



First 5 Sacramento Commission

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BACKGROUND

Vision

Sacramento will have strong and inclusive communities, safe and healthy families, and valued children who can realize their potential and enjoy productive and fulfilling lives.

Mission

The First 5 Sacramento Commission is committed to supporting the healthy development of children ages zero to five, the empowerment of families and the strengthening of communities.

History

In 1998 voters passed Proposition 10, imposing a tax on all tobacco products, to fund a range of prevention and early intervention programs for expectant parents and children ages zero to five. First 5 Sacramento was formed as a result of the passage of Prop. 10 to facilitate funding of child development and family functioning programs and services in Sacramento County. These programs are aimed at improving the health and well-being of children ages zero to five and their families.

The distribution of Prop. 10 funding is based on the number of children born in each county. In Sacramento County there are approximately 20,400 children born each year. First 5 Sacramento received \$14.5 million in FY 10-11, and that amount is decreasing each year due to a drop in smokers/tobacco sales.

Research shows that 90% of the brain develops during the first five years and what parents do during these years to support their child's growth will have a meaningful impact throughout life. These first five years are critical for early childhood development and school readiness because children who enter school ready to learn will have an increased likelihood of being stable and successful in adulthood.

First 5 Sacramento continues to work toward providing meaningful experiences to young children during the first five years and giving parents and caregivers the tools necessary to ensure their children reach their greatest potential.

Milestones

1999: Commissioners were appointed and the first meeting was held; The Advisory Committee was established.

2000: The first Strategic Plan for \$26 M was developed and adopted for FY July 01-June 04.

2003: The second Strategic Plan for \$42.5 M was developed and adopted for FY 04-07.

2006: The third Strategic Plan for \$60 M was developed and adopted for FY 07-10.

2009: The fourth Strategic Plan for \$169 M was developed and adopted for FY 10-15.