

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Fiscal Year 2018-2019



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Annual Report AR-1
Kern Revenue and Expenditure Summary
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Revenue Detail	
Category	Amount
Tobacco Tax Funds	\$7,229,714
First 5 Impact Funds	\$955,005
Small Population County Augmentation Funds	\$0
DLL Pilot Funds	\$0
Other First 5 California Funds	\$0
Other First 5 California Funds Description	
Other Public Funds	\$0
Other Public Funds Description	
Donations	\$2,000
Revenue From Interest Earned	\$372,249
Grants	30,000
Grants Description	\$
Kaiser Permanente Grant – Trauma Informed Kern County ACES training \$30,000.	
Other Funds	\$60,429
Other Funds Description	
HUB Travel Reimbursements - \$7,799, Kern County Behavioral Health - Help Me Grow Kern County - \$43,193, and Proceeds from contractor sale of equipment - \$9,437.	
Total Revenue	\$8,649,397

Improved Family Functioning

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
General Family Support	County Office of Education/School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FRCs Core Support 	2,832	3,214	99	\$1,502,120
General Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FRCs Core Support Not Applicable 	888	2,903	15	\$602,464
Intensive Family Support	County Office of Education/School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Applicable 	2,498	1,531	0	\$516,377
Intensive Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Applicable 	432	306	0	\$470,749
Total						\$3,091,710

Improved Child Development

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
Quality Early Learning Supports	County Office of Education/School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Applicable 	5,430	0	155	\$790,046
Early Learning Programs	County Office of Education/School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preschool/Childcare 	620	610	38	\$833,735
Early Learning Programs	CBO/Non-Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preschool/Childcare Summer Programs 	565	100	12	\$504,440
Early Learning Programs	Other Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preschool/Childcare 	289	339	0	\$218,767
Total						\$2,346,988

Improved Child Health

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
General Health Education and Promotion	Hospital/Health Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Applicable 	827	65	0	\$298,067
General Health Education and Promotion	CBO/Non-Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Applicable 	58	239	50	\$188,728
General Health Education and Promotion	County Office of Education/School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition/ Breastfeeding • Safety Education 	173	89	0	\$118,007
General Health Education and Promotion	Other Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Education 	515	70	0	\$34,978
General Health Education and Promotion	County Health & Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Applicable 	122	140	1	\$6,991
Oral Health Education and Treatment	County Office of Education/School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other – Describe county commission local efforts 	2,988	276	0	\$852,514
Early Intervention	County Health & Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Coordination 	813	0	0	\$46,071
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild-to-Moderate Supports • Not Applicable 	55	40	0	\$265,269
Early Intervention	Other Private/For Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Applicable 	40	0	0	\$112,348
Early Intervention	County Office of Education/School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild-to-Moderate Supports 	59	179	2	\$189,942
Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting	County Health & Human Services,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Applicable • Nurse Family Partnership 	122	191	0	\$734,532
Total						\$2,847,447

Improved Systems of Care

Service	Grantee	Providers	Amount
Policy and Public Advocacy	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable	\$16,500
Policy and Public Advocacy	Other Public	• Not Applicable	\$7,300
Policy and Public Advocacy	First 5 County Commission	• Not Applicable	\$977,405
Programs and Systems Improvement Efforts	Other Private/For Profit	• Health Systems	\$66,159
Total			\$1,067,364

Expenditure Details

Category	Amount
Program Expenditures	\$9,353,509
Administrative Expenditures	\$632,201
Evaluation Expenditures	\$385,295
Total Expenditures	\$10,371,005
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	(\$1,721,608)

Other Financing Details

Category	Amount
Sale(s) of Capital Assets	\$0
Other	\$0
Total Other Financing Sources	\$0

Net Change in Fund Balance

Category	Amount
Fund Balance – Beginning	\$17,930,354
Fund Balance – Ending	\$16,208,746
Net Change in Fund Balance	(\$1,721,608)

Fiscal Year Fund Balance

Category	Amount
Nonspendable	\$5,491
Restricted	\$0
Committed	\$9,538,826
Assigned	\$0
Unassigned	\$6,664,429
Total Fund Balance	\$16,208,746

Expenditure Note

Contributions to agents increased by \$48,651 in fiscal year 2018-19 from those of the prior year. This is attributable to program expansion of the Help Me Grow - Kern County Program.

Small Population County Funding Augmentation

Category	Amount	Comment
Administration	\$0	
Evidence Based Programs	\$0	
Evidence Informed Programs	\$0	
Funded Programs	\$0	
Professional Development, Training and Technical Assistance	\$0	
Evaluation	\$0	
Other (Please Explain)	\$0	
Total	\$0	
If unspent funds occurred during the FY, please list amount and provide explanation.	\$0	

Annual Report AR-2
Kern Demographic Worksheet
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Population Served	
Category	Number
Children – Ages Unknown (birth to 6 th birthday)	9
Children from 3 rd to 6 th Birthday	12,712
Children Less than 3 Years Old	6,607
Primary Caregivers	10,271
Providers	737
Total Population Served	30,336

Primary Languages Spoken in the Home		
Category	Number of Children	Number of Adults
English	9,564	4,493
Spanish	3,063	2,061
Cantonese	2	1
Mandarin	0	0
Vietnamese	3	3
Korean	3	0
Other – Specify with text box	0	0
Unknown	6,693	3,713
Total	19,328	10,271

Race/Ethnicity of Population Served

Category	Number of Children	Number of Adults
Alaska Native/American Indian	192	189
Asian	278	86
Black/African-American	1,017	539
Hispanic/Latino	7,745	3,924
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	44	29
Other – Specify with text box	0	0
Two or more races	573	163
Unknown	7,033	4,109
White	2,446	1,232
Total	19,328	10,271

Duplication Assessment

Category	Data
Degree of Duplication	10%
Confidence in Data	Moderately confident
Additional Details (Optional)	<p>There are two data reporting categories aggregate and client level. Aggregate reporting programs do not submit identifying data. Client level reporting programs enter client data into Persimmony. Duplication within and across programs is monitored using the Client Duplicates report. Fifteen duplicate clients were identified. Because aggregate reporting programs do not enter identifying information, we cannot compare the level of duplication across aggregate and client level programs.</p>

Annual Report AR-3
Kern County Evaluation Summary and Highlights
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Evaluation Activities Completed, Findings, and Policy Impact

Evaluation activities are listed below:

- Completion of an evaluation report to address Results-Based Accountability across 43 programs in the prior year. The document was published by the Education Resources Information Center (<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED593233.pdf>);
- Institutional Review Board (IRB) training was held for 91 program staff to ensure compliance of data collection to federal, state, and local regulations;
- Two cost-benefit analysis (CBA) reports were presented at the 2019 American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual meeting;
- Evaluator received training on R package at Washington, DC to handle text analytics for reporting compelling narratives from First 5 Kern funded programs;
- Parent education curriculum review was conducted to support evaluation data collection in the next funding cycle;
- Service counts were tracked in Child Health, Family Functioning, Child Development, and Systems of Care to document the delivery of program support;
- Eight assessments were used to evaluate the improvement of service outcomes under a pretest-posttest setting;
- Program partnership data were gathered to support social network analyses (SNA) of systems of care.

Evaluation findings are demonstrated by:

- Assessment data that show implementation of all recommendations from last year, including sustaining partnership building across service providers in Kern County;
- Compliance to the IRB protocol through completing site visits for quality data gathering;

- CBA results to confirm the benefit of at least \$2 in returns for every dollar invested in early childhood services across Kern County;
- R analytic plots of the text data at <https://www.first5kern.org/about-us/success-stories/> to show First 5 Kern's focus on supporting local children and their families;
- Identification of three parenting curricula for evaluating parental education programs in funding cycle 2020-2025;
- Service expansions in each focus area, as described in a report to the community (<https://www.first5kern.org/report-to-the-community-publication-2017-18>);
- Better posttest results on improvement of child and family well-being through value-added assessments;
- Strengthening of local partnership building, as shown in SNA, across 43 service providers.

Policy Impact

Evaluation, by definition, deals with value judgement of program outcomes. With an expectation of a high return to the state's investment in early childhood services (ECS), value itself is divided into categories of "use value" and "exchange value" in a Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA). While a high return was found by the mainstream ECS researchers according to the use value of service outcomes for the society, others argued not-so-high investment returns (Oh & Adamy, 2019) or no positive return at all (Pages, Lukes, Bailey, & Duncan, 2019). The puzzle was addressed in two AERA presentations to reflect the fact that First 5 Kern funded programs not for its own use, but in exchange for the services to support young children and their families in the future.

From the exchange-value perspective, the results show benefit of First 5 Kern funded programs above the local market value in both current and past funding cycles (<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED582032.pdf>). In alignment with the evaluation findings, the policy impact is reflected by First 5 Kern's decision to (1) continue funding direct services, and (2) adopt the current funding practice in the next Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The RFP undertaking will

broadly impact over \$40 million of state funding for ECS across Kern County in funding cycle 2020-2025.

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County Highlight

Through its funding strategies and collaborative efforts, First 5 Kern strives to promote and accomplish its vision that “all Kern County children will be born into and thrive in a supportive, safe, loving homes and neighborhoods and will enter school healthy and ready to learn”. In the Fiscal Year 2018-19, the fourth year of a five year funding cycle, First 5 Kern funded 43 programs across three focus areas, Health and Wellness, Parent Education and Support Services, and Early Childcare and Education. The funded programs provided valuable services to 19,328 children and 10,271 primary caregivers.

With continued commitment of systems change efforts, First 5 Kern continued to support Trauma-Informed Care trainings through a second cohort, which included 17 agencies and 94 providers from across the county. The trainings included the support of previous participants returning as coaches to share successes and lessons learned of adopting a Trauma-Informed lens within their programs and agencies.

First 5 Kern began a new partnership with Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to expand the Help Me Grow program. With the help of community partners, Ages and Stages Questionnaire screenings will be made available to more Kern County children through a coordinated county effort allowing families to request screenings through a centralized system. Families will be supported by a telephone access point, text messaging platform and an online database system. The goal of the countywide partnership is to give more children the opportunity to be screened, identify developmental delays and link families to community resources.