

A Message from the ED



Happy Anniversary First 5! quite apropos that on Election Day, we celebrate the passage of the 1998 voter-approved initiative, Prop 10, which created First 5, charging First 5 California and 58 First 5 County commissions with the responsibility to lead communities in expanding early

developmental and school readiness services, and improving systems for children ages 0 to 5 and their families.

As outlined on page 3 of this report, the Children and Families Commission - First 5 San Bernardino will launch its 20th Year Anniversary on November 6, 2018 with a ceremonial adoption of a resolution by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, recognizing this First 5 milestone. Beginning at 1:30 pm, at the First 5 San Bernardino office, the celebration will continue with presentations by several prominent champions and partners in our journey, including San Bernardino County's Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales; Assemblymember Eloise-Gomez Reyes representing the 47th Assembly District and the California Legislative Women's Caucus; San Bernardino County Public Health Officer and First 5 San Bernardino Commission Chair, Dr. Maxwell Ohikhuare; **Deputy Executive** Officer for San Bernardino County Community Services, Diana Alexander; San Bernardino County Public Health Director, Trudy Raymundo; San Bernardino City Unified School District School Board Member and First 5 Commissioner, Dr. Margaret Hill; Chief Intergovernmental Relations Officer for San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Barbara M. Alejandre; Regional Director for Child Care Resource Center, James Moses; and President of the Inland Empire Community Collaborative, Susan Gomez. From 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, the 20th Anniversary celebration continues with a Community Open House where attendees will be able to observe various aspects of First 5 San Bernardino's work and successful partnerships through demonstrations and materials related to early childhood mental health, children's oral health care, early childhood care and education, parent education and literacy development. Finally, related to this 20th Anniversary launch event, there will be additional community events throughout the five supervisorial districts in the month of November 2018.

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First 5 California Visits San Bernardino County

Updates Fiscal Undate

F5SB received Prop 10 funds in the amount of \$1,094,840 in the month of June. This revenue funds First 5 San Bernardino programs and services.



March - \$1,357,389 April - \$1,576,754

May - \$1,593,367

June - \$1,094,840

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Anniversary Celebrations

We're coming to San Bernardino, Big Bear Lake, Victorville, Grand Terrace, Redlands and Rancho Cucamonga in November!

To RSVP, visit: www.first5sanbernardino.org



First 5 California Mobile Express returned to San Bernardino County making stops at Rialto Head Start on Friday, October 12th and Fontana Citrus Head Start on Monday, October 15th. First 5 California Mobile Express tours the state of California with a bilingual children's activity center and resources to engage with children ages zero to 5 and their families. Activities include singing, reading, and talking through coloring activities and other small motor and brain development activities. First 5 California Express makes their resources available online at their website www.first5california.com for parents, teachers, and guardians who would like to download recipes, coloring sheets, and craft activity ideas from the mobile team.

- Photos by LuCretia Dowdy



Join the Celebration! First 5 San Bernardino Celebrates 20th Anniversary in November

First 5 San Bernardino turns 20 next month in November and we're celebrating all month longcountywide! The celebration starts on Tuesday, November 6th, 2018, on our election day when Proposition 10 was voted into law in 1998. In partnership with the Inland Empire Community Collaborative (IECC), First 5 San Bernardino will host celebrations in five cities around the County of San Bernardino with a kick off Open House event at First 5 San Bernardino.

The Open House on Tuesday, November 6th follows a County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors Meeting at the County Government Center (385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92415) where First 5 San Bernardino will be presented with a resolution recognizing the organization's 20 years of service in the county.

Special guests and dignitaries are invited to a reception at the First 5 San Bernardino office from 1:30pm to 2:30pm for speakers and presentations before doors to the Open House are open to the public. From 2:30pm to 4:30pm, the public can visit our showcase of investments around the county including our AmeriCorps Volunteer team, the Dental Transformation Initiative, Quality Start San Bernardino, and other early childhood development systems currently underway.

Join us for our countywide anniversary celebration in the month of November!

Additional family-friendly and festive celebrations will be hosted on November 8th in Big Bear Lake with The Mom & Dad Project, on November 14th in Victorville with Walden Family Services, on November 15th in Grand Terrace with A Coming of Age, on November 17th in Redlands with Music Changing Lives, and on November 19th in Rancho Cucamonga with Litehouse Children & Family Services. See dates and times below and visit our website to RSVP for an event near you: first5sanbernardino.org

Special thanks to the Inland Empire Community Collaborative and our hosting partners for their support!



San Bernardino Big Bear Lake Rancho Cucamonga **Grand Terrace** Redlands Victorville

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November 6 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

San Bernardino

November 8 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Big Bear Lake

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Victorville

November 14

November 15 3:00 p.m.

-5:00 p.m. **Grand Terrace**

November 17 10:00 a.m.

> -1:00 p.m. Redlands

November 19 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Rancho Cucamonga

To RSVP for an event, visit www.first5sanbernardino.org





Inland Empire Fatherhood Involvement Coalition Launches Daddy's Toolbox Video Series

Juan Solis, a Father Engagement Coordinator for San Bernardino County Children's Network is featured in a new video series to share tips and information with fathers in San Bernardino County. The video introduction to the series was recorded at San Bernardino Valley College with the support of the San Bernardino County Human Services Communications Team. To watch the series, visit Inland Empire Fatherhood Involvement Coalition on Facebook at www.facebook.com/iefathers. The Inland **Empire Fatherhood Involvement Coalition meets** at First 5 San Bernardino monthly. To view their calendar of events and meetings or to volunteer, visit www.iefathers.org.



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The County of San Bernardino is home to more than 200,000 children from ages zero to five. The First 5 San Bernardino Commission has demonstrated its commitment to serving our youngest children, in alignment with the San Bernardino County Vision, utilizing strategies and goals that stem from brain research which shows that experiences of children in their first five years of life significantly affect the way they grow and develop.

First 5 San Bernardino has worked in partnership with more than 100 public and non-profit agencies to address the needs of young children and their families and have invested more than \$400 million in services and systems for children and their families countywide since 1998. As the Commission strives to further its mission and achieve positive outcomes for the County's youngest residents, it has thoughtfully and strategically adjusted its approach through a strong strategic plan, staying abreast of best practices and emerging trends. The Commission's investment decisions are determined through a long range lens, recognizing that funding has steadily decreased by at least 3% per year and that the focus on the support of systems work versus individual program initiatives will yield greater positive outcomes for young children. The First 5 San Bernardino Commission prides itself in its leadership within San Bernardino County, often serving as subject matter experts in the development and enhancement of support systems serving children prenatal through age 5. In meeting the goals of one

very important fundamental strategic priority area, the Commission serves as convener among community representatives and stakeholders from multiple sectors in work that results in sustainable and collective impact, supports capacity building for providers of services, works to develop deeper, meaningful relationships to support collaboration and system connectedness, learns from statewide and local peers, and utilizes technology and innovation to continue to see progress experienced over the past 20 years

First 5 San Bernardino is committed to ensuring that coordinated and comprehensive systems support and strengthen children, families, and communities throughout our County as we pursue the vision that all children are healthy, safe, nurtured, and eager to learn and ready to succeed in school through the Commission's investments, work and strategic partnerships in the next 20 years!



Education Dive published an article series on First 5 Commissions across the state. To view the article visit: www.educationdive.com