



### **Guiding Principle #1**

#### **Child Centered**

We believe that the health and well-being of children determine the prosperity of the community. We will always act in the best interest of children and consider the “whole child” including cognitive, social, emotional and physical needs.

### **Guiding Principle #2**

#### **Family Focused**

We will view children in the context of their families and honor and support families. We will support services that are provided where children live.

### **Guiding Principle #3**

#### **High Quality**

We will invest, whenever possible, in evidence-based and promising practices. We will maintain the highest standards of quality in our work and require that our funded partners provide the highest quality programs possible.

### **Guiding Principle #4**

#### **Inclusive**

We will utilize community input to ensure that we make decisions based on the needs of the community.

### **Guiding Principle #5**

#### **Accountability**

We will be good stewards of the funds that First 5 Fresno County is charged with distributing. We will hold ourselves and our funded partners to the highest standards of fiscal and program accountability.

### **Guiding Principle #6**

#### **Sustainability**

We believe that we must focus on achieving and sustaining outcomes for children. We will make every effort to make sustainable investments.

### **Guiding Principle #7**

#### **Partnership-Based**

We believe that we must work in partnership with existing community-based organizations that share our values and principles. We will support collaboration wherever possible to achieve our desired outcomes for children.