



FIRST 5 IMPERIAL Special Programs

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School Readiness

The School Readiness Program connects families with their local elementary school and coordinates Family and Community Health Resource Fairs. These Resource Fairs link families with local organizations and provide parents an opportunity to receive valuable resources to support their well-being.

Home Visiting Coordination

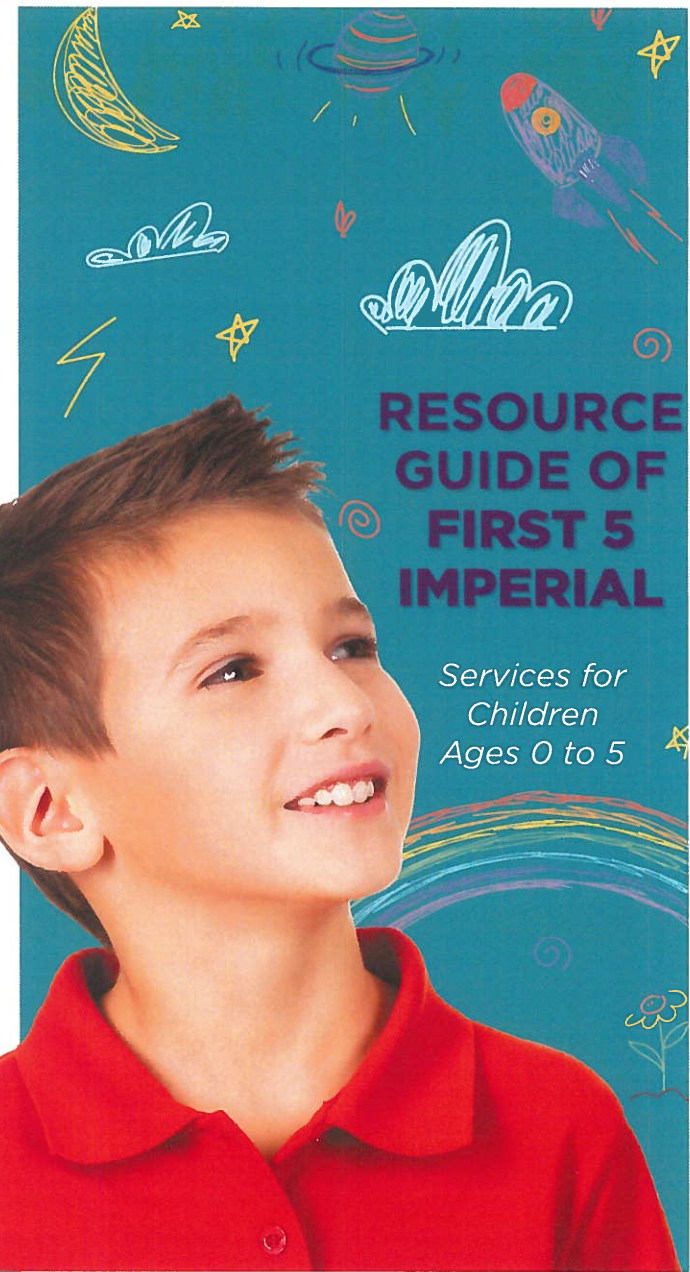
The Home Visiting Coordination (HVC) was designed by First 5 California to identify programs that provide in-home services to families of Imperial County during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Improve And Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive

The IMPACT Program works to support continuous quality improvement for eligible family childcare homes, centers and preschools by focusing on the elements identified in the California Quality Improvement Rating System (CA-QRIS). Early Learning Specialists provide training and coaching opportunities to ECE providers to support the development of meaningful teacher-child interactions, to enhance capacity building opportunities, and to promote the use of developmental screenings at their sites.

Professional Advancement for Childhood Educators Stipend

The PACES Stipend is an educational scholarship dedicated for early care and education providers seeking to advance their careers in the childcare profession. To qualify, individuals must work in a childcare setting, be enrolled in an accredited institution, and complete 9 units. PACES Plus-Plus provides financial support to individuals seeking professional development through qualified trainings.



Outdoor Community Concert

Imperial Valley College will host an outdoor community concert featuring the children's music duo of Greg and Steve on March 31, 2023, free to families with young children.

Imperial Valley College Dev. Preschool
760-355-6232
imperial.edu

Farm-To-Preschool Festival

The Desert Research & Extension Center located in Holtville will host a Farm-To-Preschool Festival on January 28, 2023. Children will receive nutrition information and have hands-on opportunities for gardening, harvesting, and taste testing healthy foods.

UC Desert Research & Extension Center
760-356-3067
drec.ucanr.edu



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



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First 5 Partners

During Fiscal Year 2022-2023, over \$1.3 million dollars was awarded to local agencies to sustain direct services to children ages 0 to 5, their 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.

Please contact the organizations to learn more about the services they offer.

BURN INSTITUTE

Protecting Your Child from Fire & Burns

760-355-3175 • burninstitute.org

The Burn Institute will offer fire, burn, and scald prevention presentations and resources at participating preschools, daycares, local schools and community organizations, as well as on-line, all year round. Fire prevention outreach and materials will be offered in English and Spanish.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

Project SHEANE

760-353-7456 • casaimperialcounty.org

CASA will continue to provide child advocacy and support services to children ages 0-5 that enter the juvenile dependency system. CASA advocates will ensure that children under their care receive developmental screenings and follow-up support; that children are up-to-date in their immunizations and participate in school-readiness activities.

EL CENTRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

FACT Next Steps

760-335-5170 • ecesd.org

Parents with young children living within the El Centro Elementary School District can request an evaluation for their children to identify any potential developmental delays and to receive early intervention and support services. FACT Center Case Managers will work closely with parents to establish a family service plan, facilitate an environmental screening, provide referrals and connect them with resources in the county.

EL CENTRO REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Lactation Support Project

760-370-8526 • ecrmc.org

Expectant parents can receive breastfeeding support and resources from lactation consultants and medical professionals at the ECRMC hospital. Services include prenatal classes, promoting skin-to-skin contact, and continuous outpatient outreach by lactation consultants. Medical professionals at ECRMC will work to increase breastfeeding rates based on HP 2030 objectives.

HEBER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Project LISTOS

760-337-6530 • hesdk8.org

Families with children ages 3 to 5 who live in Heber and are enrolled in TK may be eligible to participate in an after-school program to help support their child's school readiness. The activities will focus on improving parent child interactions, positive discipline and address the social-emotional development of the child. This after-school parent education program will be offered in English and Spanish.



Talk. Read. Sing.® is a statewide public education and outreach campaign funded by First 5 California. Visit www.cfc.ca.gov to learn more.

IMPERIAL CO. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

Little Steps Project

760-353-8300

CAP Council will be offering parenting classes using the Incredible Years curriculum and will be incorporating the First 5 CA Kit for New Parents. The parenting classes will consist of a 12 to 14-week series of group parent sessions, depending on the age of the child. Also available via an online platform and offered in English and Spanish.

IMPERIAL COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

442-265-7100 • library.imperialcounty.org

Family Literacy Specialists will be offering a family literacy program featuring storytime activities for infants, toddlers and preschool-aged children. Families can borrow toys from the library, participate in parent-to-parent support groups and receive a developmental screening for their child. Storytime activities will be held at all the county libraries.

IMPERIAL COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Inclusion Program

760-312-6677 • icoe.org

Children with special needs will participate in dual-enrollment between a special education preschool and a state preschool program. The children will be provided learning opportunities alongside "typically" developing peers. Training will be provided to preschool teachers to support the needs of the students.

IMPERIAL VALLEY REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PGM.

Project Nenes

760-482-2600 • ivrop.org

Parents may be eligible to participate in the HIPPY home instruction learning program that is tailored for children ages 2-5. HIPPY is an early education program that works with families in the home for 30 weeks where Home Visitors will visit the home once per week and role-play the lessons; offered in English or Spanish. Project CARES will enroll 15 additional families to the HIPPY Program. Not eligible to children enrolled in preschool.

IMPERIAL COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

E.L.S.E.I.

760-312-6431 • icoe.org

The Early Care and Education Program will offer services designed to address challenging behaviors and support the social emotional development of young children through the training of early care and education providers, supporting children with challenging behaviors, improving quality and equity in the classroom, and providing parent support.