

# Mini-Grants

Fiscal Year 2013-2014

## Burn Institute

612 J Street, Imperial  
Tel: 858-541-2277

The Fire Safe Kids Project will provide fire and burn prevention education activities and literature to preschoolers and their parents.

## Imperial County Breastfeeding Coalition

PO Box 1611, Brawley  
Tel: 760-550-9020

The Educational Opportunities for Pregnant Adolescent Families and Medical Providers Workshops Project will be offering education workshops to pregnant adolescents & facilitating sessions at local physician's offices.

## Imperial County Child Abuse Prevention Council

563 W. Main Street, El Centro  
Tel: 760-353-8300

The CAP Council will provide a parent education program utilizing the Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) curriculum.

## Imperial County Office of Education

1398 Sperber Road, El Centro  
Tel: 760-312-6431

The County Office of Education will develop the Imperial Valley Community Resource Network which will address the needs of parents, child care providers and community agencies by providing a public accessible database.

## Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program

687 State Street, El Centro  
Tel: 760-482-2600

Project CARE will enhance its in-home preschool instruction utilizing the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPPY) curriculum program.

## Listen With Your Heart

506 E. Fourth Street, Calexico  
Tel: 760-222-6359

LWYH Project will offer support and resources to families with hard-of-hearing children through its resource center, and promote awareness about the importance of performing annual hearing tests for young children.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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### SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

The School Readiness Program engages families, community members and educators in the important work of preparing children, from birth to age 5, for kindergarten. Through a partnership formed with selected local elementary schools, the SR Program funds and coordinates Summer Kinder Transitional programs in addition to Family Health and Community Resource Fairs. The Family Resource Fairs bring community programs and governmental agencies together to promote awareness of their services and to provide valuable resources to parents and families.

### CHILD SIGNATURE PROGRAM (CSP)

The Child Signature Program will assist preschool agencies within catchment areas with an Academic Performance Index score between 1-3. The program's Early Learning Specialist will work with the preschools' combined 30 classrooms, and complete a Readiness Assessment. The Child Signature Program will facilitate trainings to preschool teachers using the Early Education Effectiveness Exchange (E4) to increase their skills and knowledge, and to support their educational goals.

### PACES – Professional Advancement for Childhood Educators Stipend Program

PACES is an early care and education stipend program designed to offer support to qualifying ECE caregivers who are pursuing careers in the childcare profession. Each year, funds are made available via an application process to ECE caregivers who take no less than 9 unit courses from accredited institutions; additional criteria is required.



## KIT FOR NEW PARENTS

Available at no cost in English and Spanish to new & expecting parents. To get your kit, call  
**1-800-KIDS-025 or 1-800-50-NINOS**

## A County Commission of PROPOSITION 10 California Children and Families Act of 1998

### WHO WE ARE

In November 1998, California voters passed Proposition 10, the "Children and Families Act of 1998" initiative. The act levies a tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products in order to provide funding for early childhood development programs. The ultimate goal of Proposition 10 is to enhance the early growth experiences of children, enabling them to be more successful in school and ultimately to give them an equal opportunity to succeed in life.

## OUR VISION

All Imperial County children will thrive in supportive, nurturing and loving environments, enter school healthy and ready to learn, and become productive, well-adjusted members of society.



For more information, please contact the

Imperial County Children and Families First Commission  
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El Centro, CA 92243  
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**BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES FOR  
CHILDREN 0-5 AND THEIR FAMILIES**

FISCAL YEAR 2013-14

# OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Imperial County Children and Families First Commission works to fund programs that positively impact the developmental needs of children 0 to 5 years of age in areas relevant to family functioning, childcare and early education, and child health. During Fiscal Year 2013-2014, the Commission awarded over \$2 million dollars to support services that will enable children to obtain the best possible start.

## Brawley Public Library

400 Main Street, Brawley  
Tel: 760-344-1891 [www.brawley-ca.gov](http://www.brawley-ca.gov)  
Project:

### *Literacy and Mobile Book Services (LAMBS)*

LAMBS is a mobile unit that will travel county-wide to offer child and family literacy services to children 0-5, their families and caregivers. Project staff will also model literacy practices for childcare providers.

## Burn Institute

612 J Street, #3, Imperial  
Tel: 858-541-2277 [www.burninstitute.org](http://www.burninstitute.org)  
Project:

### *Safe Families Initiative*

The Burn Institute will present fire and burn prevention programs, and distribute prevention literature to children, families and caregivers. Fire/burn prevention puppet show presentations will be provided at local preschool centers.

## Court Appointed Special Advocates

229 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street, El Centro  
Tel: 760-353-7456 [www.casaimperialcounty.org](http://www.casaimperialcounty.org)  
Project:

### *Safe, Healthy, Educational & Nurturing Environment*

CASA will offer services that greatly improve the physical, psychological and educational development (including School Readiness) for children 0-5 that are dependents of the Juvenile Court System. Assessments will be administered to help identify children with medical/developmental problems or special needs.

## El Centro Elementary School District

1256 Broadway Avenue, El Centro  
Tel: 760-337-5097 [www.ecesd.com](http://www.ecesd.com)  
Project:

### *FACT Center Early Intervention Program*

The FACT Center will provide early intervention services to families with children 0-5. Services will include case management, developmental screening services, and referrals for family therapy sessions with a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

## El Centro Regional Medical Center

1470 S. Imperial, Suite A, El Centro  
Tel: 760-482-0978 [www.ivcap.org](http://www.ivcap.org)  
Project:

### *Imperial Valley Child Asthma & Wellness Project*

The Child Asthma Project will offer asthma and case management for children 0-5 and offer support to their families through home visitations. Staff will monitor emergency room visits & pediatric hospitalizations for children at the local hospitals. Project will also address the importance of diet and how it affects asthma by offering nutrition & physical education.

## El Centro Regional Medical Center

1415 Ross Avenue, El Centro  
Tel: 760-370-8526 [www.ecrhc.org](http://www.ecrhc.org)  
Project:

### *Bridges for Newborns*

The Bridges for Newborns Project will work to increase lactation rates by developing a comprehensive in and out-of-hospital breastfeeding support and education program. Services will include visitations to postpartum mothers by lactation consultants; and establishing a hospital component facilitating the availability of breastfeeding pumps.

## The Family Treehouse

200 N. Imperial Avenue, Imperial  
Tel: 760-355-0175 [www.myfamilytreehouse.com](http://www.myfamilytreehouse.com)  
Project:

### *Part E for Everyone*

The Family Treehouse will offer a developmental surveillance program aimed at improving developmental screening to children 0-5 years of age. Services will include follow-up, referral, monitoring and outreach county-wide. The Ages & Stages Questionnaire and Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers will be administered to young children.

## Imperial County Office of Education

1398 Sperber Road, El Centro  
Tel: 760-312-6431 [www.icoe.org](http://www.icoe.org)  
Project:

### *Early Intervention Success for Children with Special Needs*

The Project will offer inclusion model preschool services to children 3 to 5 years of age that are "at-risk" of developing a disability or may have a mild disability that would preclude these children from eligibility for special preschool services. Training and support for parents will be provided.

## Imperial County Public Health Department

935 Broadway Avenue, El Centro  
Tel: 760-482-4467 [www.icphd.org](http://www.icphd.org)  
Project:

### *First Five: Healthy Children/Healthy Lives*

The Project will offer services designed to promote healthy eating and healthy lifestyles which will work to address issues related to childhood overweight and obesity by working with preschool teachers, parents and young children. Project staff will continue to strengthen and develop the Childhood Obesity Prevention Alliance (COPA) to serve as a primary community resource that advocates and makes recommendations on issues related to health, nutrition and physical activities.

## Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program

687 State Street, El Centro  
Tel: 760-312-6222 [www.ivrop.org](http://www.ivrop.org)  
Project:

### **NENES**

Project Nenes will offer the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool-age Youth (HIPPY) Program and developmental surveillance screening using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire to families throughout Imperial County. Services will be provided to stay-at-home parents that meet income guidelines and are interested in providing the HIPPY Program (30 weeks of home instruction) to their children, 3-5 years of age.

## March of Dimes Foundation

395 Broadway Avenue, #3, El Centro  
Tel: 760-879-6451 [www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com)  
Project:

### *Healthy Babies: Healthy Communities*

The March of Dimes will provide outreach & education programs to reach women of child-bearing age with comprehensive and culturally sensitive messages about having a healthy baby. The Project will work to increase awareness as to the benefits of preconception, interconception, prenatal and postpartum care.

## Neighborhood House of Calexico

506 E. Fourth Street, Calexico  
Tel: 760-357-6875 [www.nhclx.org](http://www.nhclx.org)  
Project:

### *Children's Literacy*

Neighborhood House intends to offer family literacy services to families with children 0-5 on a county-wide level by establishing a literacy program founded on the four components of family literacy, which are: a) early childhood education; b) adult literacy; c) parenting education, and d) parent-child interactive time.

## Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District

207 W. Legion Road, Brawley  
Tel: 760-351-4502 [www.pmhd.org](http://www.pmhd.org)  
Project:

### *Our Journey Toward Baby Friendly*

The Breastfeeding the Baby-Friendly Way Project will work to increase the number of mothers that breastfeed their babies during early postpartum and until babies are 5-6 months old. Project will provide support to expectant women receiving care through OB and Pediatric offices prior to delivery at PMHD.

## SDSU Exceptional Family Resource Center

512 W. Aten Road, Imperial  
Tel: 760-355-0147 [www.efrconline.org](http://www.efrconline.org)  
Project:

### *Family Support, Follow Through & Coordination*

The Project will offer parent education activities and support services designed to assist families that have children 0-5 with special needs. Staff will provide Bright Futures for Families resources created by the American Academy of Pediatrics.