

FIRST 5 EL DORADO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

*GROWING CHILDREN
ONE BY ONE....*



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- Tobacco tax passed by voters in 1998
- All 58 counties have a Prop 10 Commission
- Implemented through state and local ordinance
- Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors
- Generates approximately \$1.5 Million annually to El Dorado County
- Funds projects for families with young children from birth through age five through a five-year strategic plan

Proposition 10



First 5 El Dorado has built a system of care that promotes the well being of families of young children.

Research demonstrates when families of young children are supported at the prenatal, infant, toddler and preschooler level, families do better; and children are more successful later in life.

*We are promoting and supporting a healthy
“next” generation.*

First 5 El Dorado



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Result Area 1: *Strong Families* – developmental screenings and parent support and education

Result Area 2: *Children Learning* – quality early care and education, school readiness, early literacy

Result Area 3: *Healthy Children* – medical and dental insurance, homes and utilization of those services

Result Area 4: *Community Collaboration* – community funding, resources and evaluation

Result Areas



Children's
Health
Initiative

Best
Beginnings

Together
We Grow

Ready to
Read @
Your
Library

High 5 For
Quality

School
Readiness

Commission Initiatives



- Community Strengthening Groups and Family Support and Education
 - Georgetown Divide
 - South Lake Tahoe
 - Western Slope
- Mini Grants
- Community Services Directory
- Evaluation

Community Initiatives



- Since 2001, First 5 has invested over \$12 Million to various programs in El Dorado
- In 2009-10, \$1.1 Million allocated to support Commission and Community Initiatives
- Strategic Plan allocates over \$3 Million in funding over the next three years, 2010-2013

Investments



- Strengthen Commission Initiatives with enhanced services
- Implement the Dental Van
- Release \$200,000 for community based projects beginning in July 2010
- Identify and address the family support and education needs of families with young children through a Commission Initiative

Next Steps



Governor's 2010 Budget Proposal will:

- Eliminate First 5 California Commission
- Eliminate the Healthy Kids/Healthy Futures Initiative
- Cut First 5 El Dorado's allocation by 50% for 5 years resulting in:
 - reduced services to families with young children
 - loss of infrastructure to the county reserve fund
 - loss of funding for small community-based organizations in South Lake Tahoe, Georgetown Divide and Western Slope
 - Eventual loss of programs and jobs within the county including EDC office of education, EDC library programs and EDC health services

Our Future

