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AGENDA DATE: April 28, 2026

COMMISSION AGENDA #: 8.A.

**SUBJECT:** First 5 California’s Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025

**BACKGROUND:**

The Children and Families Act of 1998 (Proposition 10) requires that:

1. Each County Commission submit a fiscal audit and an annual report to the First 5 California Children and Families Commission (First 5 California) by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year;
2. First 5 California perform an annual audit and submit an annual report to county commissions, the Governor, and the State Legislature by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year; and,
3. Each County Commission hold at least one public hearing on First 5 California’s Annual Report.

**Discussion**

The Annual Report (Attachment 1) covers the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and provides a comprehensive overview of the state’s programs and services. The budgets, data and other information in the Annual Report illustrates First 5 California’s dedication to its purpose of promoting, supporting, and improving the early development of children from prenatal to five years of age. The report provides an overview of how First 5 California and the 58 counties First 5 commissions invested resources to support children from prenatal through age five and their families during the 2024–2025 fiscal year. The organization, funded primarily through Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenues, focuses on improving early childhood outcomes in health, learning, and family well-being. \$125 million for Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive (IMPACT) Legacy, a comprehensive effort to enhance the quality of early learning and care and support the workforce, with a focus on addressing the needs of the whole child, including health, behavioral health, child development, and family strengthening.

Statewide Impact: First 5 programs served hundreds of thousands of young children, parents, caregivers, and early childhood providers through local county initiatives and statewide programs.

Core Focus Areas: Investments targeted four main result areas:

- Improved child health
- Improved child development
- Stronger family functioning
- Better systems of care supporting young children.

Programs and Services: Counties funded programs such as:

- Home visiting and parent education
- Developmental screenings and early intervention
- Early learning and school readiness programs
- Family resource centers and community outreach.

Equity and Access: The report emphasizes reaching diverse communities and families facing barriers such as poverty, language differences, and limited access to services.

Data and Accountability: Counties report revenues, expenditures, and populations served each year to ensure transparency and track outcomes across California.

Strategic Direction: The work aligns with the new 2025–2028 strategic plan, which focuses on strengthening partnerships, addressing systemic barriers, and improving early childhood systems statewide.

**First 5 Stanislaus**

The report highlights a transitional and foundational year as First 5 Stanislaus began implementing its new 2024–2029 Strategic Plan, focused on improving outcomes for children ages 0–5 and their families through coordinated, equity-driven systems of care.

## Impact & Reach

- Over **\$2 million invested** in early childhood programs and services
- Served **6,700+ children** and **8,400+ parents and caregivers** across the county

## Core Areas of Work

### Family Support & Basic Needs

First 5 Stanislaus continued to address immediate family needs by distributing essential items such as diapers and books, while connecting families to critical services through Family Resource Centers (FRCs).

### Early Literacy & School Readiness

The organization expanded access to books and literacy programs, emphasizing the importance of early reading to support long-term educational success.

### Strengthening Family Resource Centers (FRCs)

FRCs remained a central strategy, serving as trusted community hubs where families can access support, resources, and referrals in one place.

### Community Engagement

Efforts increased to meet families where they are—through community events, outreach activities, and expanded communication strategies.

### Partnerships & Systems Building

The organization strengthened collaboration with county agencies and community partners, moving toward a more integrated, coordinated system of care for young children and families.

### Equity & Long-Term Vision

Equity remained a core focus, with targeted efforts to reach underserved populations and reduce disparities in access to services.

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## STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Conduct a public hearing on the First 5 California Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Annual Report.
2. Accept the First 5 California Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Annual Report.

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## FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with acceptance of the First 5 California Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Annual Report.

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## COMMISSION ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner: Paredes-Walsborn; Seconded by Commissioner: Diep

And approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner(s): (9)

Noes: Commissioner(s): (0)

Excused or Absent Commissioner(s):

Abstaining: Commissioner(s):


1)  Approved as recommended.

2)  Denied.

3)  Approved as amended.

Motion: Passed (9/0)

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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