

# First 5 California Home Visiting Coordination Project

Support for the California Home Visiting Coordination (HVC) Project is being carried out by James Bell Associates and the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, two of the collaborating partners of the Home Visiting Applied Research Collaborative, a national research and development platform. Funding for this project is provided by First 5 California (F5CA).

## Scope

**Timeline:** November 2020 – June 2022

**Range:** 50 of California's 58 counties are currently receiving F5CA coordination funding. All California counties will have access to technical assistance (TA) through this project.

## Purpose

The purpose of this project is to increase home visiting coordination among agencies that provide home visiting and family support services, within the larger early childhood system of care in California. Coordination is especially urgent in the context of the COVID-19 crisis, which has exacerbated challenges facing families with young children, and increased the need for home visiting services. The end goal of this project is improved coordination leading to increased efficiency, decreased duplication, and improved quality of home visiting services—all in support of F5CA's mission to promote, support, and optimize the early development of children from the prenatal stage through five years of age.

## Process

Over the course of 14 months, the HVC team is developing and implementing a TA plan based on a comprehensive assessment of county and state-level data, input from state agency partners and counties, and survey responses about the status of home visiting coordination. The team will provide TA webinars open to all counties, small group TA on specific topics, and peer learning opportunities—all tailored to the counties' strengths, needs, and priorities. In addition, each county will have the opportunity to work directly with an experienced TA liaison who will provide individualized assistance and support. While the immediate purpose of the TA is to strengthen county capacity to coordinate services and supports, the TA and counties' experiences will also inform state policy recommendations to better support local efforts.

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