

Executive Director Report

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A Message from the ED



🌱 Happy Springtime! It's not only this beautiful spring that is proudly sporting a "superbloom." The First 5 San Bernardino Commission is working on a "superbloom" of its own in collective impact strategies to support young children and their families as well!

April 8-12, 2019 is the annual celebration of the Week of the Young Child sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. It is intended to be a fun-filled week of celebrating and empowering children and their families with hands-on, collaborative activities that encourage movement and healthy lifestyles through music, dance, food, art and more. First 5 San Bernardino's Community Engagement/Media staff including LuCretia Dowdy and Leslie Fountain have been busy coordinating, hosting and/or partnering on events such as the Children are Our Future 66er Game sponsored by Children's Fund being held on April 9th. Please see our First 5 San Bernardino

website at www.first5sanbernardino.org, or our Facebook and Twitter pages for more information on upcoming events.

Our "superbloom" display is popping up everywhere as a result of amazing collaborative convenings and relationship building. On February 7, 2019, along with First 5 LA, San Diego, Alameda, Monterrey, Fresno, Orange, Santa Clara, First 5 CA and the First 5 Association, I had the opportunity to meet with Governor Newsom's staff that is focused on one of his greatest priorities -early childhood development! Our collective First 5 team was able to show unity, purpose and knowledge in effectively working to strengthen and support the early childhood development landscape through our networks and statewide organization. We shared comprehensive information and policy recommendations on Home Visiting, Early Identification and Developmental Screening and Universal Preschool. The Governor's team was very responsive and left us with the promise that we will be working together to



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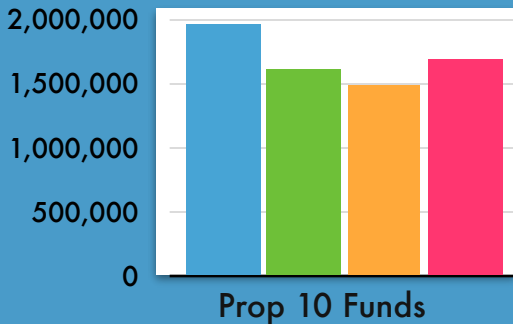
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Updates

Fiscal Update

F5SB received Prop 10 funds in the amount of \$1,694,351 in the month of December. This revenue funds First 5 San Bernardino programs and services.



- September - \$1,960,693
- October - \$1,607,803
- November - \$1,493,953
- December - 1,694,351

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First 5 Association visits Governor Newsom's Office



In February 2019, Executive Director Karen E. Scott joined leadership from fellow First 5 California Commissions & First 5 Association to visit Governor Newsom's office for a discussion about early childhood development.

Help Me Grow Inland Empire Summit in Riverside



Partners across the Riverside and San Bernardino Counties came together for the 3rd Annual Help Me Grow Early Intervention Summit in Riverside on March 20, 2019. This year's summit was the culmination of several planning sessions to help develop the vision for Help Me Grow in the Inland Empire and build a strategic plan for its implementation. Attendees were able to provide feedback, identify key assets, and highlight priorities for the system.

Previous sessions included guidance and input from Help Me Grow representatives in other communities. More than 100 partners participated in the second summit to help enrich the program strategic plan for development.

To learn more about the Help Me Grow system across the state, visit helpmegrowca.org for stories and impact data.

Photos from First 5 Riverside

NO SMALL MATTER

The first major theatrical documentary to tackle this topic, *No Small Matter* is designed to kick-start the public conversation about early care and education.

Join hosts Quality Start San Bernardino, Child Care Resource Center, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, County of San Bernardino Preschool Services, Children's Fund and First 5 San Bernardino on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at the Dorothy Inghram Learning Center in San Bernardino and at the Desert/Mountain Educational Service Center in Apple Valley on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This film screening is presented with support from Silicon Valley Community Foundation. Registration is free, but space is limited. Visit first5sanbernardino.org to register.

Quality Start San Bernardino (QSSB) Hosts First Annual Summit with Early Educators

Members of San Bernardino's Early Childhood Education (ECE) community gathered to discuss the importance, success, and future of QSSB. For the first time, every facet of the ECE community as well as a representative from the medical field assembled to discuss the collaborative effort of improving the quality of education and resources for families in San Bernardino County on February 27, 2019. To read more about the summit, visit www.qualitystartsb.org. Text from Quality Start San Bernardino (edited).



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support the Governor's agenda and meet the needs of young children throughout the State of California.

On March 12, 2019, per a gracious invitation from James Moses, Regional Director of Child Care Resource Center and Vice-Chair of the F5SB Advisory Committee, I attended the Seize the Moment - Early Learning Advocacy Day at the Capitol and participated in legislative visits. In the continual process of relationship building, I was able meet key leaders with the Every Child California organization, formerly the Child Development Administrators Association. Hosted by Every Child California, this Seize the Moment event was a great opportunity to meet and talk with so many other advocates excited about the possibilities within this legislative season

related to the world of early childhood education and care. Assemblymember Eloise Gomez-Reyes (47th District) and Giannina Perez, Sr. Policy Advisor for Early Childhood in the Office of the Governor delivered rousing, informative messages in support of ensuring a solid platform and a robust, effective, efficient system of care for young children and their development. Our legislative visits were with the key elected officials who have authored and supported legislation and policy to improve early education and care for our youngest citizens. Our Advocacy Day message was simple: securing investments into early childhood education and care is essential!

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We have another opportunity to “superbloom” that comes around every 10 years. First 5 San Bernardino (F5SB) recognizes that Census 2020 will be of critical importance for California and San Bernardino County. Complete and accurate Census data will provide the full picture of our state’s population, so we can better meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents. Key to a complete count is ensuring young children and their families are accurately counted on the Census questionnaires. Young children are historically considered a hard to count population and therefore undercounted, to the disadvantage of their families, neighbors, and communities. F5SB aims to help increase awareness and motivate residents to respond to the 2020 Census. Our Assistant Director, Cindy Faulkner is serving on the Inland Empire Complete Count Committee which encompasses stakeholders from San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, the public, non-profit and for profit sectors. First 5’s local expertise and connections will help reach those hard-to-count populations, by serving as a trusted messenger and conveying the importance of the Census through information sharing, learning, coordinating outreach efforts, identification of gaps and filling those gaps. As we move closer to the official Census Day of April 1, 2020, you will be hearing more on how we can collaborate as a community to help spread the word on the importance of participating in the Census. Stay tuned!

With the ever important task of “tending to our superbloom garden of relationships”, on Wednesday, March 13, I attended the Child Support Directors Association’s symposium entitled “Building a Future for Families through Transforming Services” at the Hilton Arden West in Sacramento. The symposium brought together experts from all areas of human services to build bridges of service in support of California families. Marie Girault, San Bernardino County Child Support Director shared this invitation and several stakeholders from our County were able to attend and participate. California families face certain barriers to success including demographic and socio-economic

conditions and the programs and services supporting families also struggle in these changing times. Factors such as race, ethnicity and geography for both urban and suburban populations affect not only the families of California, but the delivery of services as well. “Addressing the challenges and inequities that exist in the provision of services to diverse communities is key to reducing child poverty”, said Phyllis Nance, President of the Child Support Directors Association. She also added that “putting words into action and creating collaborative partnerships is critical to ensuring services are delivered effectively.” A message well taken for how we collaborate and partner in San Bernardino County for “good growth” of our children and families!

Last week the F5SB Executive Team met with the San Bernardino County Performance Education and Resource Center (PERC) team with a two-fold mission. The first was seeking customized learning opportunities to ensure that F5 staff is highly trained and confident to help carry out the Commission’s Collective Impact approach to meeting the needs of children prenatal through age 5, as well as Systems Building work and leadership. The second objective was strategizing in the design of informative messaging and sharing on Systems Building and what it means to providers of social services throughout the county network that supports achieving the shared goals within the Countywide Vision, the Community Vital Signs and other established initiatives. Stay tuned for more information as it develops.

The First 5 San Bernardino Commission is proud to grow and nurture our “superbloom” leadership role within San Bernardino County, taking every opportunity to serve as convener among our vast array of community representatives and stakeholders from multiple sectors and in work that results in sustainable and collective impact.