



Board of Supervisors Family & Social Services Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: February 26, 2025

TIME: 1:30PM

MEETING CHAIRS: Monica Banken, 5th Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Claudia Alarcon

THIS MEETING IS HELD UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF BOARD POLICY 3.055.

To participate in the meeting in-person, the meeting location is:

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Room 140

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1 (323) 776-6996 and enter the following 995 916 944# or

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Members of the Public may address the Family & Social Services Cluster on any agenda item during General Public Comment.

The meeting chair will determine the amount of time allowed for each item.

THIS TELECONFERENCE WILL BE MUTED FOR ALL CALLERS. PLEASE DIAL *6 TO UNMUTE YOUR PHONE WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME TO SPEAK.

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Set Items:**
 - a. **Department of Public Social Services/ Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)/ Aging and Disabilities Department:** Wildfire Recovery and Response.
- III. **Consent Item(s)** (Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices):
--None--
- IV. **Presentation/Discussion Items:**
 - a. **First 5 Los Angeles**
 - LA County Wildfires - First 5 LA's Response
 - Home Visiting Approach FY 25-26
 - 2025 Board Meeting Calendar
- V. **Public Comment**
- VI. Standing item(s) and those continued from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from a previous FSS Agenda Review meeting.

VII. Adjournment

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL A COMMENT ON AN ITEM ON THE FAMILY & SOCIAL SERVICES CLUSTER AGENDA, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS AND INCLUDE THE AGENDA NUMBER YOU ARE COMMENTING ON:

Family_Social_Services@ceo.lacounty.gov



First 5 Los Angeles Updates: Wildfires, Home Visiting, Board Calendar February 2025

Families with Young Children (0-5)

Key Findings

There are just over half a million children under five in LA County



3 out of 4 children under 5 in LA County are of color

More than half are Latino

3x Poverty rates in

Native American/Pacific Islander, Black, and Latino households are **three times the rates** of White and Asian households



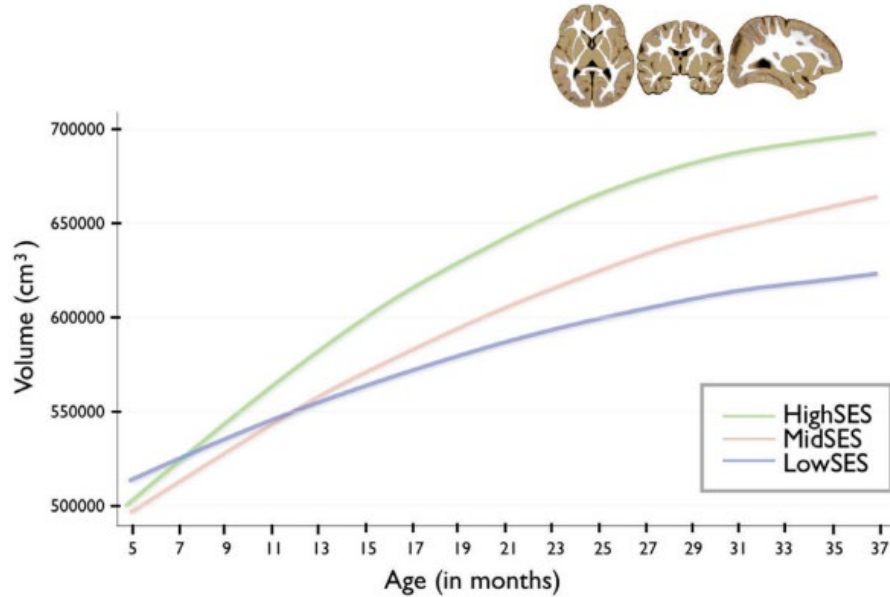
Nearly **1 in 3** families with children under 5 experienced food insecurity



Nearly **2 out of 3** families with children under 5 struggled to pay for and find housing in 2020

Analysis conducted by First 5 LA

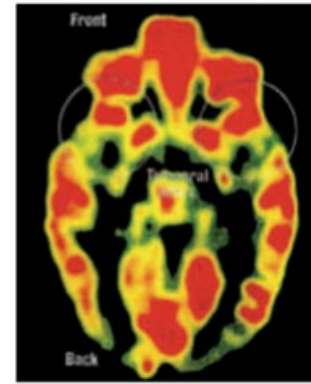
Figure 1. Total Gray Matter Growth in the First 3 Years of Life, by SES



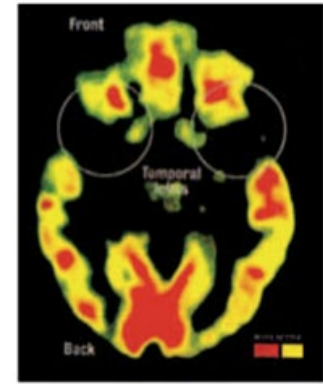
Note: SES = socioeconomic status.

Source: Hanson et al. 2013.

Comparison of the Developing Brain

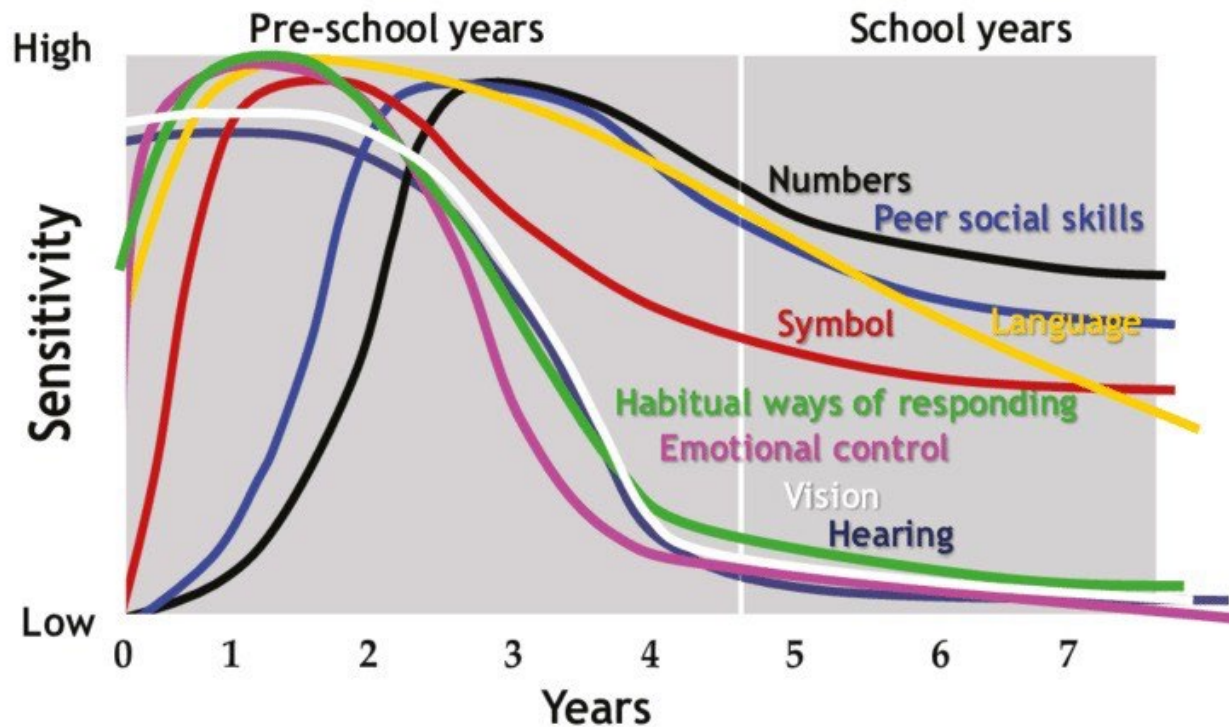


Healthy Development



Development Affected by Environmental Stress

Source: Dr. H. T. Chugani, Newsweek, Spring/Summer 1997 Special Edition: "Your Child: From Birth to Three," pp 30-31.

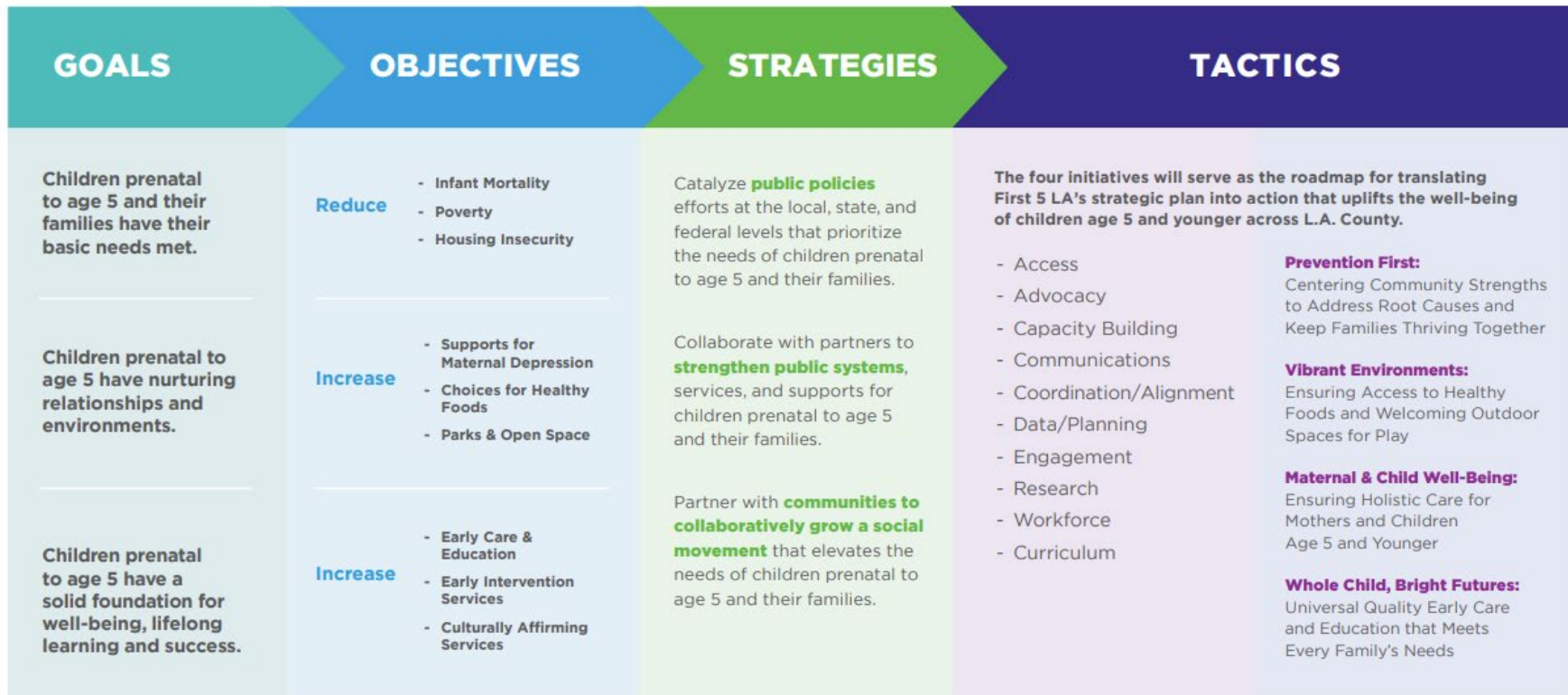


Graph developed by Council for Early Child Development (ref: Nash, 1997; *Early Years Study*, 1999; Shonkoff, 2000.)



Vision: We envision a future where every child is born healthy and thrives in a nurturing, safe and loving community.

Mission: We advocate for children and their families, amplify community voice and partner for collective impact so that every child in Los Angeles County reaches their full developmental potential throughout the critical years of prenatal to age 5.



Supports Needed by Children and Families

- 1. Environmental and air quality mitigation:**
 - Masks, specifically child-sized masks. Air filters and air filter replacements.
 - Clean-up of playgrounds, sandboxes and other child-friendly play spaces
- 2. Basic needs for children:**
 - Baby and children's essentials including diapers, wipes, hygiene products, clothes, and toddler snacks
- 3. Mental Health supports:**
 - Four organizations brought up the need for mental health resources as children navigate the impacts of the disaster
- 4. Long-term shelter:**
 - Two organizations brought up the need for long-term shelter after some families have lost homes.
- 5. Financial assistance:** transportation and cash assistance for people whose jobs have been impacted
- 6. Childcare:** Access to short and long-term childcare.
- 7. Economic and Workforce Supports for Low- and Middle-class Workforce Directly Impacted**



First 5 LA: Home Visiting Approach *FY 25-26*

February 2025 Children's Deputy Meeting

First 5 LA: LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

- F5LA's October Board 2024 meeting approved a tiered approach to reach a \$60M organizational budget by FY 27-28 with anticipated annual reductions of 13.3%

FISCAL YEAR	F5LA Organizational Budget	Estimated Family Supports Budget
FY 24-25	\$91.7M	\$36.6M
FY 25-26	\$80M	\$31M (est)
FY 26-27	\$70M	\$26.4M (est)
FY 27-28	\$60M	\$20M (est)

HOME VISITING STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP

- Workgroup Purpose:
 - Obtain stakeholder input on criteria to inform budget changes in F5LA's FY 25-26 home visiting investment and inform longer term funding considerations
 - Facilitated by Health Management Associates
- Workgroup Participants:
 - Key County Partners: Departments of Public Health, Mental Health, Public Social Services, Child and Family Services, and Office of Child Protection
 - HV Providers by SPA: Welcome Baby, Healthy Family America and Parents As Teachers providers
- Workgroup Process:
 - Series of 3 meetings through Fall 2024
 - Additional input from Home Visiting Collaborative Leadership Council

Home Visiting Workgroup: Considerations

Considerations elevated by Home Visiting Workgroup:

- Preserve a mixed model approach
- Seek out opportunities to align home visiting investments countywide
- Help establish the evidence base for Welcome Baby
- Identify potential cost-savings and/or reductions in infrastructure investments *before* reductions in direct services
- Expand F5LA enrollment eligibility beyond the existing Best Start community boundaries
- Prioritize timely, transparent, and sensitive communication to grantees

Home Visiting: Criteria Overview

Category	Criteria
Priority Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Level of need in geographical areas (by Service Planning Area) *Available home visiting services in a SPA across models and funding sources
Efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Site Performance and Efficiencies *Fiscal Efficiencies
Sustainability	Participation in efforts that inform or support external revenue

**Items with asterisk informed by HV Workgroup*

Home Visiting: Application of Criteria

Approach for FY 25-26:

- Assessing the three categories of criteria (Priority Areas, Efficiency, Sustainability) and application of considerations resulted in the FY 25-26 home visiting approach
- Welcome Baby:
 - Two contracts will not be renewed (out of 11)
 - Will maintain at least 1 Welcome Baby site per SPA
 - Will work with sites to transfer families who will not have completed program by June 2025
- Select Home Visiting:
 - Three contracts will not be renewed (out of 13) to increase efficiencies by reducing admin/overhead costs and consolidate home visiting services (one contract serves 2 locations, thus affecting 5 sites)
 - Focus on preserving similar level of home visitor workforce in areas of highest need
 - Will work with sites to transfer families by June 2025
- The changes will result in a 16.1% reduction for home visiting for a total of \$31M in FY 25-26.

Note: Detailed summary of changes available in Appendix



QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

APPENDIX

HOME VISITING: SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR FY 25-26

SPA	Welcome Baby		SHV		Impact on Budget
	No Changes	Grants Not Renewing	No Changes or *Consolidation <i>*Denotes addition of HV Positions</i>	Grants Not Renewing / Reduced	
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antelope Valley Partners for Health 	----	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antelope Valley Partners for Health Child Care Resource Center Child & Family Guidance Center 	----	No impact.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providence Holy Cross 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northridge Medical Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Center Child & Family El Nido Family Center 	----	Savings: \$1,188,587
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emanate 	----	-----	----	No impact.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Hospital White Memorial 	----	-----		No impact
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Francis Medical Center Martin Luther King 	----	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Lundquist Institute *Wellnest Shields For Families (HFA) *Shields for Families (PAT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Children's Institute El Nido Family Center (SLA location) 	Savings: \$347,441
7	----	----	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The Whole Child 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plaza Community Services 	Savings: \$307,394
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miller Children and Women's Hospital St. Mary's Medical Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providence. Little Company of Mary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Families in Good Health *Pacific Asian Counseling Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Children's Institute The Children's Clinic 	Savings: \$2,117,241

First 5 LA 2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting Calendar

Board Meeting Schedule 2025		
Date	Meeting Type	Time
No Meetings in January		
February 13, 2025	Board of Commissioners	1:30-4:30 pm
March 13, 2025	Board of Commissioners (Closed)	12:15-1:15 pm
	Board of Commissioners	1:30-4:30 pm
April 24, 2025	Executive Committee (Closed Session)	12:15-1:15 pm
	Program and Planning Committee	1:30-4:30 pm
May 8, 2025	Executive Committee (Closed Session)	12:15-1:15 pm
	Board of Commissioners	1:30-4:30 pm
June 12, 2025	Board of Commissioners (Closed)	11:15-1:15 pm
	Board of Commissioners	1:30-4:30 pm
No meetings in July and August -Summer Break-		
September 25, 2025	Program and Planning Committee	1:30-4:30 pm
October 9, 2025	Board of Commissioners (Closed)	12:15-1:15 pm
	Board of Commissioners	1:30-4:30 pm
November 13, 2025	Board of Commissioners (Closed)	12:15-1:15 pm
	Board of Commissioners	1:30-4:30 pm
No meeting in December -Winter break-		

NOTE: The Executive and Budget & Finance Committee meeting is anticipated to take place in early May. Executive and Budget & Finance Committee members will be informed once the date is confirmed.