

First 5 PARTNERS

QUALITY START INITIATIVE

Imperial County Office of Education

Tel: 760-312-6431

Qualifying preschool centers and family home childcare providers will receive early childhood education, training, and resources. Children enrolled at the sites will receive school readiness services.

SPECIAL EDUCATION INCLUSION

Imperial County Office of Education

Tel: 760-312-6419

This initiative will provide enhanced high-quality early intervention services to preschool children with mild disabilities and/or mild autism at four state preschool programs.

PROJECT NENES & PROJECT CARE

Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program

Tel: 760-312-6222

Parents with children ages 3-5 (who are not attending preschool) may be eligible to participate in the Home Instruction for Parents of Pre-school age Youth (HIPPY) Program. This is a 30-week course that prepares children for school entry. Services are offered at home and/or via zoom in English/Spanish.

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM

Neighborhood House of Calexico

Tel: 760-357-6875

Children and their parents will receive culturally appropriate family literacy sessions to encourage daily reading. Families will gain valuable tools to help prepare their children for school.

FAMILY FARM-TO-PRESCHOOL FESTIVAL

UC Imperial County Cooperative Extension

Tel: 760-791-0521

The Desert Research Agricultural facility located in Holtville will host a Farm-to-Preschool Festival for families with young children. Children will experience opportunities in gardening, produce harvesting, food preparation and taste testing intent on influencing good eating habits.

First 5 Special Programs

SCHOOL READINESS

The School Readiness Program connects families with their local elementary school and coordinates Family and Community Resource Fairs. The Resource Fairs link families with agencies and valuable resources that are available throughout Imperial County.

IMPROVE AND MAXIMIZE PROGRAMS SO ALL CHILDREN THRIVE (IMPACT)

The IMPACT program works to raise the level of quality of early learning and care for family child care homes, centers and preschools by focusing on the elements and pathways identified in the California Quality Improvement Rating System (CA-QRIS). Early Learning Specialists provide assistance to participants with training and coaching.

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT FOR CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS STIPEND (PACES)

First 5 Imperial administers an educational scholarship program that supports individuals seeking a career in the childcare profession. To qualify, individuals must work in a childcare site and must obtain a minimum of 9 units in an accredited university. PACES Plus-Plus stipends are available to individuals seeking professional development through qualified trainings.

To learn more about the programs, contact
Dr. Gustavo Galindo, Special Programs Manager
(760) 482-2988 or grg@icprop10.org



Introducing First 5 California's Brainsy Birds
Franco, Orson and Melody.

Each one of them flew in with an important story to share with families!

COVID-19 SUPPORT, SUPPLIES AND DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM & STIPEND RELIEF FOR CHILDCARE

The virus SARS-CoV-2 was transmitted to the United States from overseas sources, this virus, responsible for the Coronavirus disease COVID-19 has proven to be extremely virulent with transmission rates as yet unknown. As a result of the dire circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, First 5 California has established an emergency supply program for the distribution of PPE supplies including diapers, baby wipes, sanitizers, children's books, and touchless thermometers to aide the local early childcare community as well as our childcare partners. A monetary stipend relief program was also created to support the local childcare providers who kept their childcare facilities open to families during the pandemic.



The *Kits for New Parents* is a free resource designed to provide helpful information for new parents. To order a free kit, visit First 5 CA at www.cffc.ca.gov



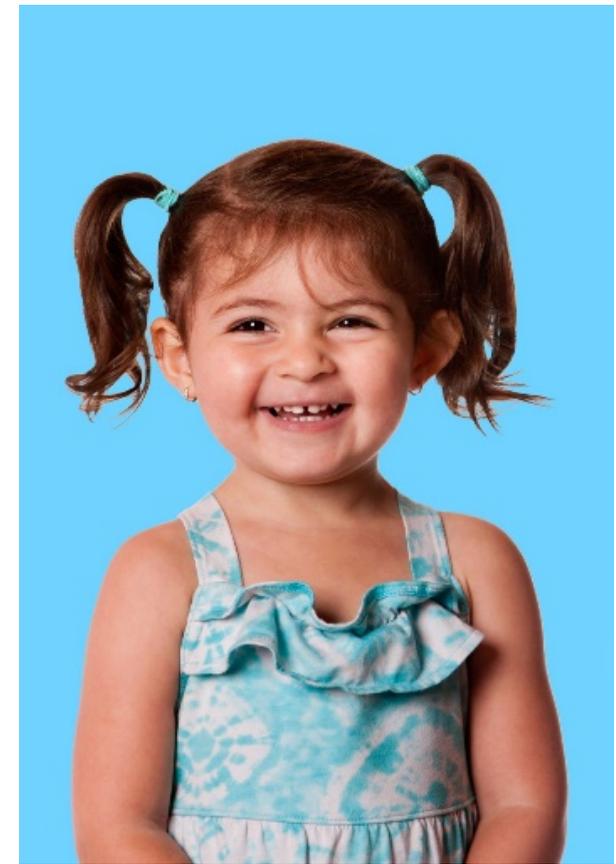
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Making a child's first years
of life count is
what we're all about



Fiscal Year 2021-2022



First 5 Imperial Supports Children 0 to 5 and their Families

First 5 Imperial funds diverse projects that benefit the well-being of children ages 0-5. During Fiscal Year 2021-2022, over \$1.4 million was awarded to local agencies to sustain direct services to children, families, and their caregivers. Our commitment is to continue to invest in services and programs to ensure that every child gets the best possible start.

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LITERACY AND MOBILE BOOK SERVICES

Brawley Public Library

Tel: 760-344-1891

The library's LAMBS mobile unit travels throughout the County to present and model pre-literacy story times and learning activities for children ages 0-5, and their parents.

IMPERIAL VALLEY SCALD PREVENTION PROGRAM

Burn Institute

Tel: 760-355-3175

The Burn Institute will offer scald prevention presentations to expectant parents, families with children ages 0-5, caregivers and preschool teachers at selected locations.

FAMILY BILITERACY NIGHTS

Calipatria Unified School District

Tel: 760-348-2156

Children living within the Calipatria School District will be eligible to receive introduction of basic language skills and support for reading prior to school entry through a series of family literacy sessions.

SAFE, HEALTHY, EDUCATIONAL & NURTURING ENV. SERVING DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Imperial County

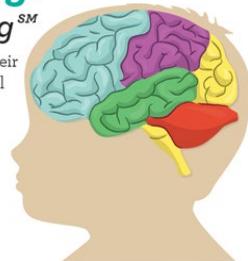
Tel: 760-353-7456

CASA will provide child advocacy, school readiness support, and developmental screenings for children ages 0-5 who are placed in foster care. These services will be expanded to outlying communities within the County.

Talk. Read. Sing.SM It Changes EverythingSM

The moment babies come into this world, their brains are forming the connections that will determine how they learn, think, and grow.

The first 3 years are the perfect time to Talk. Read. Sing.SM



A public education and outreach campaign funded by First 5 California. Visit www.first5ca.gov to learn more.

SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONING EQUALS PUPIL SUCCESS

El Centro Elementary School District

Tel: 760-335-5170 ext. 8568

FACT case managers will provide case management for young children and their families who attend preschool, TK & kinder classes within the El Centro Elementary Schools. Developmental screenings will be administered by experienced staff. Participating families will be connected with valuable resources and referrals.



INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

A child's early years hold the key to their success – and Imperial County!

RAISING A READER FOR TRANSITIONAL KINDER El Centro Elementary School District

Tel: 760-352-5712

Children in Transitional Kinder will reap the benefits of the Raising a Reader program's components which enhance pre-literacy skills through the use of books and family engagement. Funds will support 4 additional TK classes in El Centro elementary schools.

ASTHMA PREVENTION

El Centro Regional Medical Center

Tel: 760-482-0978

Child asthma and prevention services will be offered to children ages 0-5 who are enrolled in Head Start programs located throughout the County.

BRIDGES FOR NEWBORNS AND FAMILIES

El Centro Regional Medical Center

Tel: 760-370-8526

The El Centro Regional Medical Center will work towards implementing the "Baby Friendly" 10 Steps to Successful Breastfeeding with the intention to increase lactation rates in Imperial County.

LITTLE STEPS PARENTING CLASSES

Imperial County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Tel: 760-353-8300

Families will experience a positive learning opportunity, supporting improved family functioning while participating in free parenting classes (available in English or Spanish) using the Incredible Years curriculum.

Staff Development: IC Child Abuse Prevention Council staff will receive on-going consultation on the parenting curriculum, and training on delivering parenting programs to parents of children who are on the autism spectrum or have language delays.

RAISE A READER

Imperial County Free Library

Tel: 442-265-7100

Family literacy activities tailored for families with children ages 0-18 months, 18-36 months, and preschool-aged children will be offered at all Imperial County Free Library locations.



CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN PLAYGROUND Imperial County Office of Education

Tel: 760-312-6431

Funds will support the installation of an inclusive outdoor playground that will benefit young children with special needs located at the Imperial Valley Center for Exceptional Children.