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First 5 San Bernardino announces new funded learning opportunity to expand child preventive services

Request for applications now open through December 4, 2026

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (October 8, 2026) First 5 San Bernardino has opened the application window for the new **Champion for Primary Prevention (CFPP) grant initiative**. The **Request for Application (RFA)**, funded through San Bernardino County Department of Children and Family Services Family First Prevention Services (FFPS), is designed to scale early intervention and prevention networks across all five San Bernardino County supervisorial districts, including Native Nations.

The initiative aims to strengthen community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, family resource centers, non-profits and tribal nations that provide critical support to expecting parents and children from prenatal age through age 5.

Selected partner agencies will enroll a dedicated three-member team—consisting of an administrator, a frontline provider and a lived expert—into an intensive, 12-month learning collaborative. This collaborative delivers approximately 300 hours of specialized, fully reimbursed training in evidence-based models like Parents as Teachers, Infant Early Childhood Mental Health and trauma-informed relational care.

"By investing directly in our local workforce and embedding the crucial perspective of lived experts, we are reshaping how families access support," said First 5 San Bernardino Executive Director Cindy Faulkner. "This partnership shifts the paradigm from traditional mandated reporting to proactive community support," Faulkner concluded.

Prospective applicant agencies are strongly encouraged to apply. The deadline to submit questions is **Friday, October 23, 2026, 12 pm PT**. Applications must be completed and submitted through the online grant portal by **Friday, December 4, 2026, 4 pm PT**.

To access the RFA application, visit the [Funding Opportunities page](#) on First 5 San Bernardino's website.

About First 5 San Bernardino

[First 5 San Bernardino's](#) distinct purpose is to improve the lives of young children and their families by giving them the best possible start in life. For over 27 years, First 5 San Bernardino has been working dynamically through strategic partnerships to promote, support and enhance the health and early development of children prenatal through age 5, their families and communities. Funded through the 1998 voter-approved initiative, California Children and Families Act (Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenues), First 5 San Bernardino has evolved into a system where stakeholders and services are integrated, coordinated and sustainable, and one that families experience as accessible, inclusive and equitable. For more information, visit First5SanBernardino.org, [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#).

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