

# **ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION**

Fiscal Year 2021-2022



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**Annual Report AR-1  
Kern Revenue and Expenditure Summary  
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

Revenue Detail	
Category	Amount
Tobacco Tax Funds	\$8,810,192
First 5 IMPACT 2020 Funds	\$522,713
Small Population County Augmentation Funds	\$0
DLL Pilot Funds	\$0
Other First 5 California Funds	\$57,143
Other First 5 California Funds Description – Home Visiting Coordination (HVC)	
Other Public Funds	\$222,356
Other Public Funds Description – Kern County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services funding in support of the Help me Grow-Kern County program.	
Donations	\$10,000
Revenue From Interest Earned	\$186,730
Grants	\$107,496
Grants Description – Smile California (\$3,000) in support of Denti-Cal outreach, California Children & Families Foundation (\$16,500) pass-through funding from United Way of CA. Dollars support educating families at high risk for ACEs on the benefits of the Earned Income Tax Credit. ACEs Aware Grant (\$87,996) in support of systems change. Dollars support the continued development of Trauma-Informed Networks of Care designed to address ACEs and toxic stress.	
Other Funds	\$247,853
Other Funds – Other Financing – Building Lease (GASB 87)	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$10,164,483</b>

### Improved Family Functioning

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
General Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	• Core Operating Support	1,316	2,492	68	\$852,227
General Family Support	County Office of Education/School District	• Core Operating Support	2,646	5,031	30	\$1,146,107
Intensive Family Support	County Office of Education/School District	• Not Applicable	2,249	1,637	0	\$564,995
Intensive Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable	423	495	0	\$428,063
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$2,991,392</b>

### Improved Child Development

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
Quality Early Learning Supports	County Office of Education/School District	• Not Applicable	618	0	30	\$484,600
Early Learning Program Direct Costs	CBO/Non-Profit	• Preschool/Childcare	103	79	0	\$322,635
Early Learning Program Direct Costs	County Office of Education/School District	• Preschool/Childcare	536	547	31	\$519,031
Early Learning Program Direct Costs	Other Public	• Preschool/Childcare	192	203	0	\$362,903
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$1,689,169</b>

**Improved Child Health**

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Unique Families	Amount
General Health Education and Promotion	Hospital/Health Plan	• Not Applicable	767	45	0	0	\$278,689
General Health Education and Promotion	County Office of Education/ School District	• Safety Education	175	131	0	0	\$11,754
General Health Education and Promotion	Other Public	• Safety Education	282	25	0	0	\$26,767
Oral Health Education and Treatment	County Office of Education/ School District	• Other	1,960	0	0	0	\$837,258
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	• Mild-to-Moderate Supports	55	50	0	0	\$228,666
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable	67	0	30	0	\$59,103
Early Intervention	County Health & Human Services	• Care Coordination and Linkage	264	0	0	0	\$44,015
Early Intervention	County Office of Education/ School District	• Mild-to-Moderate Supports	99	117	0	0	\$184,974
Early Intervention	Other Private/For Profit	• Mild-to-Moderate Supports	38	0	0	0	\$150,000
Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting	County Health & Human Services	• Nurse Family Partnership	53	97	0	97	\$538,288
Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting	County Health & Human Services	• Not Applicable (Black Infant Health)	38	57	0	57	\$77,771

**Total \$2,437,285**

\*Unique Family counts are required under Service Area Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting only.

### Improved Systems of Care

Service	Grantee	Programs	Amount
Policy and Public Advocacy	First 5 County Commission	• Not Applicable	\$1,330,160
Policy and Public Advocacy	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable	\$24,500
Systems Building	CBO/Non-Profit	• Early Identification and Intervention	\$198,132
Systems Building	Other Private/For Profit	• Trauma-Informed Care/ACEs	\$152,185
Emergency and Disaster Relief	First 5 County Commission	• Direct Material Support	\$16,200
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,721,177</b>

### Expenditure Details

Category	Amount
Program Expenditures	\$8,839,023
Administrative Expenditures	\$637,014
Evaluation Expenditures	\$459,169
Total Expenditures	\$9,935,206
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$229,277

### Other Financing Details

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

### Net Change in Fund Balance

Category	Amount
Fund Balance – Beginning	\$19,175,046
Fund Balance – Ending	\$19,404,323
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$229,277</b>

### Fiscal Year Fund Balance

Category	Amount
Nonspendable	\$74,082
Restricted	\$0
Committed	\$9,063,925
Assigned	\$0
Unassigned	\$10,266,316
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$19,404,323</b>

### Expenditure Note

Contributions to agents increased by \$532,754 in fiscal year 2021-22 from the prior year. This is attributable to easing pandemic restrictions and programs returning to direct services when possible.

### Small Population County Funding Augmentation Expenditure Detail

Category	Amount	Comment
Program: Evidenced-Based	\$0	
Program: Evidenced-Informed	\$0	
Program: Other Funded	\$0	
Program: Professional Development, Training, and Technical Assistance	\$0	
Administration	\$0	
Evaluation	\$0	
Other (Please Explain)	\$0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
If unspent funds occurred during the FY, please list amount and provide explanation.	\$0	

**Annual Report AR-2**  
**Kern Demographic Worksheet**  
**July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

Population Served	
Category	Number
Children Less than 3 Years Old	4,835
Children from 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	7,046
Primary Caregivers	11,006
Providers	189
<b>Total Population Served</b>	<b>23,076</b>

Primary Languages Spoken in the Home		
Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
English	7,746	4,819
Spanish	2,676	2,835
Mandarin	1	1
Korean	2	0
Unknown	1,456	3,351
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,881</b>	<b>11,006</b>

Race/Ethnicity of Population Served		
Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
Alaska Native/American Indian	60	34
Asian	128	67
Black/African-American	739	460
Hispanic/Latino	6,496	5,158
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	40	62
White	2,112	1,329



### Race/Ethnicity of Population Served

Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
Two or more races	559	188
Unknown	1,747	3,708
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,881</b>	<b>11,006</b>

### 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. Thirty-five 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, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

**Evaluation Activities Completed, Findings, and Policy Impact**

Evaluation activities include:

- Comparison of target and actual counts across 53 result indicators in Child Health, Family Functioning, Child Development, and Systems of Care;
- Gathering of qualitative stories on the program impact across 39 service providers;
- Implementation of an Institutional Review Board (IRB) protocol, including site visits, consent form administration and confidentiality training, for 98 program staff;
- Streamline the consent consideration to monitor referrals on the Unite Us (UU) platform;
- Collection of service integration data to assess capacity of program networking;
- Monitoring of leveraged funds to track external resource recruitment in each program;
- Articulation of the achieved results with program funding to justify cost effectiveness;
- Examination of past recommendations to assess ongoing progress since last year;
- Analysis of the evaluation findings to support new recommendations for next year;
- Gathering of eight assessment data to report improvement of service outcomes on the time dimension;
- Training of the evaluator as a certified analyst in network analytics;
- Investigation of threshold issues of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ), Second Edition, or ASQ:SE-2, for social emotional screening;
- Report of ASQ-Third Edition (ASQ-3) data for result dissemination; and
- Preparation of Resilient Kern Initiative (RKI) information for program review by the Association of Maternal and Child Health (MCH).

Evaluation findings were generated to support:

- Assessment of the quarterly progress in service deliveries toward the annual target;
- Illustration of the profound differences First 5 Kern made in the lives of children and their families;
- Compliance of data handling according to federal, state, and local laws and regulations;
- Review of IRB compliance in a UU referral form;
- Summary of social network patterns in service integration;
- Continuation of First 5 Kern's leadership in expanding sources of program support;
- Justification of Proposition 10 funding with program outcomes;

- Confirmation of changes according to past recommendations;
- Documentation of rationale for new recommendations;
- Configuration of value-added assessment on the program impact between pretest and posttest results;
- Completion of network computing on service integration;
- Publication of an article in Journal of Nursing Measurement on social emotional screening<sup>[1]</sup>;
- Submission of three proposals for presentation of ASQ-3 results at the 2023 annual meeting of American Educational Research Association; and
- Recognition of RKI as an Innovation Hub Best Effective Practice of MCH.

### Policy Impact

In designing school entry policy, “Social and emotional development are as important to health and learning”.<sup>[2]</sup> However, a critical issue hinges on a decrease of the ASQ:SE-2 threshold for social emotional screenings at 48 and 60 months,<sup>[3]</sup> an indefensible pattern to imply that children may grow and shrink interchangeably near age 3. A publication of First 5 Kern (see <sup>[1]</sup>) led to a 20-point change in the threshold setting to impact the foundation of school entry protocol.

Research outcomes like this are elaborated in an annual report of First 5 Kern that has been peer-reviewed by Education Resources Information Center (ERIC) of the United States Department of Education.<sup>[4]</sup> A search of the ERIC database with keywords “First 5” and “Proposition 10” reveals 14 reports in the ERIC library,<sup>[5]</sup> and 10 of the contributions are from First 5 Kern. Hence, the Kern Commission has been leading county commissions in disseminating the broad impact of Proposition 10 across the nation.

[1] <https://connect.springerpub.com/content/sgrjnm/early/2022/06/15/jnm-2021-0023.abstract>

[2] [https://agesandstages.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/ASQSE-2-Technical-Appendix\\_web.pdf](https://agesandstages.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/ASQSE-2-Technical-Appendix_web.pdf)

[3] <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1367493512461458>

[4] <https://eric.ed.gov/?q=Jianjun+Wang&id=ED618879>

[5] <https://eric.ed.gov/?q=%22First+5%22+%22Proposition+10%22>

## County Highlight

First 5 Kern funded programs continued to put forth great effort in reaching families struggling through the public health crisis. We have found strength in creating strong partnerships and bringing agencies together to support serving children and families.

Among our collaborative efforts, First 5 Kern embarked on a year-long planning grant from ACEs Aware, which brought together hundreds of local service providers. The grant culminated with an ACEs Conference in Spring 2022. The full-day event was held remotely and was an excellent opportunity to highlight a pilot project with Omni Family Health, a local FQHC, on incorporating ACE screenings in clinical settings. First 5 Kern, with our original initiative, Resilient Kern, has strengthened its position as a local leader in trauma-informed care practices and training with ACEs Aware Kern County.

This year also supported the culmination of an 18-month-long Kern County home visiting project. The diverse group of funded programs such as Nurse Family Partnership, Black Infant Health, Family Resource Centers, and other community partners. The project collected data and hosted collaborative learning sessions on program models, the populations that are served, and geographical areas covered.

First 5 Kern staff also participated in the establishment of the Black Infant and Maternal Health Initiative of Kern County. Known as BIMHI, the committee set a multi-year strategic plan for reducing health disparities in the local African American community, specifically pertaining to newborns, pregnant women, and childbirth.

Additionally, recognizing a continuing need for families in our community for diapers, 2021-22 included the delivery of over 200,000 cases of diapers. An initial supply from First 5 California of 25 pallets, and another nine pallets later in the year provided by First 5 Kern, were distributed throughout our Family Resource Center network, health and wellness programs, and childcare centers.