

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Fiscal Year 2022-2023



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Annual Report AR-1
Kern Revenue and Expenditure Summary
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Revenue Detail	
Category	Amount
Tobacco Tax Funds	\$7,730,830
First 5 IMPACT 2020 Funds	\$685,046
Small Population County Augmentation Funds	\$0
Home Visiting Coordination Funds	\$0
Refugee Family Support Funds	\$0
Other First 5 California Funds	\$0
Other First 5 California Funds Description – N/A	
Other Public Funds	\$278,533
Other Public Funds Description – Kern County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (\$261,555) funding in support of the Help Me Grow-Kern County program. Kern County Department of Human Services (\$16,978) funding the Early Intervention Services project.	
Donations	\$15,500
Revenue From Interest Earned	\$405,135
Grants	\$33,865
Grants Description – California Children & Families Foundation (\$4,125) 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. Community Action Partnership of Kern (\$5,700) funding to support case management training for Bakersfield City School District staff. Kaiser Permanente (\$24,040) funding to support Resilient Kern-Trauma Informed Care efforts with community partners.	
Other Funds	\$6,575
Other Funds Description – Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) conference registration fees.	
Total Revenue	\$9,155,484

Improved Family Functioning

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
General Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	• Core Operating Support	1,476	3,408	67	\$845,003
General Family Support	County Office of Education/School District	• Core Operating Support	2,013	3,995	17	\$1,185,690
Intensive Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable	448	508	0	\$449,642
Intensive Family Support	County Office of Education/School District	• Not Applicable	2,304	1,610	0	\$564,997
Total						\$3,045,332

Improved Child Development

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
Quality Early Learning Supports	County Office of Education/School District	• Not Applicable (IMPACT 2020)	534	0	113	\$615,756
Early Learning Program Direct Costs	CBO/Non-Profit	• Preschool/Childcare	103	84	0	\$334,553
Early Learning Program Direct Costs	County Office of Education/School District	• Preschool/Childcare	569	603	29	\$529,272
Early Learning Program Direct Costs	Other Public	• Preschool/Childcare	218	224	0	\$377,828
Total						\$1,857,409

Improved Child Health							
Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Unique Families*	Amount
General Health Education and Promotion	Hospital/Health Plan	• Not Applicable	606	44	0	0	\$244,382
General Health Education and Promotion	County Office of Education/School District	• Safety Education	129	62	0	0	\$13,137
General Health Education and Promotion	Other Public	• Safety Education	250	59	0	0	\$26,562
Oral Health Education and Treatment	County Office of Education/School District	• Other	2,794	0	0	0	\$978,325
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	• Mild-to-Moderate Supports	55	51	0	0	\$230,471
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable	49	0	15	0	\$40,049
Early Intervention	County Health & Human Services	• Care Coordination and Linkage	421	0	0	0	\$44,899
Early Intervention	County Office of Education/School District	• Mild-to-Moderate Supports	80	190	0	0	\$204,095
Early Intervention	Other Private/For Profit	• Mild-to-Moderate Supports	45	0	0	0	\$150,000
Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting	County Health & Human Services	• Nurse Family Partnership	81	104	0	104	\$558,890
Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting	County Health & Human Services	• Not Applicable (Black Infant Health)	37	61	0	61	\$90,040
Total							\$2,580,850

*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	\$1,160,484
Policy and Public Advocacy	CBO/Non-Profit	• Not Applicable	\$25,000
Policy and Public Advocacy	Other Private/For Profit	• Not Applicable	\$15,126
Systems Building	CBO/Non-Profit	• Early Identification and Intervention	\$249,281
Systems Building	Other Private/For Profit	• Trauma-Informed Care/ACEs	\$154,783
Total			\$1,604,674

Expenditure Details

Category	Amount
Program Expenditures	\$9,088,265
Administrative Expenditures	\$728,713
Evaluation Expenditures	\$344,587
Total Expenditures	\$10,161,565
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	(\$1,006,081)

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	\$19,404,323
Fund Balance – Ending	\$18,398,242
Net Change in Fund Balance	(\$1,006,081)

Fiscal Year Fund Balance

Category	Amount
Nonspendable	\$36,354
Restricted	\$0
Committed	\$8,668,978
Assigned	\$0
Unassigned	\$9,692,910
Total Fund Balance	\$18,398,242

Expenditure Note

Contributions to agents increased by \$411,371 in fiscal year 2022-2023 from prior year. This is due to the increased contractor budgets in year three of a five-year funding cycle.

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	
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, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Population Served	
Category	Number
Children Less than 3 Years Old	5,328
Children from 3rd to 6th Birthday	7,274
Children Ages Unknown (birth to 6th birthday)	0
Primary Caregivers	11,003
Providers	241
Total Population Served	23,846

Primary Languages Spoken in the Home		
Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
English	8,243	4,865
Spanish	3,144	3,197
Mandarin	1	1
Vietnamese	2	0
Unknown	1,212	2,940
Total	12,602	11,003

Race/Ethnicity of Population Served		
Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
Alaska Native/American Indian	52	31
Asian	166	48
Black/African-American	1,279	459
Hispanic/Latino	6,802	5,824
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	30	12

Race/Ethnicity of Population Served

Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
Two or more races	576	180
Unknown	1,604	3,148
White	2,093	1,301
Total	12,602	11,003

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. Twenty-eight 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, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Evaluation Activities Completed, Findings, and Policy Impact

Evaluation activities include:

- Comparison of target and actual counts across 26 result indicators (RI) in Child Health, 15 RI in Family Functioning, five RI in Child Development, and 16 RI in Systems of Care;
- Adoption of 16 instruments to assess program effectiveness in 12 domains;
- Dissemination of the impact stories from all service providers;
- Review of RI at Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings;
- Implementation of an Institutional Review Board (IRB) protocol, including site visits, consent form administration, and confidentiality training for 98 program staff;
- Revision of the consent form in English and Spanish to meet new IRB requirement;
- Collection of service integration data to assess program networking;
- Tracking of program investment from leveraged funds and Proposition 10 across focus areas;
- Articulation of the achieved results with program funding to justify cost-effectiveness;
- Examination of past recommendations to assess progress last year;
- Analysis of new findings to support recommendations this year;
- Preparation of child screening findings for result dissemination;
- Provision of resource support for Resilient Kern Coalition.

Evaluation findings were generated to support:

- Documentation of quarterly progress in service deliveries toward the annual target;
- Aggregation of multiple sources of information for domain-specific result reporting;
- Illustration of the differences First 5 Kern made in the lives of children and their families;
- Report of RI examination by TAC subcommittees;
- Compliance of data handling according to federal, state, and local laws and regulations;
- Alignment of the consent forms with the IRB template;
- Summary of social network patterns in service integration;
- Implementation of contractual agreements for service providers;
- Justification of Proposition 10 funding with program outcomes;
- Confirmation of changes according to past recommendations;
- Explanation of rationale for new recommendations;
- Report of First 5 Kern research at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association;
- Collection of feedback from the Kern County ACEs Conference on May 17, 2023.

Policy Impact:

First 5 Kern's evaluation effort not only informs its strategic plan on reporting program outcomes and community impact, but also promotes policy discussion on funding sustainability.

On the reporting front, a grand jury stated in 2007 that "The first major problem discussed was the report entitled, 'First 5 Kern Annual Report of Findings' (published August 31, 2006). The basis of the findings of the ARC [Applied Research Center] evaluation was questioned."^[1] In 2023, a new grand jury testified that "The on-going annual evaluations ensure that current needs of children are being addressed."^[2] This contrast shows that First 5 Kern has regained the public trust in its annual evaluation report.

On the policy front, the ban on the sale of flavored tobacco products has accelerated the revenue decline from Proposition 10, generating two grand jury reports across the state this year. While the Solano report urged the county commission to "Develop further sources of income, both public and private, to maintain and expand delivery of services,"^[3] the Kern report commended First 5 Kern for conducting "research into First 5 Kern's Goals, Objectives, and Result Indicators."^[4] The evaluation evidence has resulted in a strong policy recommendation for the Kern County Board of Supervisors to find "other revenues to continue the programs for children 0 to 5 years of age, by January 2, 2024."^[5]

Notes:

[1] see page 191 of <https://cdm16255.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/api/collection/p266301coll6/id/362/download>

[2] [4] [5] see pages 5, 6, and 7 of <https://www.kerncounty.com/home/showpublisheddocument/10204/638248605467270000re>

[3] see page 8 of <https://solano.courts.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Grand-Jury-2023-First-5-Solano-Report.pdf>

County Highlight

The 2022-23 fiscal year commenced with the appointment of a new Executive Director, Amy Travis, who promptly assumed her role by embarking on a county-wide tour to personally visit all 39 funded programs. Ms. Travis previously spent 10 years with Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Kern County, including three years as executive director.

In March, we initiated an extensive process to revamp our Strategic Plan for the upcoming funding cycle. A public planning session attracted a substantial turnout of community members, followed by a comprehensive review of the Objectives and Result Indicators conducted by our Technical Advisory Committee members. These endeavors will persist through the fall of 2023, with the addition of a public survey and more, as we approach the release of our next Request for Proposal, launching 2024.

On May 17, 2023, First 5 Kern hosted the 2nd Annual Kern County ACEs Conference: Building Community Resilience. This half-day event was conducted in person and drew an impressive crowd of over 300 attendees. The event received praise for its engaging speakers and informative workshop sessions, fostering an environment in which community partners came together to discuss trauma-informed care practices.

In June, First 5 Kern forged a partnership with the Kern County Department of Human Services, to conduct developmental screenings on children ages 0-3 within the foster care system. This collaboration underscores First 5 Kern's unwavering commitment to supporting this crucial service, alongside the continued efforts of the Help Me Grow Kern County program, which continues to provide screenings for hundreds of children annually.

In addition to the highlighted projects, First 5 Kern funded 39 programs in the 2022-23 fiscal year, expanding its impact to benefit 12,602 children ages 0-5 and 11,003 family members. This highlights the organization's dedication to providing essential services to children and their families in Kern County.