



# FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT

Annual Community Report 2019

*Strengthening Children, Families, and Community*

# A Message from Our Executive Director

For 20 years, First 5 Humboldt has worked to ensure that children thrive in healthy, supportive, nurturing families and communities. Our work is grounded in community. We are governed by a Commission composed of community leaders with deep experience in responding to family needs. Our programs operate through partnerships with amazing, dedicated community organizations. We work with dozens of community groups and organizations, breaking down silos and working to create a more nurturing community network, which values our youngest community members and helps them reach their full potential. And we regularly ask families what they need and how they are doing, so we can shift and improve services to respond to current need.

Nowhere has that responsiveness been more apparent than in our response to COVID-19 and its impacts on families. While we produce a Community report annually, we could not share the 2019 report without also reporting on how we are showing up in response to the pandemic that is putting so much pressure on families with young children. We are joining with other organizations to do what we can, while also raising our voice with policy makers, to ensure that during this crisis, they prioritize children and families. We will update the report as the experiences and needs of families evolve over the coming months.

We invite you to join us in our work to put families first. Reach out to your legislators to tell them that families are the backbone of our communities, that children are our future, and that we must continue to invest in them if we want successful, thriving communities going forward. Virtual meetings have made it easier than ever to participate in our committee and Commission meetings. Donate to our programs or our partners, or ask how you can volunteer. We welcome your partnership in making Humboldt County a place that is committed to the well-being of our youngest children and their families. Our future depends on it.

Respectfully,

Mary Ann Hansen

## Our Vision

*All Humboldt County Children thrive in healthy, supportive, nurturing families, and neighborhoods, enter school ready to learn and become active participants of their community.*



## Introduction

This report to the community provides an overview of First 5 Humboldt programs and services plus results presented in the following reports:

- *First 5 Humboldt Evaluation Report 2019 (Focus Area 1: Fiscal Sustainability and Focus Area 2: Systems Change)*
- *First 5 Humboldt Evaluation Report 2019 (Focus Area 3: Family, Professional, and Community Capacity; Focus Area 4: Health)*
- *Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Collaborative Report: 2018-2019 Finding and Recommendations*

In addition, information on First 5 Humboldt's response to COVID-19 related community needs are presented in grey boxes throughout the report.



# Protective Factors

Protective Factors are strengths and supports that allow children to succeed despite many risk factors. Research supports that when the Protective Factors are present, they create healthy environments for the optimal development of children. Examples of Protective Factors include:

- Parental Resilience
- Concrete Support in Times of Need
- Social-Emotional Competence of Children
- Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
- Social Connections

Evidence also shows that these are the factors that diminish the likelihood of abuse and neglect. First 5 Humboldt funds and supports programs and activities that promote the Protective Factors. For more details about the Protective Factors, please see the [First 5 Humboldt Evaluation Report 2019 \(Focus Area 3: Family, Professional, and Community Capacity; Focus Area 4: Health\)](#).

Throughout this report, the following symbol will indicate program information that is related to the Protective Factors.



*"Best experience for youngsters before kindergarten and grade school. Playgroup provides opportunities to learn socialization skills as well as tactile and early academic skills"*

*- Parent Comment about First 5 Humboldt Playgroup*

# Programs and Services

First 5 Humboldt's mission is to work with families and community organizations to promote comprehensive and integrated systems of services for early childhood development in order to foster secure, healthy, and loving children eager to learn and develop their full potential. In 2019, First 5 Humboldt funded and supported programs, including playgroups, which provided services in the focus areas of family support, early education, and children's health. Based on California Department of Finance estimates, the number of children 5 years old or under in Humboldt in 2019 was 8,255.

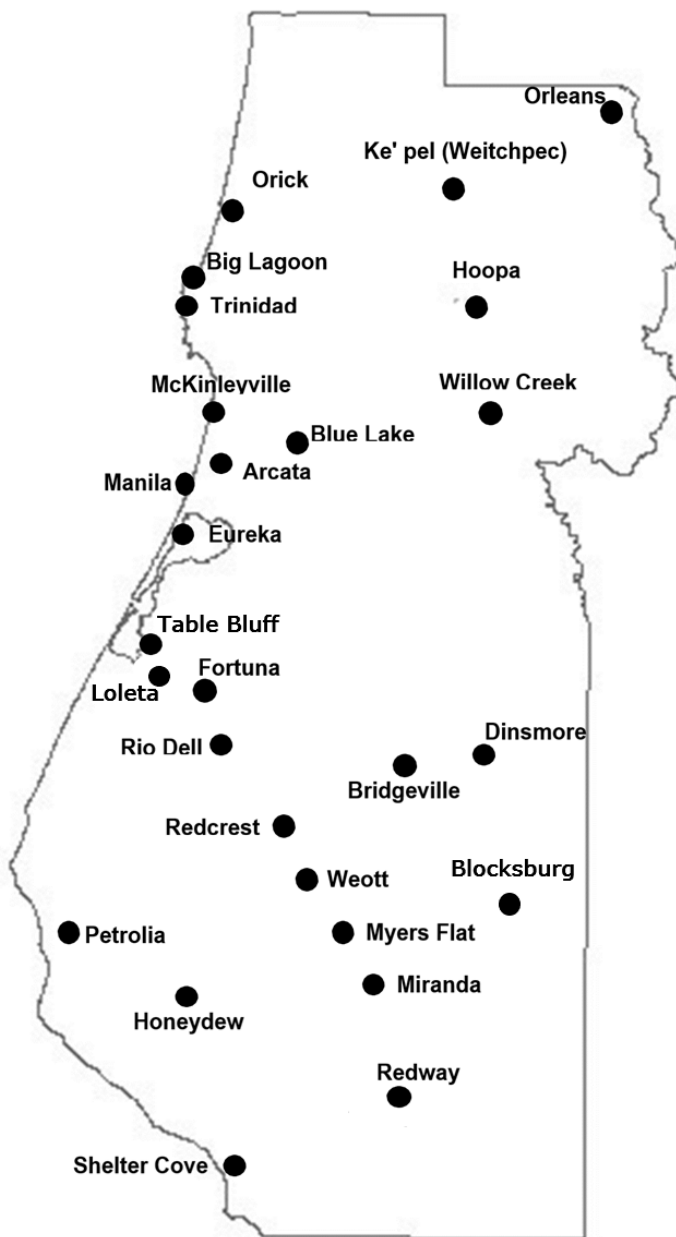
## Unduplicated Numbers Served by First 5 Humboldt Programs\*



**24**  
**First 5  
Humboldt  
Funded  
Programs**

\* Unduplicated counts are for fiscal year 2018-2019. First 5 California requires First 5 Humboldt submits data based on the fiscal year. Participant counts are unduplicated within programs. Across programs, counts can be duplicated.

# Programs and Services Continued



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Humboldt  
County  
Communities  
Served in 2019

*"Mi familia y yo hemos mucha ayuda para mi hijo para el emocionalmente, sobre todo mucho apoyo positivo que ha ayudado un gran cambio en mi familia." // "My family has had a lot of help and support, especially for my child's emotional situation. The positive support has brought a big change for my family."*

*- Parent Comment about First 5 Humboldt funded Paso a Paso Program*

# Family Support

Funding parent and family support programs is a priority for First 5 Humboldt. Research shows that social support networks and other informal supports reduce social isolation and are associated with improved parenting skills, greater knowledge of child development, and improved family relations. First 5 Humboldt Playgroups are a major source of support to parents and families in Humboldt County.

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## First 5 Humboldt Playgroups



### Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Number of Playgroup Visits

*Playgroup visit counts are duplicated.*

**16,377**

Children Ages 0-5

**13,364**

Parent and Caregivers

# Family Support Continued

## *Playgroup Participation and Parenting*

2019 survey data collected from parents and caregivers who attend First 5 Humboldt Playgroups showed that playgroup attendance is significantly related to improvements in parenting capacity. *(Data was analyzed using a Spearman's Rank Order correlation test. A 95% level of significance ( $\alpha = .05$ ) was selected for these inferential statistical tests.)*

Parents and caregivers who go to Playgroup more often are more likely to think that they...

Feel less stress

Feel more supported as a parent

Have a child who has learned to feel more comfortable around other children

Deal better with parenting issues

Have learned more about what skills and behaviors are typical for their child's age

*"I really feel like playgroup has helped foster my children and our family into a cohesive team, and a full member of the community."*

*- Parent Comment about First 5 Humboldt Playgroup*



# Family Support Continued

## First 5 Humboldt COVID-19 Phase 1 & 2 Response Related to Family Support

- Increase social media support to local families
- Provide online stress management workshops to parents and caregivers
- First 5 Humboldt Early Childhood Mental Health Specialists provide one-on-one family support by phone or e-mail
- Work with local Playgroups to create virtual playgroups (see page 19)
- Work with Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Branch to develop safety protocols for the future opening of First 5 Humboldt Playgroups
- Expand the Diaper Distribution Program, which delivers diapers to local Family Resource Centers and families, by extending services through December 2020
- Purchase thermometers for local Family Resource Centers to support health screening for Family Resource Center programs
- Work with Humboldt Area Foundation to secure funding for Chromebooks for children in homeless shelters and transitional housing facilities

**For more information about First 5 Humboldt programs and services, visit**

**[www.first5humboldt.org](http://www.first5humboldt.org)**

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# Prevention of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Promotion of Resilience

First 5 Humboldt has continuously focused on preventing early childhood trauma and building resilience by promoting the Protective Factors through its funded programs, services, and activities. In 2019, with the generous support of the Vesper Society, First 5 Humboldt established new partnerships and enhanced existing ones in order to strengthen Humboldt County's efforts to address and prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) as well as build resilience among young children and their families. Continued funding from the Humboldt County General Fund contributed to the implementation of several major resilience promoting projects through First 5 Humboldt activities and through the First 5 Humboldt and Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services ACEs Collaborative Partnership.

## ***First 5 Humboldt ACEs/Resilience Project Milestones***

*For additional detailed results, please see the report titled Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Collaborative Report: 2018-2019 Finding and Recommendations*

### **Expansion of Early Childhood Mental Health Support**

As a result of the ongoing ACEs Collaborative Partnership, First 5 Humboldt continues to fund two part-time Early Childhood Mental Health Specialists (Specialists) to provide additional support to outlying First 5 Playgroups in Southern and Eastern Humboldt. One of these Specialists also provides assistance to bilingual First 5 Humboldt Playgroups. The ACEs Collaborative Partnership also partially funds two Specialists working under the Humboldt County Office of Education Partnership. At Playgroup, all four Specialists answer questions parents and caregivers have about their child's development and behavior, conduct informal screenings of children's behavior, provide resource and referral assistance, and conduct temperament assessments at the request of parents or caregivers.

### **O-8 Mental Health Collaborative Trainings**

First 5 Humboldt used a portion of their funding to provide coordination support to the Humboldt County Office of Education 0-8 Mental Health Collaborative (0-8 MHC). Since 2010, the focus of this collaborative is to improve the skills of service providers working to help children meet their developmental potentials. Two of the First 5 Humboldt funded Specialists serve as co-coordinators for this group. During the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the 0-8 Mental Health Collaborative hosted or co-hosted 18 trainings, both as part of their Infant Family Early Childhood Mental Health (IFECMH) workforce development efforts, and in response to community requests. The trainings had a combined attendance of 712. Attendees were from at least 22 diverse local organizations representing a wide spectrum of providers.

# Prevention of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Promotion of Resilience Continued

## *First 5 Humboldt ACEs/Resilience Project Milestones Continued*

### **First 5 Humboldt ACEs/Resilience Speakers Bureau**

As a result of numerous community requests for more advanced training on ACEs, trauma, and resilience, First 5 Humboldt convened the ACEs Resilience Speakers Bureau. The Speakers Bureau consists of presenters with demonstrated understanding of brain science and development, university-level teaching credentials, and experience conducting community trainings. All of the speakers are endorsed by California in Infant Family and Early Childhood Mental Health (IFECMH) and/or have been trained by the international Child Trauma Academy, which is a leader in understanding how children and adults are impacted by trauma and can be supported in their health and well-being. Community organizations who contact First 5 Humboldt for more advanced training are connected to the most appropriate presenter for their specified needs. During Fiscal year 2018-2019, there were eight Speakers Bureau training presentations to seven different organizations in Humboldt County. A total of 241 service providers attended the training presentations.

### **Counting on Community Symposium**

In the spring of 2019, First 5 Humboldt, the 0-8 Mental Health Collaborative, and the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council collaborated to host the Counting on Community: Exploring Pathways for Child, Family, and Community Wellness Symposium. The 3-day symposium had at least 25 speakers and gave at least 350 participants the opportunity to

- Gain an understanding of the impacts trauma has on a child's development and family wellness
- Expand knowledge of infant-family and early childhood mental health practices
- Learn how to further our capacity as a community to better support families
- Cultivate community relationships and networking with other parents and professionals

### **Humboldt ACEs Town Hall**

In the fall of 2019, First 5 Humboldt worked with Senator Mike McGuire's office to coordinate the Town Hall with Nadine Burke Harris, California's Surgeon General. This project also included coordinating community leader meetings with the Senator and Surgeon General in order to discuss Humboldt County ACEs related work, challenges, and future goals

# Prevention of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Promotion of Resilience Continued

## *First 5 Humboldt and the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services ACEs Collaborative Partnership*

In 2017, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors recognized the key role that prevention and early intervention play in addressing many of our local public health challenges. The Board voted to use a portion of Humboldt County General Fund monies to support activities focused on young children and their families during fiscal year 2017- 2018, through the First 5 Humboldt and Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services ACEs Collaborative Partnership. In 2018, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors decided that the Partnership would continue to be funded through the County General Fund on an ongoing basis.

### Summary of Findings for Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019

*For additional detailed results, please see the report titled Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Collaborative Report: 2018-2019 Finding and Recommendations*

**10 First 5 Humboldt  
Projects and 13  
DHHS partner  
agencies provided  
services**

**Projects served at  
least 1,480 children,  
1,485 parents and  
caregivers, and 1,042  
service providers**

**Projects included  
parent and caregiver  
classes, professional  
development  
trainings, and  
community  
awareness  
campaigns**

**Projects based on  
research-informed  
models led to positive  
project results**



# Children's Health

For First 5 Humboldt, health includes emotional stability and a sense of well-being, positive connections to other people, enough financial and other resources to meet physical, emotional, and social needs, as well as the body being free of disease. Because of this understanding, First 5 Humboldt funds and supports programs that positively affect the physical, emotional, social, and economic health of young children and pregnant women.

## *Paso a Paso Program*

In 2019, First 5 Humboldt funded and collaborated with the St. Joseph Health Paso a Paso Program which serves local Latino families. The program's services related to promoting healthy pregnancies and family wellness include childbirth classes, breastfeeding support groups, car seat classes, new parent classes, and Positive Discipline classes.



## *Road to Resilience Partnership*

In 2019, First 5 Humboldt began the Road to Resilience Program. This effort focuses on providing Health Navigators to local Native American women who have a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and an infant or Native American woman who have an infant with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.

# Children’s Health Continued

## Early Childhood Mental Health Support for Families

Parents and caregivers have the opportunity to work with Early Childhood Mental Health Specialists (Specialists) during Playgroup about any questions or concerns they have regarding child development, family functioning, and other topics. The 2019 First 5 Humboldt Playgroup Participant Survey data showed that parents and caregivers who consulted with a Specialist at Playgroup had better outcomes than those who did not speak with a Specialist. *(Data was analyzed using a Fisher-Freeman-Halton Exact Test. A 95% level of significance ( $\alpha=.05$ ) was selected for these inferential statistical tests.)* At Playgroup, Specialists answer questions parents and caregivers have about their child’s development and behavior, conduct informal screenings of children’s behavior, provide resource and referral assistance, and conduct temperament assessments at the request of parents or caregivers.


### Parents and caregivers who consulted with a Specialist at Playgroup reported that they...

**Deal better with parenting issues**

**Have someone to talk to about concerns and frustrations**

**Have discovered new things about my child’s strengths and needs**

**Feel more supported as a parent**



**Have a child who has learned to feel more comfortable around other children**

**Feel less stress**

**Have learned more about what skills and behaviors are typical for my child’s age**

**Engage in play with their child more often**

**Know where to get information about services and activities for my family**

**Feel their family is more connected to other children and adults**

## Early Education

The need for high quality early education opportunities has been a consistent concern and focus for First 5 Humboldt throughout the years.

### *Library Partnership*

The funding from First 5 Humboldt allows the Humboldt County Library to purchase a wider array of books and other materials for young children and their parents and caregivers and it also allows the library to offer a greater variety and number of activities for young children and their families. In 2019, these activities included the following:

- Leap into Literacy Program
- Storytime in Hoopa
- Weekly/monthly Storytime using theme boxes and other materials at Arcata, Blue Lake, McKinleyville, Garberville, Rio Dell, and Trinidad library branches
- Baby Sign Workshops
- Baby Read and Grow which was offered at the Eureka branch
- Family Fun Nights
- Special programs, offered numerous times throughout the year, that included performances or activities by Baba Jamal Koram, Madre a Madre Tour, Quack and Wabbit Puppet Show, among others

**8,337**

Children & Adult  
Attendees

**584**

Programs, Activities  
& Workshops

### *2019 Participant Survey Comments about the Library*

*"It is a safe, friendly environment. It is much appreciated to have a place of this kind to bring my grandchildren, especially on rainy days. They love to learn."*

*"Muy de acuerdo los servicios que se proven en una biblioteca son muy buenos y me motivan, que enseñan y que pueden hacer sentir muy bien gracias. // I totally agree with the services provided in the library; they are good and motivate me, teach me, and make me feel very well, thanks."*

## Early Education Continued

### First 5 Humboldt COVID-19 Phase 1 & 2 Response Related to Early Education

- Online Library Services including virtual Librarian services, eBooks, Zoom Story Time, Zoom Book Groups, and free wi-fi in the library parking lot
- Virtual music and movement sessions for families
- Support child health screening by purchasing thermometers for open child care facilities including child care centers and family child care homes
- Diaper distribution to child care centers and family child care homes
- Partnering with First 5 California and Changing Tides Family Services to distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), disinfectant wipes, and books to open child care facilities

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Library Website: <https://humboldtgov.org/1518/Eureka-Main-Library>

## 2019 Kindergarten Screen Tool (KST) Results

The Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) developed the Kindergarten Screening Tool (KST) in 2012 to screen incoming Kindergartners regarding their readiness for school. The KST measures children's readiness in four domains: Language/Literacy, Mathematics, Social Emotional, and Self-Portrait. In 2019, 1,677 Kindergartners and Transitional-Kindergartners were screened using this tool. Playgroup attendees scored higher on the KST than those students who did not attend playgroup.

# 74%

Playgroup Attendees

# 69%

Non-Playgroup Attendees



## Integration of Support Systems

First 5 Humboldt recognizes the importance of integrating the systems that support pregnant women and young children and their families. It is essential to collaborate across systems in order to provide primary prevention and early intervention services to Humboldt County children and families.

### ***IMPACT Program***

The IMPACT (Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive) Program is a partnership with First 5 California which focuses on supporting a network of local quality improvement systems to better coordinate, assess, and improve the quality of early learning settings. The program consists of providing professional development training to Family Child Care and First 5 Humboldt Playgroup staff as well as establishing a system to monitor quality improvement. In 2019, 65 staff members from 41 childcare or Playgroup sites participated in the program.

**9**

**Trainings**

**42**

**Professional Learning  
Community or  
Individual Technical  
Assistance Coaching  
Sessions**

**233**

**Participants**

#### **First 5 Humboldt COVID-19 Phase 1 & 2 Response Related to the IMPACT Program**

- Provided childcare centers with information on guidance for staying open and federal support programs
- Referred childcare center workers to unemployment
- Advocated for hazard pay
- Purchased thermometers and coordinated the distribution of diapers and disinfecting supplies to child care centers
- Provided online professional development opportunities to childcare staff

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# Integration of Support Systems Continued

## *0-8 Mental Health Collaborative*

The 0-8 Mental Health Collaborative (0-8 MHC) is composed of organizations working together to develop a transdisciplinary, responsive system capable of supporting the mental wellness of all expectant parents, young children, and their families within the context of their communities. The collaborative is funded by First 5 Humboldt in partnership with the Humboldt County Office of Education. In 2014, the Collaborative's Infant Family Early Childhood Mental Health (IFECMH) workgroup began supporting a cohort of multidisciplinary Humboldt County service providers in their pursuit of the California IFECMH Endorsement. In 2017, the 0-8 MHC launched the Foundational Level of the Humboldt County IFECMH Certificate Program with 19 participants. In 2018, 17 of the Foundational Level participants along with 7 additional applicants were admitted into the Advanced Level of the certificate program. By the Spring of 2019, 11 professionals have been endorsed by the California Center for IFECMH.

# 19

## Trainings

# 449


## Multidisciplinary Participants




# Integration of Support Systems Continued

## *Advocacy Efforts*

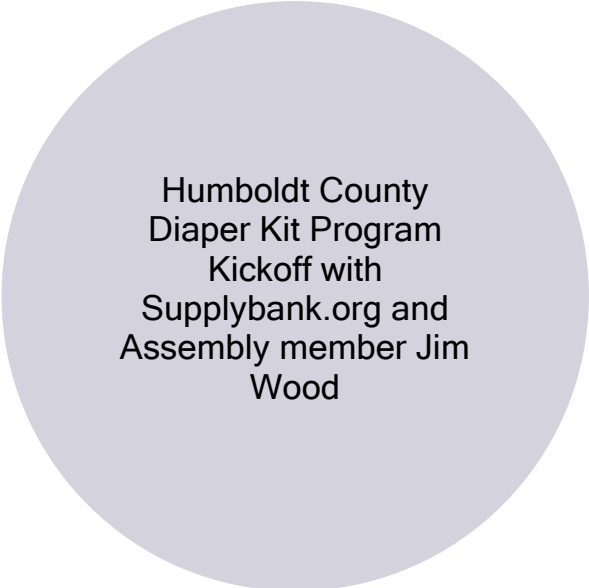
One of First 5 Humboldt's primary objectives is to work with organizations and local and state governments to help ensure policies support young children and their families. In 2019, First 5 Humboldt completed several advocacy activities including the following:



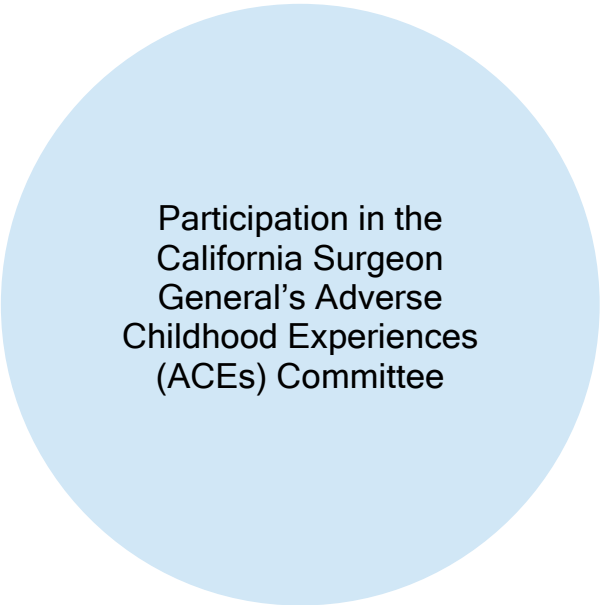
Working with Senator Mike McGuire's office to coordinate the 2019 Humboldt Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Town Hall with California's Surgeon General, Nadine Burke Harris



Trauma Screening Initiative work which included discussions with University of California San Francisco representatives who are working with California's Surgeon General



Humboldt County Diaper Kit Program Kickoff with Supplybank.org and Assembly member Jim Wood



Participation in the California Surgeon General's Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Committee

# Integration of Support Systems Continued

## First 5 Humboldt COVID-19 Phase 1 & 2 Response Related to the Integration of Support Systems

- Rewritten First 5 Humboldt's statewide policy goals to align with the COVID-19 economic reality
- Through the partnership with the First 5 Association of California and First 5 Humboldt's Executive Director's role as the First 5 Association of California Policy Committee Chair, First 5 Humboldt has authored or signed on to 21 letters to legislators since the middle of March 2020. The letters to legislators are related to the preservation of funds for children and families, as well as expansion of safety net programs for children and families.
- Held 5 meetings with policy makers, including the California State Assemblymember, Senator, and Department of Finance, since the middle of March 2020 to discuss issues related to COVID-19, children, and the current budget environment.

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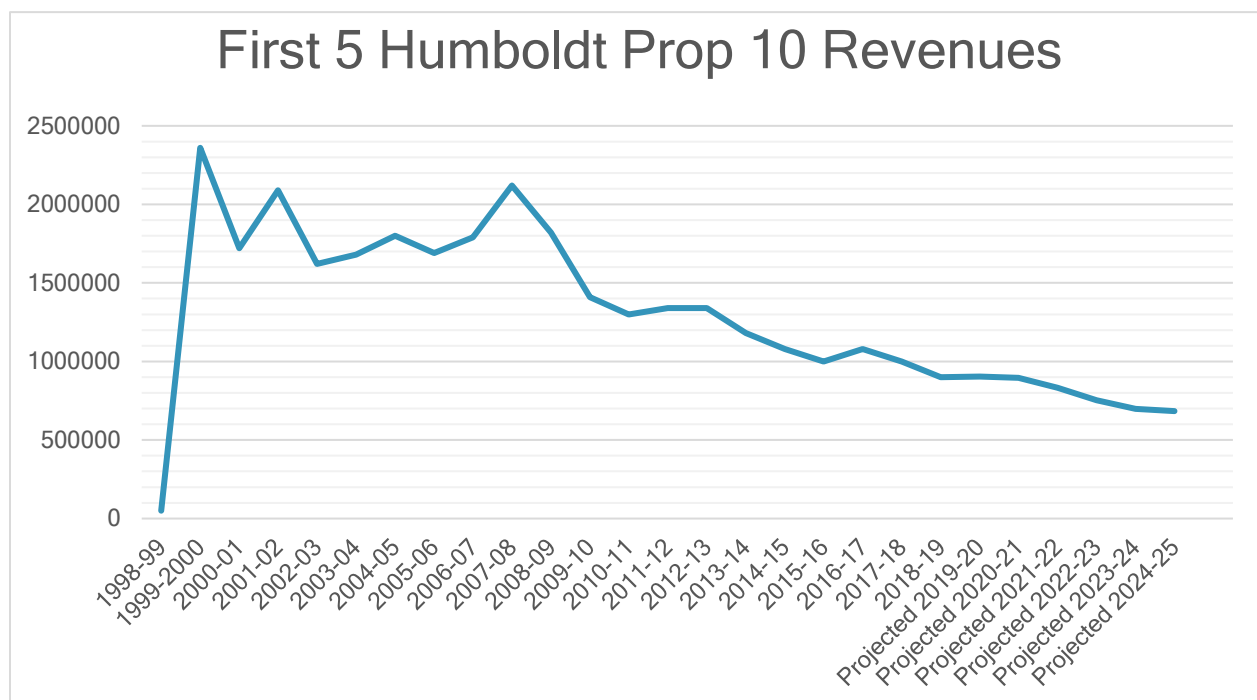
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## Funding and Investments

### *Explanation of Tobacco Tax Revenue Decline*

First 5 Humboldt receives a large portion of its revenue from tobacco sales in California. The 1998 ballot measure, Proposition 10, added a 50-cent tax on each pack of cigarettes sold in California. Twenty percent of that revenue is allocated to First 5 California, and the remaining 80% is allocated to the 58 counties based on each county's birth rate. This revenue had been declining 3 to 5% each year. The projected decline between 2020-2021 to 2021-2022 is more than \$63,000. On average, First 5 Humboldt is projected to experience a decline in revenues of \$43,000 per year for the next 5 years.



Unless the California Legislature or voters come up with another revenue source for First 5s, the task of the Commission will be to cut that much from each year's budget, resulting in loss of services to area programs. Over the past several years, First 5 Humboldt has worked to secure additional funding to offset this revenue decline and continue to respond to community needs. In 2019, First 5 Humboldt secured the Road to Resilience Grant through the California Department of Social Services Office of Child Abuse Prevention, continued funding of the ACEs Collaborative Partnership through the County of Humboldt, and funding for local ACEs/Resilience projects from the Vesper Society and St. Joseph Health Community Investment. These alternative funding streams do have specific requirements and timelines for implementing funded activities. First 5 Humboldt will continue to seek out additional funding as Proposition 10 revenue declines in the coming years. If you wish to contribute to the work of First 5 Humboldt, please make donations to the Humboldt Area Foundation First 5 Humboldt Fund.

# First 5 Humboldt Playgroups

Virtual Playgroup Services are Highlighted in Gray

## Arcata Playcenter

*D Street Community Center  
14<sup>th</sup> & D Streets, Arcata  
(707) 822-7091*

*Live Playgroup: Mondays at 3:30 PM and  
Thursdays at 10 AM*

*Follow on Facebook [@Arcata Play Center](#)*

## Arcata Tiny Tots Playgroup

*United Methodist Church  
1762 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Arcata  
(707) 822-1963*

*Follow on Facebook [@Tiny Tots Playgroup](#)  
for shelter in place ideas for kids*

## Blue Lake Playgroup

*Prasch Hall/Perigot Park  
312 South Railroad, Blue Lake  
(707) 668-4281*

*Follow on Facebook [@Blue Lake Playgroup](#)  
for shelter in place ideas for kids*

## Boys and Girls Club Playgroup

*Marshall Resource Center  
216 West Harris Street, Eureka  
(707) 441-1030*

## Redwood Discovery Museum Playgroup

*612 G Street, Suite 102, Eureka  
(707) 443-9694*

## Fortuna Playgroup

*Eel River Multigenerational Center  
2280 Newburg Road, Fortuna  
(707) 725-3300*

*Facebook Live Tuesdays at 11 AM*

*Follow on Facebook [@First 5 Fortuna Playgroup](#)*

## F.U.N. PlayCenter

*Adorni Recreation Center  
1011 W. Waterfront Drive, Eureka  
(707) 441-4248*

## Honeydew Playgroup

*20 Wilder Ridge Road, Honeydew  
(707) 629-3348*

## Jefferson Playgroup

*1000 B Street, Eureka  
(707) 497-6280*

## Loleta Playgroup

*Loleta Church  
228 Church Street, Loleta  
(707) 733-5239*

## Manila Playgroup

*Manila Community Resource Center  
1161 Peninsula Drive, Manila  
(707) 444-9771*

*Follow on Facebook [@Manila First 5 Playgroup](#) for shelter in place ideas for kids*

## Mattole Valley Playgroup

*Mattole Valley Community Center  
29230 Mattole Road, Petrolia  
(707) 629-3348*

## McKinleyville Playgroup

*McKinleyville Activity Center  
1705 Gwin Road, McKinleyville  
(707) 839-9003*

## Orick Playgroup

*Orick School, Rm. 1  
(707) 488-2021*

## Orleans Playgroup

*Panamnik Building, Orleans  
(530) 627-3202*

## Pine Hill Pandas Playgroup

*5230 Vance Avenue, Eureka  
(707) 445-5933*

## Redway Playgroup

*Redway School, Rm. 22  
344 Humboldt Avenue, Redway  
(707) 923-1147*

## Rio Dell Playgroup

*Early Headstart Start Site  
95 Center Street, Rio Dell  
(707) 764-5239*

## Willow Creek Playgroup

*Headstart Site (730 Highway 96)  
Creskside Park (Inside for winter/outside for  
summer), Willow Creek  
(530) 629-3141*

## First 5 Humboldt Commissioners

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*Parent Representative*

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Arcata United Methodist Church  
Blue Lake Community Resource Center  
City of Arcata  
Redwood Discovery Museum  
Eel River Valley Multigenerational Center  
Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services  
Humboldt County Library  
Humboldt County Office of Education  
Jefferson Community Center  
Loleta Community Resource Center  
Manila Family Resource Center  
Mattole Valley Family Resource Center  
McKinleyville Community Services District  
Mid-Klamath Watershed Council  
North Coast Grantmaking Partnership  
Redwood Coast Montessori  
St. Joseph Health  
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Vesper Society  
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