

First 5 Commission of San Diego
November 17, 2022
Staff Report

Updates Since Last Report

Health

- **Healthy Development Services (HDS) Countywide Coordinator: American Academy of Pediatrics – Chapter 3 (AAP)**
 - AAP is working with the HDS regions on what is needed to collect County-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) data and receive funding for specific HDS services. All six regions are looking into the possibility of working with the process.

Learning

- **Workforce Development Pilot**
 - Learn Well Professional Advancement Cohorts for the SD-QPI Workforce: The SD-QPI and Learn Well Initiative continue to bring new community college partners on board to offer continuing education for childcare providers at no cost to them. To date; Grossmont, Grossmont-Cuyamaca, and Southwestern Colleges are now partners in this pilot. SDSU has also shown interest in joining the program for the upcoming semester in the spring.

Family

- **First 5 First Steps (F5FS) Home Visiting Initiative**
 - Cal Learn program contractors to begin transitioning currently enrolled teens to HHSA starting October 31, 2022. Contractors have through December 31, 2022 to make complete transition, dates vary by contractor.
- **First 5 First Steps (F5FS) Countywide Coordinator: American Academy of Pediatrics – Chapter 3 (AAP)**
 - Through the support of First 5 California's Home Visiting Coordination grant and First 5 San Diego, AAP-CA3 has successfully strengthened their collaboration with community partners and facilitated the redesign of a long-used referral pathway tool. The redesigned referral pathway tool is a short, easy-to-read, web-based survey that the community (both service providers and families) can complete to quickly and accurately identify the in-home family support program that best meets the family's unique needs. It has passed through many hands over the years and is a symbol of the continued partnership and collaboration between the family support programs in San Diego County.

Community

- **Community Outreach and Engagement Events**
 - **Summer Movies in the Park** (May – October 2022) - Summer Movies in the Park, a series of free outdoor movie events in park facilities, is a collaboration between the County of San Diego

Department of Parks and Recreation, the Cities of San Diego, Carlsbad, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Oceanside, Poway, Vista, and the USS Midway Museum. Each event provides opportunities to gather as a community and build a sense of community and offers residents free opportunities to enjoy themselves outdoors in the summer evenings. This program has a projected reach of 50,000 San Diegans on an annual basis. First 5 San Diego has been a proud sponsor of Summer Movies in the Park since 2012.

- **Holiday Food Drive with the Jacobs and Cushman Foodbank** (November – December 2022)
First 5 San Diego partnered with the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank as a sponsor for the 2022 Holiday Food Drive. This is the tenth year that First 5 San Diego has participated in this collaboration to provide food for hundreds of thousands of the most vulnerable people in San Diego County, including chronically hungry school children living in poverty.

First 5 San Diego is proud to have sponsored or participated in the following **6** community outreach events

- **October 22, 2022 - San Diego Parks and Recreation – Waterfront Pumpkin Patch (Sponsored)**
- October 22, 2022 - City of SD Parks and Recreation – Halloween Craft Event (Participated)
- **October 23, 2022 – Radio Latina - Día de Muertos Festival (Sponsored)**
- **October 31, 2022 – Faith Chapel – Trunk or Treat Event (Sponsored)**

- November 1, 2022 – Viejas Casino & Resort – Health and Lifestyle Expo (Participated)
- November 5, 2022 – Miracle Babies - Drive Through Diaper Event (Participated)

Administration

- **Finance Committee**

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

- ***First 5 Advocacy & Networking / Administrative Updates / Professional Development***

- Executive Director Arguilez participated in a panel presentation with the SD Women’s Foundation focusing on Early Childhood Education. This session was moderated by Katie Rast, SD Foundation Director of Community Impact.
- Executive Director Arguilez participated in a panel presentation at the SD Housing Federation Conference titled: **A Community Win-Win: Co-locating Child Care within Affordable Housing**. The panel included leadership from the Children’s First Collective, Low Income Investment Fund (<https://www.liifund.org>), MAAC and Mission Driven Finance.
- Executive Director Arguilez is working on the procurement for the two ARPA Childcare focused allocations for Workforce Investment and the Shared Services Alliance programs.
- Executive Director Arguilez continues to work in collaboration with Kimberly Giardina, Director of CWS and the consulting team on the formation of the new Child and Family Well-being Department and the preparation for the Family First Prevention Service Act (FFPSA) launch in 2025.
- Executive Director Arguilez continues to have discussions with the CalAIM leadership at HHSA to learn more about how First 5 and its contracted partners can be engaged in the new roll out and ensuring that our youngest children are receiving the earliest of support services.
- Executive Director Arguilez, along with the SDCOE are continuing to explore the expansion of the new Military Childcare in Your Neighborhood + Plus program (MCCYN+).

- Executive Director Arguilez continues to support the Child Care Disaster Council as the Co-chair and linking the ECE/Child Care 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 continues to represent First 5 San Diego in the following community stakeholder engagement efforts:
 - Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board
 - SDSU College of Education Dean Advisory Board
 - Children's First Collective San Diego (formerly San Diego ECE Advocacy Coalition)
 - First 5 Association Public Policy Committee Chair
 - Catalyst San Diego (formerly San Diego Grantmakers) Early Education Funders Group
 - YMCA Partners in Prevention (PiP) Leadership Advisory Committee

- ***Administrative Updates***

- Vacancy for 1 Administrative Analyst II, Contracts Coordinator is being filled.

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 (1-800 5FIRST5) 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 (F5FS)

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 (HDS)

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 behavioral and developmental concerns (including speech and language, occupational and physical therapies), parent education and care coordination to all families receiving HDS services.

KIDSTART

KidSTART is an integrated program within First 5 San Diego and the Health and Human Services Agency's Behavioral Health Services to support children with complex developmental, socio-emotional/behavioral health, medical, and family needs. The KidSTART Center performs screening, triage, assessment, referrals and treatment for children with multiple, complex delays, and needs. The KidSTART Clinic, funded by Behavioral Health Services, 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, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, and Chinese.

MATERNITY HOUSING PROGRAM (MHP)

The MHP provides safe, secure and supportive housing with comprehensive home-based family-focused supportive services and intensive case management services for pregnant and parenting young women between 18 and 24 years old, and their dependent children. 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 them and their children.

MI ESCUELITA THERAPEUTIC PRESCHOOL

Mi Escuelita provides a therapeutic preschool experience for young children 3-5 years old who have been traumatized by family violence. The goal of this program is to help children enter kindergarten as active learners by working with the family emotionally, socially, and developmentally.

ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE (OHI)

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

The Learn Well Initiative supports sustainable development of quality early learning and care programs and aims to support providers in the form of technical assistance, instructional support, coaching and ongoing professional development.

SHARED SERVICES ALLIANCE (SSA)

The Shared Services Alliance is an approach to strengthen small early learning and care businesses by providing them the supports to strengthen their business practices. The SSA is aimed at building a sustainable provider-based childcare system by providing technology and staff infrastructure that enable sharing of staff, information, and resources. A Shared Services Alliance Network provides business efficiencies to childcare providers, the majority of whom are low-income women of color, increasing business sustainability and expanding care for low-to-moderate income communities.