



**Child Signature Program
Release of Request for Applications**

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TO: First 5 County Executive Director, PoP Bridge FY 2011-12

FROM: Kris Perry, Executive Director
First 5 California

SUBJECT: Child Signature Program RFA #1

First 5 California is pleased to release the enclosed Request for Application (RFA) for the new Child Signature Program (CSP). This is the first in a series of three RFAs for funding to implement the CSP over the next three years.

In October 2011, the First 5 California Children and Families Commission approved funding of up to \$45 million per fiscal year for the CSP, and further authorized unspent funds to carry over in the subsequent fiscal years. This will result in the continuation, increased access, and quality enhancement of the Power of Preschool (PoP) program over three fiscal years. The period of program authority to implement the CSP is July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2015. Local expenditures prior to and after the period of program implementation will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Copies of all the information and documents necessary for submitting CSP RFA #1 is included in this mailing. The menu of documents also will be posted at:
<http://www.cffc.ca.gov/commission/funding.asp>.

Please save the date for a CSP RFA#1 Information Session/Conference Call that will be held on **February 29, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to noon**. An e-mail reminder with call-in information will be sent shortly. We will attempt to answer as many questions as possible during the conference call. If you have additional questions after the conference call regarding RFA #1, please send them to csp@ccfc.ca.gov by March 16, 2012; we will post responses on the First 5 California Website through April 2, 2012.

We encourage all applicant counties to participate in this Information Session/Conference Call, and to review CSP RFA#1 prior to the call.