



**El Dorado County
Behavioral Health
Commission**

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Vision

All children live in nurturing communities and are ready to succeed in life.

Mission

First 5 El Dorado Commission is committed to strengthening children and families by promoting and enhancing comprehensive



Tobacco Tax
(Prop 10: 50¢/Pack)

80% to County
Commissions
Distributed by
County Birth
Rate

20% to First 5
California
(Statewide
Programs)

Smoking Rates Declining = Less Tobacco
Tax Revenue

New Laws (flavored tobacco ban)
Accelerate Declines





PARENTS ARE A CHILD'S FIRST TEACHER

Staff



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Strategic Plan FY 25-26 Action Plan

1

Promote Awareness:
My Lantern Platform

2

Promote Awareness:
Family Specialists in the
Community

3

New Initiatives:
Book Buddies -
ACES/Literacy



My Lantern

“Opt-In” texting platform for parenting tips & child development information



Share local resource information



Share additional resources to improve childhood mental health



Family Specialists

1

Two Family Specialists to serve our county's 0-5 community developmental

2

screenings, playgroups, and direct parent support

3

Strengthen key protective factors that directly improve children's mental health



Book Buddies

1

Pairs volunteer mentors with TK students for regular reading time in the classroom

2

These relationships are PCEs, which help buffer and counteract the effects of ACEs Partnering for lasting

3

impact by allowing mentors to follow students through 3rd grade to further improve mental health outcomes





Thank You!

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, October 12, 2026
3:00 p.m.

