

## MISSION STATEMENT

First 5 Yolo will assist our community to raise children who are healthy and ready to learn.

We will assure that our resources are effectively used and all community voices heard.

### Programs and Services:

#### INTEGRATED FAMILY SUPPORT INITIATIVE

First 5 Yolo funds local agencies to provide services linked to the priority areas outlined in its Strategic Plan. Currently, the Commission's main programs under the Integrated Family Support Initiative (IFSI) are Ready to Learn, Physical Health, Social Emotional Health, Universal Preschool for West Sacramento and Child Care.

#### EXPANDED FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER MODEL

In June 2012, the Commission once again updated its strategic plan, based on a new Community Needs Assessment (CNA). The CNA was conducted in response to the restoration of AB99 funds-approximately \$2.5 million was returned to First 5 Yolo in March 2012. The CNA clearly indicated a need to provide stronger family support services including:

- Resource and Referral- helping families access services for which they are eligible
- Financial Literacy- helping families maximize and manage their financial resources
- Early Childhood Education- providing parents with interactive parent/child workshops to increase skills and confidence in ability to be child's first teacher
- Parent Education- providing parents with education on a wide variety of parenting skills and nutrition education
- Quality Food- increasing access to fresh produce in communities throughout the county

Developmental Screenings- providing developmental/mental health assessments to children 0-5 and ensuring referral and access to appropriate levels of treatment

As of July 1, 2012, eight Family Resource Centers (FRC) or FRC hubs will be created or bolstered to ensure the above services are provided. A total of \$800,000 per year is allocated to the Expanded FRC Initiative, which will continue from FY12/13-FY14/15.

#### COMMUNITY GRANTS

In addition to the IFSI funds, a small amount is allocated to Community mini-grants each year. The Commission dispenses a total of up to \$40,000 per year in Community grants that improve the wellbeing of children 0-5 in Yolo County. Community organizations may receive a maximum of \$5,000 per project.

#### CHILDCARE QUALITY ENHANCEMENT

First 5 Yolo was awarded several new contracts with State agencies to improve the quality of preschool/childcare centers and licensed family childcare homes in 2012. Through successful grant applications, the Commission was leveraged \$1,038,105 in childcare quality enhancement funds for FY12/13-FY14/15. The Commission will contract these funds to local government agencies to implement program activities. These funds have allowed First 5 Yolo to triple the allocation to IFSI's Childcare priority area.



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### VISION STATEMENT

First 5 Yolo developed a vision titled the Integrated Family Support Initiative (IFSI) to drive its funding for programs and services from 2008 to 2015.

The IFSI includes four priority areas of:

- Physical Health
- Social/Emotional Health
- Ready to Learn
- Childcare