

First 5 Commission of San Diego

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Staff Report

Updates Since Last Report

Health

- Healthy Development Services (HDS)
 - HDS Countywide Coordinator: American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
The American Academy of Pediatrics is continuing to provide technical assistance to the HDS Regions on how to continue serving families during COVID-19.
 - AAP continues to provide quality assurance check on HDS contractors and ensuring that providers have the needed skill sets to ensure effective service delivery.
- KidSTART
 - Rady Children's Hospital is continuing to provide services to children 0-5 via a mix of virtual and in-person services.
- Oral Health Initiative (OHI)
 - Health clinics are continuing to provide dental services to children 0-5 through a mix of telehealth and limited in-person routine dental services.

Learning

- Learn Well Initiative
 - SDCOE provided Quality Improvement Planning (QIP) tool presentations to the Learn Well Initiative sites. QIP is designed to meet the site leaders needs and targets to work more intensely with smaller sites who have not previously engaged in quality improvement efforts.
 - Finalizing the site outreach plan with the Quality Counts California Consortium to include Family Friend and Neighbor sites, Family Child Care Homes, Private Childcare Providers and those serving infants and toddlers.

Family

- First 5 First Steps (Home Visiting Initiative)
 - Contractors continue to learn and familiarize themselves with the Cal Learn program and its requirements despite still not having access to CalWIN. All sites are working closely with HHSA Eligibility Operations to ensure clients are receiving their supportive services payments.

- First Steps Countywide Coordinator: American Academy of Pediatrics – Chapter 3 (AAP CA-3)
 - In July 2020, AAP-CA3 was awarded a grant from the Office of the California Surgeon General and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to participate in the state's [ACEs Aware initiative](#). AAP-CA3 will be providing pediatric office trainings, communication, and on-going support to promote the ACEs Aware initiative among the Medi-Cal pediatric community in San Diego County, as well as educate about Medi-Cal billing for ACES screening.
 - AAP CA-3 is partnering with other ACEs Aware grantees in San Diego including the YMCA, San Diego State University Social Policy Institute, and the San Diego Accountable Community for Health. Each organization is contracting directly with DHCS regarding their specific scope of work to spread awareness about the impacts of ACEs.
 - AAP-CA3 recently launched an ACEs-specific newsletter to consolidate resources for pediatricians about trainings, webinars, committee meetings, etc.

Community

- Community Engagement and Event Sponsorships

First 5 San Diego is proud to have sponsored the following community outreach events throughout San Diego. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there have been limited in-person (drive-thru) events since March 2020.

- October 11, 2020 – Day of Play – San Diego Special Needs Foundation – **Sponsored**
- October 31, 2020 – Fall Festival – Faith Chapel - **Sponsored**

Administration

- Evaluation

- NEW Reporting format under review to incorporate the new strategic directions focusing on greater systems change. This is being supported by MIG, Inc consulting group.

- Finance Committee

- The Committee did not have a scheduled meeting since the last Commission meeting.

- First 5 Networking / Administrative Updates / Professional Development

- Executive Director Arguilez continues to lead the ECE/Child Care Sector on behalf of the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This requires ongoing coordination with the various stakeholder groups externally and our internal EOC leadership team.
- Executive Director Arguilez continues to support the Child Care Disaster Council as the Co-chair and linking the Sector to the EOC to discuss the emergency response needs to the field including communications and access to supplies and distribution efforts with local stakeholders.
- Executive Director Arguilez is supporting the response to the Board Letter issued by Supervisor Gaspar on September 15th related to the creation of learning HUBs on county campuses for school ages children.
- Executive Director Arguilez continues to represent First 5 San Diego in the following community engagement efforts:
 - Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board and Subcommittee focusing on Organizational Structure
 - SDSU College of Education Dean Advisory Board
 - San Diego ECE Advocacy Coalition
 - San Diego Child Care and Planning Council
 - First 5 Association Public Policy Committee Southern California Representative
 - Diamond Education Excellence Partnership

- San Diego Grantmakers Early Education Funders Group
- YMCA Partners in Prevention Leadership Advisory Committee

Background on First 5 San Diego Commission's Current Projects

2-1-1 INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

2-1-1 San Diego is a free 24-hour phone service and online database that connects people with community resources. 2-1-1 also operates a First 5 San Diego Warm Line that assists parents of children ages zero through five with locating services and resources for their families.

CHILDHOOD INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Childhood Injury Prevention Program educates parents, caregivers and early childhood education staff about childhood injury prevention strategies to make homes, automobiles and communities safer for children ages zero through five.

FIRST 5 FIRST STEPS

First 5 First Steps (F5FS) provides countywide home visitation services to specific high-risk target populations including pregnant and parenting teens, military, refugee/immigrant and low-income families using the Healthy Families America (HFA) model and Baby TALK curriculum.

HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Healthy Development Services (HDS) is an array of services for early identification and treatment of children with mild to moderate developmental delays. Services include assessment and treatment for developmental concerns (including Speech and Language, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy), behavioral concerns (parenting class, coaching and therapy) and Care Coordination to all families receiving HDS services.

KIDSTART

KidSTART is an integrated program within First 5 San Diego and HHSA Behavioral Health Services to support children with complex needs. The KidSTART Center performs triage, assessment, referrals and treatment for children with multiple complex delays and disorders. The KidSTART Clinic provides comprehensive behavioral and social-emotional clinical treatment (First 5 San Diego funding supports the Center only).

KIT FOR NEW PARENTS

The Kit for New Parents is a free, comprehensive resource from First 5 California for new and expectant parents emphasizing the importance of a child's early years. Kits are distributed countywide and are available in English and Spanish.

MATERNITY HOUSING PROGRAM (MHP)

MHP assists these young women who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, develop the skills necessary to live independently while providing a safe and stable home for themselves and their children.

MI ESCUELITA THERAPEUTIC PRESCHOOL

Mi Escuelita provides a therapeutic preschool experience for young children who have been exposed to domestic violence and abuse.

ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

The Oral Health Initiative (OHI) provides oral health services, care coordination and preventative education to children ages birth through five with the goal of improving oral health and promoting positive oral health practices.

LEARN WELL INITIATIVE

Learn Well Initiative aims to continue as a partner within the County-wide San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative (SDQPI) and build the early learning and care systems and supports providers need to serve families with children ages birth to 5 years of age.