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INFORMATION ACTION

SUBJECT: PROGRAM AND RESEARCH UPDATE

Strategic Plan Priority Area I: Child Health

Goal: All children thrive by achieving optimal health from prenatal through age 5.

Strategic Plan Priority Area II: Child Development

Goal: All children birth through age 5 have high-quality, nurturing environments that ensure their learning readiness.

Strategic Plan Priority Area III: Family Functioning

Goal: All families have the knowledge, skills, and resources to support their children's optimal development.

Goal: The Deputy Director of Program Innovation and Evaluation Division will update the Commission on the following Program and Research investments that have either concluded or are in progress.

- Refugee Family Support
- Shared Services Alliance Pilot
- Parent Kit Order Process
- Home Visiting Technical Assistance
- Research Projects
 - Research Memos: child mental health and childcare
 - Early Childhood Behavioral Health

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

The First 5 Commission approved budgets for each program and research investment mentioned above. All program investments were sunset on of June 30, 2024. Research investments are in progress.

In October 2021, the Commission approved \$3 million for Refugee Family Support to support refugee families with young children ages 0-5 years old, who entered the United

States on or after August 1, 2021, and resettled in counties across California. Six First 4 county commissions (Fresno, Los Angeles, Placer, Sacramento, San Diego, and Santa Clara) were awarded grants from September 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024.

On August 19, 2020, the First 5 Commission approved \$1.7 million for a competitive bid for the Shared Services Alliance Pilot from March 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024.

On October 24, 2019, the First 5 Commission approved \$250,000 for Home Visiting Technical Assistance for FY 2024–25 to support the regional approach Request For Application for FYs 2023–24 to 2024–25.

The F5CA Commission has approved research and evaluation projects as strategic priority areas for improving child health. The investment for the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) is \$1.7 million from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025. The investment for early childhood behavioral health is for a total of \$10 million from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027. In May 2024, F5CA presented a strategic approach for the \$10 million early childhood behavioral health investment.

ATTACHMENTS

None.