



# Making a Difference.



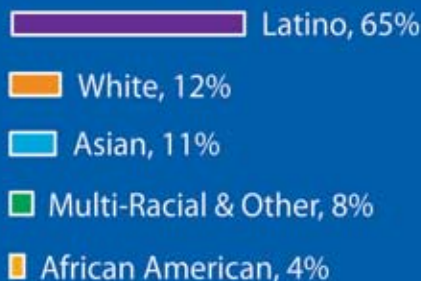
2009 - 2010  
Report to Community



## At First 5 Fresno County, we focus on the first 5 years of life.

Research proves that a child's brain develops the most during the first 5 years than any other time. Based on this research, California voters passed Proposition 10, the California Children and Families Act, in 1998. Proposition 10 added a 50 cent tax on all tobacco products to fund programs that support children ages 0-5 and their families.

## Ethnicity of Intensively Served Children



In fiscal year 2009-2010,  
First 5 Fresno County invested  
**\$16.6 MILLION**  
in nearly 25,000 children  
ages 0-5, parents, and other  
primary caregivers.



## Families are Stronger.

We focus on families to ensure they have the supports needed to raise their children in stable and nurturing homes.

- 1,009** **New mothers** received critical support through home visits reducing the need for hospital/ER visits
- 1,168** **Parents** strengthened their parent-child relationship helping to prevent child abuse and neglect
- 201** **Foster children** received intensive services including a focus on bonding and healthy development



## More Children are Ready for School.

We know the quality of early childhood education programs makes a difference in a child's success.

- 1,139** **Children** participated in kindergarten readiness programs
- 185** **Children** had access to high quality affordable preschool programs
- 1,148** **Parents** gained essential skills needed to support their children's socialization and educational success



First 5 Fresno County funds  
leveraged an additional  
**\$2.7 MILLION**  
into our local economy.

## Children are Healthier.

We know preventative care and early identification of health needs are critical to the development of children.

- 3,537** **Children** were screened for developmental delays
- 875** **Children** received referrals to specialized services
- 677** **Children** with identified special needs (autism, developmental delays, or learning disabilities) received treatment
- 106** **Children** received intensive services for asthma
- 1,471** **Court dependent children** participated in therapy programs and were placed in safe environments





First 5 Fresno County funds an array of programs and services that support children ages 0-5 and their families.

For more information, visit:

[www.first5fresno.org](http://www.first5fresno.org)