff to build their equity acumen.

Conclusion

Overall, First 5 Solano grantees met a significant number of contracted performance measures in FY2022/23. When performance measures are unmet, First 5 Solano meets with grantees to understand the circumstances around the unmet measures and closely monitors the progress to ensure performance measures are met by the end of the fiscal year.