

Executive Director Report

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A Message from the ED



👋 Assemblymember Eloise Gómez-Reyes (District 47), and her very energetic Field Representative, Roxanna Gracia, took time out of their busy schedules to visit our First 5 San Bernardino office on Friday, June 23rd. Assemblymember Reyes was accompanied by her husband Frank Reyes, Trustee with the San Bernardino

Community College District (Area 1).

Assemblymember Reyes was quite the gracious guest. We started our scheduled visit with a tour of the First 5 office where the Assemblymember asked lots of questions about the coordination and support of services for children and families in the 47th District. With her many years of service and relationship building in this community, we should not have been surprised that she knew several First 5 staff members and their generational families. Next, it was off to a site visit at the Children's Assessment Center (CAC) of San Bernardino. A big shout out to Nancy Wolfe, M.S.,

the CAC Program Administrator, for coordinating, hosting and guiding the dialogue for this meeting with the Assemblymember. Dr. Amy Young, Medical Director for the CAC was unable to join us that day. Shay Daniels, the Medical Program Specialist with CAC and Mary Jaquish, Program Supervisor for F5 SB also participated in the meeting discussion. Our goal was to showcase the public/private partnership between San Bernardino County, First 5 San Bernardino and Loma

Linda University Children's Hospital, that coordinates services in a child-focused space, thereby reducing trauma to child victims and their families, while providing forensic interviews and evidentiary medical examinations to assist in the evaluation of child abuse allegations. The CAC team administers competent, quality child abuse assessments to child victims while promoting a nurturing atmosphere for children and families. They coordinate and network with a multidisciplinary team and provide referrals for treatment as



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necessary. As our visit was wrapped up, we had the opportunity to meet Dr. Siccama, a Loma Linda University fellow that is obviously very highly regarded with her work with the CAC program as well as several other dedicated interns (continued on back page)

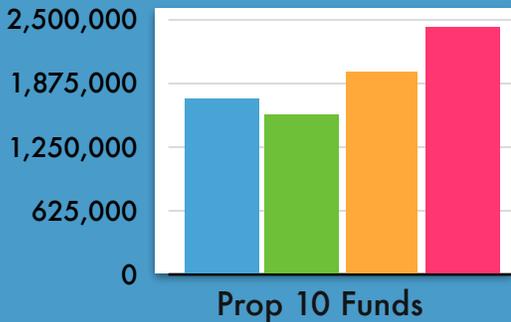


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Updates

Fiscal Update

F5SB received Prop 10 funds in the amount of \$2,436,324 in the month of April. This revenue funds First 5 San Bernardino programs and services.



- January - \$1,713,520
- February - \$1,571,401
- March - \$1,960,128
- April - \$2,436,324

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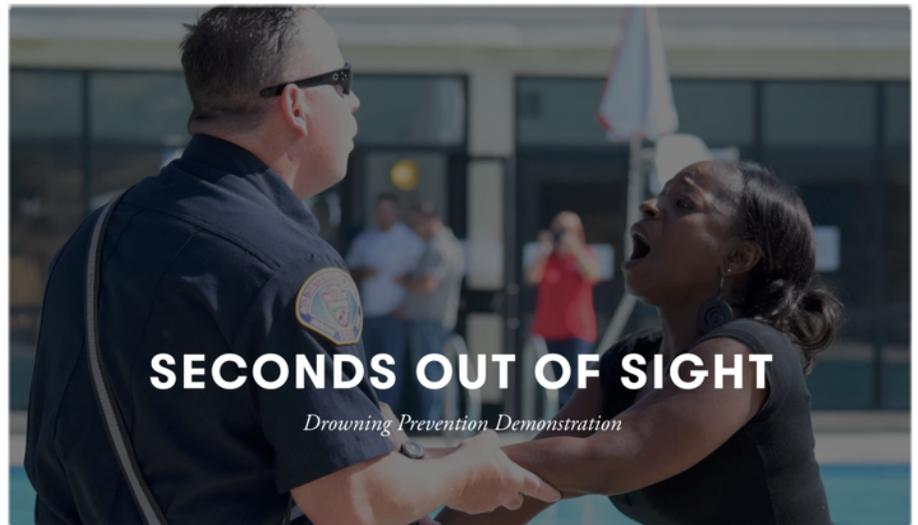
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Water Safety Awareness Demonstration



Before kicking off our annual Operation Splash event and opening the Jerry Lewis Swim Center to more than 800 families in June, First 5 San Bernardino in partnership with Safe Kids Inland Empire and the San Bernardino County Sheriffs Department re-enacted a water submersion incident with the San Bernardino County Fire Department, pool partygoers, and a child-sized figure.

The incident demonstration is set in a scene with friends and family socializing around a pool. A mom asks her son to watch his little brother as she steps away. Even with all the people around and the delegated responsibility to watch the small child, the child is discovered to be motionless and in the water upon the mother's return.



While stories of these incidents are often told after it has occurred, this photo story captures the pain and panic at the pool that is rarely seen in these circumstances, along with tips and data about water submersion incidents in San Bernardino County.

To view this photo story, visit <http://bit.ly/secondsoutofphotos>

Welcome Cynthia Pledger, Program Director of Local Dental Pilot Project - Inland Empire



The pilot project will integrate innovative oral health strategies into education, social services, and primary care.

First 5 Riverside and First 5 San Bernardino are excited to officially announce the addition of Cynthia Pledger to our team. Cynthia will serve as Program Director for the Local Dental Pilot Project-Inland Empire, a joint regional project between the two counties, funded by the California Department of Health Care Services. The goal of Riverside and San Bernardino's Local Dental Pilot Project is to help ensure that more early childhood caries are prevented and treated, families are using preventive dental services, and the continuity of care increases. The pilot project will bring together two innovative community based strategies: teledentistry and caries risk assessment. We aim to combine the resources in both counties to achieve greater impact for the Inland Empire community.

Cynthia has more than 30 years of experience in public health and dental hygiene related programs. Before joining First 5, she was a program coordinator for the Riverside University Health System - Public Health supporting child health initiatives, including "SET-4-SCHOOL" and "Teeth Are Us." Cynthia is a Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice with a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene and a master's degree in public administration.

Moses House Ministries' Nurturing Parenting Program Celebrates Graduates



Photo source: Moses House Ministries Facebook Page

Moses House Ministries celebrated families in their Nurturing Parenting program for graduating from 16 learning sessions that empowered parents with knowledge, strategies and skills to make good and healthy lifestyle choices for their family on June 22, 2017.

Nurturing Parenting is a part of First 5 San Bernardino's Family and Community Support and Partnerships strategy, which seeks to reduce child abuse by improving the understanding between parents and children's developmental stages. Often, a common bond is created between participating parents who learn from dedicated facilitators that work closely with the families throughout the course. Moses House Ministries serves families in Victorville, Apple Valley, Hesperia, Oak Hills, Phelan, Helendale, Lucerne Valley, and Wrightwood. Congratulations to Moses House Ministries and graduating families!

Now Hiring for First 5 San Bernardino AmeriCorps Preschool Coach Volunteers

We're now accepting applications for the our coming AmeriCorps service year for 2017-2018. First 5 San Bernardino in partnership with Prevent Child Abuse California fund this position to support hands-on early childhood development in classrooms across San Bernardino County and through service projects promoted through AmeriCorps.

As a Preschool Coach Volunteer, volunteers can earn a monthly living allowance, get loan deferment while in-service, get partial payment for their student loan, and also receive an Education Award at the conclusion of their service term.

To see a list of qualifications or to apply for this position, visit <http://bit.ly/first5americorps>.
Deadline to apply is July 14, 2017.



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doing rounds and staff support members.

Assemblymember Reyes recently authored proposed legislation to support an increase in funding for Domestic Violence Prevention. Nancy Wolfe shared how CAC routinely collects data that shows a correlation between child abuse and domestic violence frequently co-occurring in families that are served by the Center. Collaboration with our Assemblymember and between service agencies such as CAC and our County's Domestic Violence Council members, can certainly educate communities and help to build a system of support and care that improve outcomes for

all children and families. Assemblymember Reyes made a commitment to taking information back to her colleagues in Sacramento and doing all that she can to positively impact San Bernardino County.

The highlight of the visit, as seems the case with anyone who enters the CAC, be it child, parent, physician or social worker was getting to see Mack! Mack, is a three-year-old Old English Sheepdog, the furriest member of the CAC team, who provides comfort and affection to



young children as a therapy dog. I think Roxanna and the Assemblymember really wanted to take Mack with them, but that just couldn't be because he has lots of wonderful work to continue at the Children's Assessment Center along with his fabulous "human" co-workers!