

# Evaluation and Data Collection Information Sheet

## <u>Background</u>

First 5 Fresno County (F5FC) funds programs throughout the community to create a seamless system of quality, accessible services that support the well-being of every child and family. As part of our commitment to hold ourselves and partners to the highest standards of quality, we look at information from all funded programs to find ways to improve services to families. As a participant in a program that receives funds from F5FC, you are being asked to help by agreeing to share information that will assist programs to better serve children and families across Fresno County.

## How does it work?

Information is being gathered from children and families for F5FC and the program/organization you are participating in. This information may include things like: name, zip code, birth date, ethnicity, language(s) spoken, etc. We may also gather information at different times about how programs may be helping your family and about how your child is learning and growing. The information you share will be combined with information from other children and families to help us provide better services for children and families. We also provide some aggregate/summary information to First 5 California.

### Do I have to participate?

Participating is completely voluntary. You do not have to agree to share your information. At any time you can stop sharing information and you and your child will continue to receive services. In addition, you can decline to answer any individual questions. Your consent to share information will stay in effect for ten (10) years or until revoked.

## **Benefits**

While there are no direct benefits to you or your child for providing this information, it will help us improve future programs and services for children and families throughout Fresno County.

## <u>Risk or Harm</u>

There is no direct risk for participating in F5FC's evaluation. By participating, you will share some demographic and contact information about your child/family, the F5FC funded services your family is receiving, and any benefit from those services. We and our funded partners follow very strict rules to keep your information confidential. Only F5FC staff, our contracted evaluation partners and the organization(s)/agency(ies) listed below will be allowed to view your information:

Name(s) of organization(s)/agency(ies) information will be shared with

Your family's names and personal information will never be used in reports. The only time we would share your information is if we believe you or your child(ren) were in danger of being hurt, you were a danger to someone else, or a court orders it.

#### Questions

If you have any questions please contact us at 559-558-4900 or <u>info@first5fresno.org</u>.