



Program & Evaluation Division

Update: Small Population County Funding Augmentation (SPCFA)

**“Information Item” will lead to County Engagement then,
“Action Item” in January 2025”**

October 30, 2024

Theory of change describes the levers, actions, and outcomes of F5CA's work:



F5CA System Levers:

- **Advocate:** Advocate to federal and state policy makers
- **Convener/Connector:** Bring together state agencies that support young children and their families
- **Catalyst:** Provide funding for research and evaluation, innovative practices, and collaboration between different systems
- **Broadcaster:** Communicate to the general public utilizing television, radio, newspapers, and other mass media

Results-Based Accountability (RBA) Framework: Principles



- North Star orients all our work
- Population-level indicator informs us about statewide well-being
- SMART goals are developed for each audience (parents, providers, programs, state agency leaders, policymakers)
- Multiple investments/activities may support the same SMART goal
- Investments/activities operate as levers
- Performance measures may be similar across programs and be project specific
- Staff workplans will detail source of data for performance measures, baseline, and frequency of collection



Impact

- QA/I: Objectives and Key Results (OKRs): Qualitative and Quantitative
- QA/I: Recalibration and Alignment of Investments with NS/AG
- Telling the Story and Optimizing Results

Return on Investment

- QA/I: Benefit-Cost Ratio
- QA/I: Making Credible = Monetary Value
- QA/I: Make it Matter

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

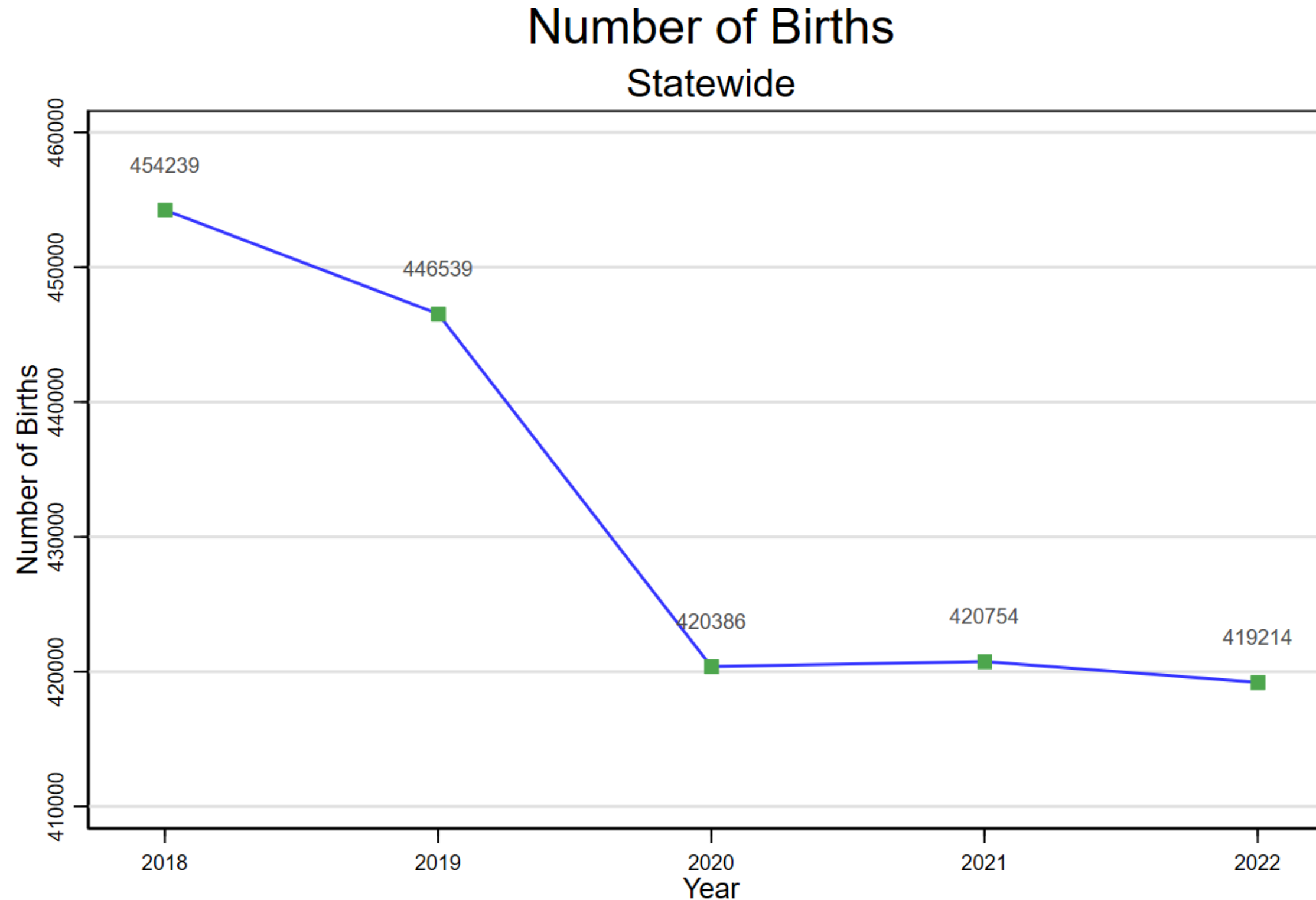
- Transformative Communication
- Workforce
- Business Practices
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Professional Development

**Kids need extra support
to prevent toxic stress.**

Small Population County Funding Augmentation (SPCFA)

- The California Children and Families Act (the Act; Prop 10) establishes the California Children and Families Trust Fund and authorizes expenditures from the Fund to ensure that children are ready to enter school.
- First 5 California's Small Population County Funding Augmentation (SPCFA) **provides funding to augment annual tax revenues to local First 5 Commissions in counties with small populations and low birth rates.**
- The goal of the **SPCFA is to support the success of small counties** in their work and to ensure Proposition 10 is truly a statewide effort that impacts the lives of young children throughout California.
- SPCFA funding makes it possible for Proposition 10 to be a statewide effort that promotes, supports, and improves the early development of children ages 0 through 5.

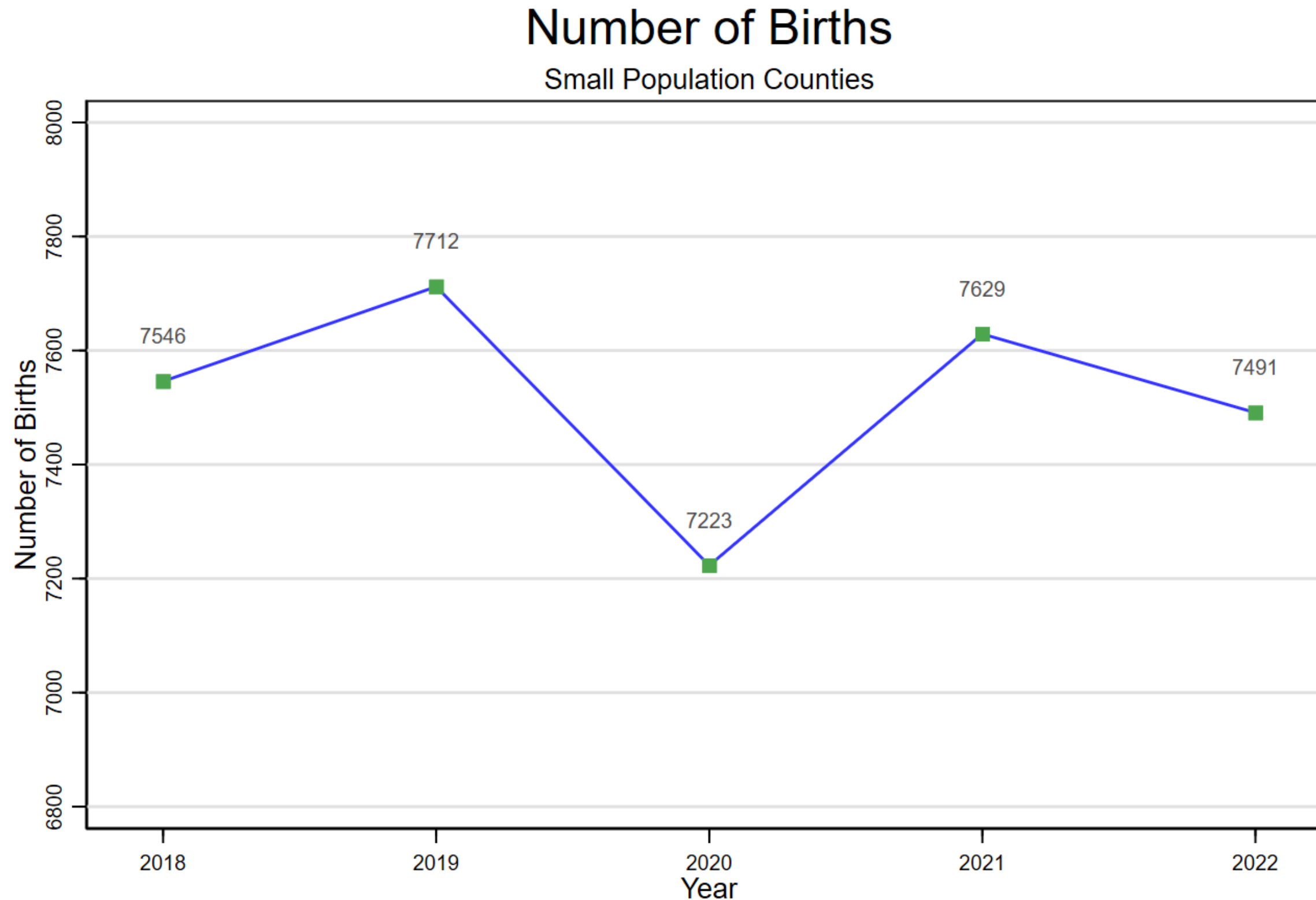
An Estimated 419,214 Babies Were Born in California in 2022



Source: California Department of Public Health, Comprehensive Master Birth File



An Estimated 7,491 Babies Were Born in SPCFA Counties in 2022

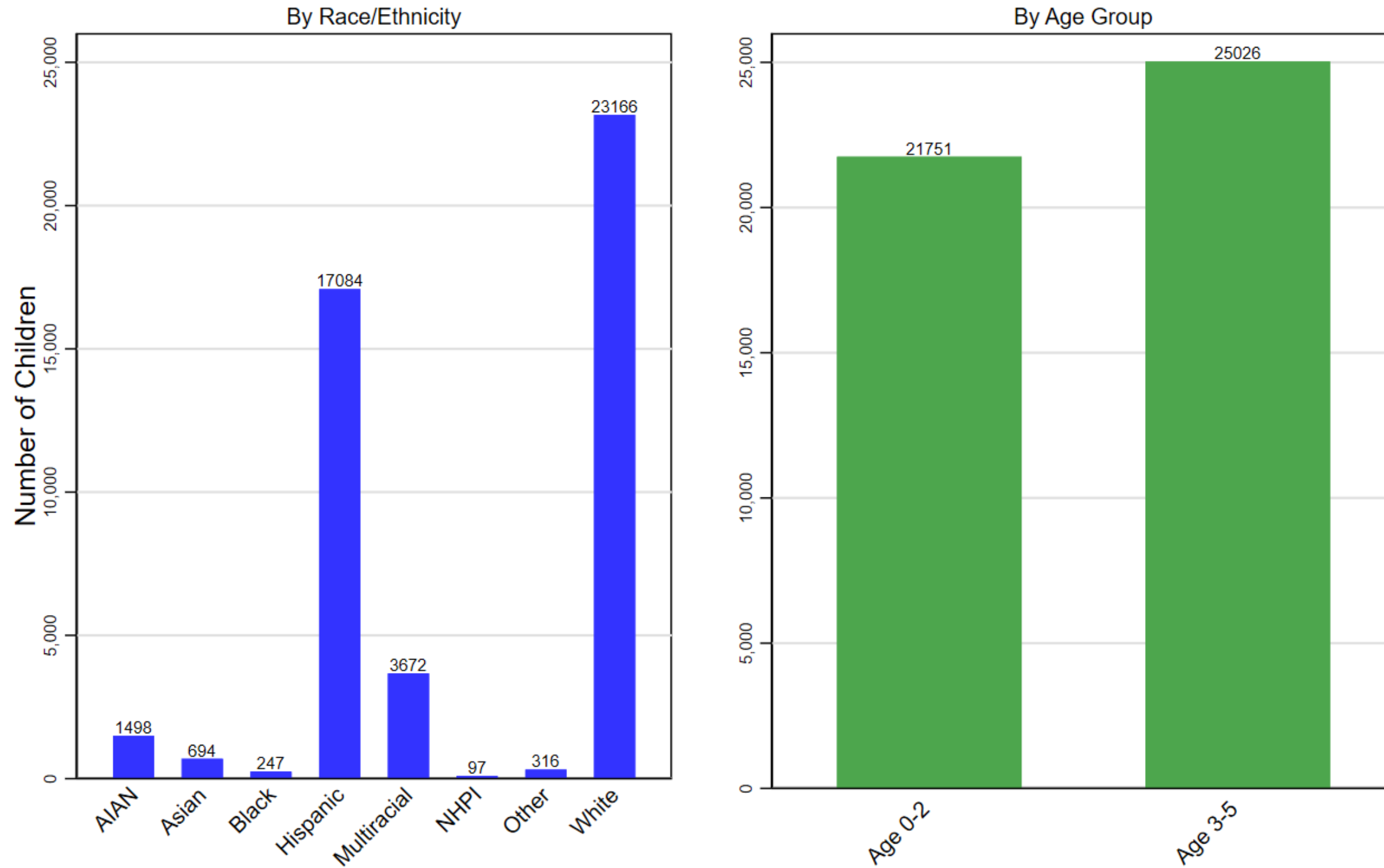


Source: California Department of Public Health, Comprehensive Master Birth File



An Estimated 46,777 Children aged 0–5 live in SPCFA Counties

Number of Children Aged 0-5 in SPCFA





Current: SPCFA Structure

Topic	2017–2021	Current 2021–2025
Eligibility	Counties not exceeding 1,000 births using average annual births between 2012–2014.	Counties not exceeding 1,000 births using average annual births between 2017–2019.
Number of Eligible Counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counties receive the difference between baseline amount and actual Proposition 10, Proposition 56, and Surplus Money Investment Fund (SMIF) revenues. • Baseline amount was set using 2011 births, starting at \$275,000 for counties with 50 births or less and increasing by \$25,000 for every 50 additional births up to 1,000 (maximum baseline is \$750,000). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counties receive an annual “critical contribution” equaling the average actual SPCFA funding between 2017–2019. • Mendocino’s (new to SPCFA) annual contribution is calculated based on what they would have received had participated in 2017 – 2019 at the \$750,000 baseline level.
Delivery of SPCFA funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding was released in two waves: (1) 75%; (2) 25% with some funding criteria. • Funding was based on certification of complied Local Area Agreement (LAA). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly reimbursement for actual expenditures.



Current: SPCFA Structure

- **Past:** Since 1999-2000, the F5CA Commission approved augmented **funding of up to \$200,000** (*average amount*).
- **Current:** At January 2021 meeting, the F5CA Commission approved an investment of up to **\$20 million over 4.25 years**, beginning **April 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025**.
 - Request for Application (RFA) offered eligible counties up to 3.25 years of funding (**April 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024**), *with the option 1-year extension based on performance during the grant period*.

- **Budget Breakdown:**

Total to Counties	\$18,775,190
Total for T/A	\$ 1,224,810
Total Request	\$20,000,000



Small County Partnership – Key Efforts

- **Fall 2023:**
 - a. *Corrective Action Plan:* Programmatic Oversight, Operations, Staff Support, Communication, Technical Assistance Grants
- **Winter 2023:**
 - a. *Corrective Action Plan Continue:*
 1. Grant Processes - Invoicing & Payments
 2. Reconciliation and Budget Change Requests
 - b. Communication: Multiple Listening Sessions
- **Summer 2024:** *FY 2022–23* rollover funds. Then, BCRs were conducted.
- **Fall 2024:** *FY 24-25* BCRs completed to added 1-year extension funds. Some counties have *FY 23-24* roll-over funds.
- **Winter 2024:** Integrated SPCFA Annual Performance Report (APR) into Annual Report – **Due date: October 31, 2024**



Site Visit: Amador County

Messy Mornings 'Learning Through Play'

"DRESS FOR MESS!"

Join us for messy, unstructured play time!

EVERY FRIDAY

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

First 5 Amador's Indoor/Outdoor Learning Lab

975 Broadway, Jackson

This playgroup is open to all Amador County children aged 0-5, and their parents or caregivers

Messy Morning will NOT be in session the following days:

October 20th; November 10th & 24th; December 22nd & 29th; March 15th & March

29th; and July 5th

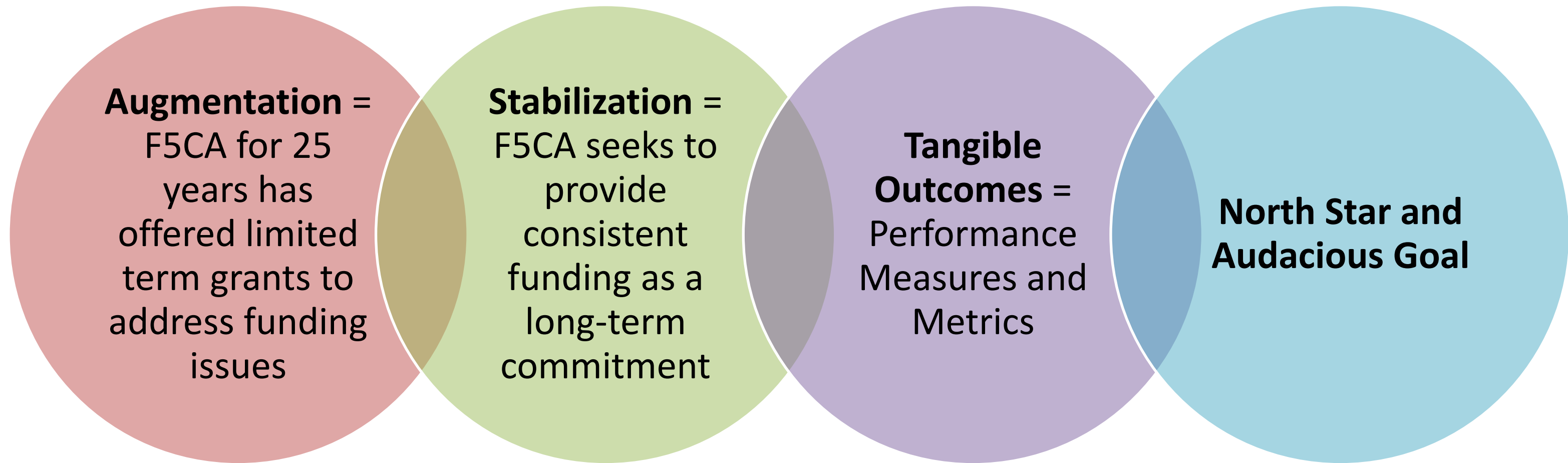
For more information, call 209-257-1092



Thank you,
Nina
Machado!!!!



**F5CA Contribution to Small Counties
Reimagining Process moving from
Augmentation to Stabilization:
Small Population County Funding
Stabilization**



Engagement:

F5CA will continue to engage small counties through listening sessions to help inform the next funding cycle and present it as an **Action Item in the January 2025 Commission meeting.**

Listening Sessions for Next Funding Cycle:
November 6th and 13th



Result Based Accountability:

North Star and Audacious Goal

Capacity Building

Procurement Processes: Grant

Lean Reporting Structure: Annual Report

Long-term stabilization



Small Population County Stabilization Funding Key Takeaways

- F5CA will **continue our partnership with small counties** to maximize funding opportunities that provide quality operations, and education supports for children and families, and **to reach our North Star and Audacious Goal.**
- F5CA will **continue to conduct quality improvement** on all operations, oversights, and partnerships.
- F5CA will **continue its commitment to fund small counties,** though a result-based accountable structure, based on revenue availability.



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