

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

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Annual Report AR-1
Kern Revenue and Expenditure Summary
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Revenue Detail	
Category	Amount
Tobacco Tax Funds	\$10,186,676
First 5 Impact Funds	\$862,715
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	\$247,100
Other Public Funds Description Kern Behavioral Health & Recovery Services funding in support of the Help Me Grow – Kern County program.	
Donations	\$0
Revenue From Interest Earned	\$310,464
Grants	\$84,985
Grants Description Kaiser Permanente Grant (\$20,000) in support of Systems Change; dollars support Trauma Informed Kern County training efforts. California Family Resource Association grant (\$64,985); dollars support Covid-19 resource funding for Family Resource Centers.	
Other Funds	\$15,717
Other Funds Description HUB Travel Reimbursement - \$2,216, Records request payment - \$15, Indirect Cost Revenue - \$922, County Interest Adjustment - \$12,564	
Total Revenue	\$11,707,657

Improved Family Functioning

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
General Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRCs Core Support • Not Applicable 	860	4,371	12	\$629,442
General Family Support	County Office of Education/School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRCs Core Support 	2,870	5,791	103	\$1,329,639
Intensive Family Support	County Office of Education/School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Applicable 	2,525	1,684	0	\$564,987
Intensive Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Applicable 	356	449	0	\$501,929
Total						\$3,025,997

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 	3,057	0	427	\$682,756
Early Learning Programs	County Office of Education/School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool/Childcare 	566	654	19	\$523,526
Early Learning Programs	CBO/Non-Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool/Childcare • Summer Programs 	120	104	8	\$359,666
Early Learning Programs	Other Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool/Childcare 	430	527	0	\$328,004
Total						\$1,893,952

Improved Child Health						
Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
General Health Education and Promotion	Hospital/Health Plan	• Not Applicable	747	83	0	\$340,730
General Health Education and Promotion	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable	89	1,647	0	\$180,498
General Health Education and Promotion	County Office of Education/School District	• Nutrition/ Breastfeeding • Safety Education	162	110	0	\$117,167
General Health Education and Promotion	Other Public	• Safety Education	515	70	0	\$30,787
General Health Education and Promotion	County Health & Human Services	• Not Applicable	0	0	1*	\$409
Oral Health Education and Treatment	County Office of Education/School District	• Other – Describe county commission local efforts	2,428	217	0	\$943,708
Early Intervention	County Health & Human Services	• Care Coordination	865	0	0	\$29,267
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	• Mild-to-Moderate Supports • Not Applicable	237	56	0	\$387,228
Early Intervention	County Office of Education/School District	• Mild-to-Moderate Supports	78	263	0	\$179,377
Early Intervention	Other Private/For Profit	• Not Applicable	50	0	0	\$156,728
Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting	County Health & Human Services	• Not Applicable • Nurse Family Partnership	109	161	0	\$530,477
Total						\$2,896,376

*Due to a database system error, a client count must be entered in this field. Actual count in fiscal year 2019-20 is 0.

Improved Systems of Care

Service	Grantee	Providers	Amount
Policy and Public Advocacy	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable	\$15,600
Policy and Public Advocacy	First 5 County Commission	• Not Applicable	\$1,080,049
Programs and Systems Improvement Efforts	Other Private/For Profit	• Health Systems	\$62,627
Total			\$1,158,276

Expenditure Details

Category	Amount
Program Expenditures	\$8,974,601
Administrative Expenditures	\$639,516
Evaluation Expenditures	\$404,536
Total Expenditures	\$10,018,653
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$1,689,004

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	\$16,208,746
Fund Balance – Ending	\$17,897,750
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$1,689,004

Fiscal Year Fund Balance

Category	Amount
Nonspendable	\$7,383
Restricted	\$0
Committed	\$8,417,789
Assigned	\$0
Unassigned	\$9,472,578
Total Fund Balance	\$17,897,750

Expenditure Note

Contributions to agents decreased by \$387,792 in fiscal year 2019-20 from those of the prior year. This is attributable to a couple of factors. First, the Bakersfield City School District's Supporting Parents and Children for School Readiness Program closed in quarter one of 2019-20. Secondly, all funded programs experienced reduced program staffing billings in quarters three and four due to Covid-19 furloughs and staffing reductions. The Policy and Public Advocacy, First 5 County Commissions category contains Covid-19 relief spending in the amount of \$97,279. Spending is a combination of distribution of funds from the California Family Resource Association and supply distributions of items purchased from Supply Bank and Sysco Ventura.

Small Population County Funding Augmentation Expenditure Detail

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, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Population Served	
Category	Number
Children – Ages Unknown (birth to 6 th birthday)	3,120
Children from 3 rd to 6 th Birthday	7,112
Children Less than 3 Years Old	5,832
Primary Caregivers	16,187
Providers	569
Total Population Served	32,820

Primary Languages Spoken in the Home		
Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
English	9,375	5,606
Spanish	4,004	3,317
Cantonese	2	1
Vietnamese	2	2
Korean	2	0
Unknown	2,679	7,261
Total	16,064	16,187

Race/Ethnicity of Population Served		
Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
Alaska Native/American Indian	70	39
Asian	173	67
Black/African-American	1,075	525
Hispanic/Latino	7,547	6,092

Race/Ethnicity of Population Served

Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	97	14
Two or more races	648	220
Unknown	3,311	7,841
White	3,143	1,389
Total	16,064	16,187

Duplication Assessment

Category	Data
Degree of Duplication	15%
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. Twenty-one duplicate clients were identified. Because aggregate reporting programs do not submit identifying data, 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, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Evaluation Activities Completed, Findings, and Policy Impact

Evaluation activities include:

- Completion of an evaluation report to address Results-Based Accountability across 43 programs in the prior year [1];
- Implementation of Institutional Review Board (IRB) training for 216 program staff;
- Revision of a consent form in both English and Spanish;
- Updates of the Confidentiality and Intake Protocol Handbook, confidentiality training materials, Family Stability Rubric, and instruments of Birth Survey, Core Data Elements Survey, Nurturing Parenting Survey, as well as Client Surveys for Guardianship Caregiver Project (GCP) and Domestic Violence Reduction Project (DVRP);
- Training of the evaluator to become a certified analyst on Text Analytics and Bayesian Statistics;
- Gathering of eight assessment data to evaluate the improvement of service outcomes under a pretest-posttest setting.

Evaluation findings were generated on:

- Improvement of the threshold setting for ASQ:SE-2 according to Classic Test Theory and Item Response Theory;
- Compliance of data security protection per IRB protocol requirements;
- Identification of “children”, “infants”, “toddlers”, “parents”, and “communities” as the frequently-used words in First 5 Kern’s impact stories to reconfirm the program responses to key stakeholders;
- Implementation of all recommendations from last year based on evaluation data from 43 programs.

Policy Impact

Trauma experience has a long-term impact on child development. In 2019, Governor Newsom allocated \$60 million for trauma screening [2]. But, “An issue providers face is what to do when a patient is found to have childhood trauma” [3]. In support of a Trauma-Informed (TI) Initiative in Kern County, First 5 Kern strategically funded programs in four focus areas, *Health and Wellness*, *Parent Education and Support Services*, *Early Childcare and Education*, and *Integration of Services*, to address the local needs.

In *Health and Wellness*, Help Me Grow referred children for mental health services after Ages & Stages Questionnaire-2: Social Emotional screenings. Programs in *Parent Education and Support Services* also offered TI services for children because “having a caring adult in their life is shown to have mitigating effects on trauma” [4]. In *Early Childcare and Education*, First 5 Kern funded *special-needs* programs to support a broad vision of First 5 California to “ensure all children have equitable access to quality early learning settings” [5]. In the *service integration* area, the commission funded the Medically Vulnerable Care Coordination Project (MVCCP) that recruited a \$20,000 grant in 2019 to offer Trauma-Informed Kern County Trainings for 17 agencies and 94 service providers. [6] More recently, “COVID-19 has had disproportionate contagion and fatality in Black, Latino, and Native American communities and among the poor in the United States” [7], which demanded more of First 5 Kern support for minority-serving programs, such as Black Infant Health.

In summary, TI approaches have been taken by First 5 Kern to improve community thinking and reaction to family members who experienced or were at risk of experiencing trauma. Besides offering professional trainings on the widespread impact of trauma and the potential paths for recovery, First 5 Kern funded effective programs like DVRP to reduce domestic violence and GCP to support legal guardianship over children ages 0 to 5.

Notes:

[1] <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED602896.pdf>

[2] <https://www.first5la.org/article/california-budget-signed-by-governor-newsom-strengthens-strong-foundation-for-young-children-and-their-families/>

[3] [4] https://www.bakersfield.com/news/children-to-be-screened-for-toxic-stress-trauma-under-new-state-initiative/article_6eba7f64-33dd-11ea-b8e1-37178a8deb75.html

[5] https://www.cafc.ca.gov/pdf/about/budget_perf/F5CA_StrategicPlan_2019-24.pdf

[6] p. 42 of <https://www.first5kern.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/CFC-June-2020-Packet.pdf>

[7] <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/research/coronavirus/publication/32478545>

County Highlight

First 5 Kern strives to promote and accomplish its vision statement 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 2019-20, First 5 Kern funded 43 programs across three focus areas, in Health and Wellness, Parent Education and Support Services, and Early Childcare and Education, including the Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive (IMPACT) program. The funded programs provided valuable services to 16,064 children and 16,187 primary caregivers.

With a continued commitment of systems change efforts, First 5 Kern continued to support the Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services partnership to expand the Help Me Grow – Kern County program by educating partners and the community of early detection benefits. A total of 183 children received either the Ages and Stages Questionnaire-3 and/or the Ages and Stages Questionnaire: Social Emotional-2 developmental screening.

The pandemic proved to be an interruption of many activities and trainings. Still, through its Resilient Kern coalition First 5 Kern was able to mobilize its Trauma-Informed Care efforts to address the stressors providers experienced or they would continue to experience until quarantine efforts were lifted. The training provided an opportunity for self-care and helped understand the stress and difficulties families and children experienced.