

FIRST 5 FRESNO COUNTY

ADMINISTERED BY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION OF FRESNO COUNTY

DATE: Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Lighthouse for Children

2405 Tulare Street

TIME: 11:30 a.m. – Regular Meeting

Fresno, CA 93721

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AGENDA

ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER
1.	CALL TO ORDER	Chair Pacheco
2.	POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST Any Commission Member who has potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter.	Chair Pacheco
3. Action Pg. 1	CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM 3a See attached Consent Agenda. Overview: These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Commission, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on any Consent Item.	Chair Pacheco F. González, E.D.
4. Action Pg. 5	NEW AGREEMENTS UNDER THE THRIVING FAMILIES PARTNERSHIPS PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITY Supporting Document	F. González, E.D. A. Hensley, Staff
5. Information	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES POLICY UPDATE	F. González, E.D. C.J. Hernandez, Staff
6. Information Pg. 10	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT	F. González, E.D.
7. Information	PUBLIC COMMENT Limit two minutes per speaker. Public Comment is also taken on individual agenda items throughout the meeting at the conclusion of each agenda item.	Chair Pacheco
8. Information	ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION SHARING	Chair Pacheco
9.	ADJOURNMENT	Chair Pacheco
NOTE:	NEXT REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 21, 2023	2405 Tulare St. Fresno, CA 93721

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CONSENT AGENDA

(Any Commissioner may pull any Consent Item for discussion or separate vote.)

ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER
3a. Action Pg. 2	MINUTES FROM APRIL 26, 2023 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING Supporting Document	F. González, E.D.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 3a

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the April 26, 2023, Commission Meeting Minutes.

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

April 26, 2023 - 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Brian Pacheco, Kari Gilbert, Hugo Morales, Sabrina Beavers, Susan Holt, Dr. Marcia Sablan

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Fabiola González, Cindy Jurado Hernandez, Alix Hillis, Luis Magallanes, Hannah Norman, Lupita Ramírez, Karen Rangel, Lilia Salcedo, Jessica Johnson (Legal Counsel)

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 2. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Any Commission Member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter.

3. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Commission nominated Commissioner Beavers to serve on the Finance and Program Review Committee and affirmed the Committee Membership as presented:

Administrative Committee	Finance and Program Review Committee
<i>Committee Chair:</i> Commission Chair Pacheco	<i>Committee Chair:</i> Commissioner Morales
<i>Committee Member:</i> Commissioner Gilbert	<i>Committee Member:</i> Commissioner Holt
<i>Committee Member:</i> Commissioner Sablan	<i>Committee Member:</i> Commissioner Beavers

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion by: Gilbert Second by: Morales
Ayes: Beavers, Gilbert, Holt, Morales, Sablan, Pacheco
Noes: None heard.

4. CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM 4a-4g

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion by: Gilbert Second by: Holt
Ayes: Beavers, Gilbert, Holt, Morales, Sablan, Pacheco
Noes: None heard.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST 5 CALIFORNIA STATE COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 2023

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion by: Morales Second by: Gilbert
Ayes: Beavers, Gilbert, Holt, Morales, Sablan, Pacheco
Noes: None heard.

7. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES POLICY UPDATE

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION SHARING

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion by: Gilbert

Second by: Holt

Ayes: Beavers, Gilbert, Holt, Morales, Sablan, Pacheco

Noes: None heard.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

TO: Children & Families Commission of Fresno County

FROM: Fabiola González, Executive Director

SUBJECT: New Agreements under the Thriving Families Partnerships Procurement Opportunity

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve agreements with twenty organizations resulting from the Thriving Families Partnerships Request for Proposals (RFP) in an amount not to exceed \$3,200,000 for two years, with the option to renew for an additional year based on performance and availability of funds.

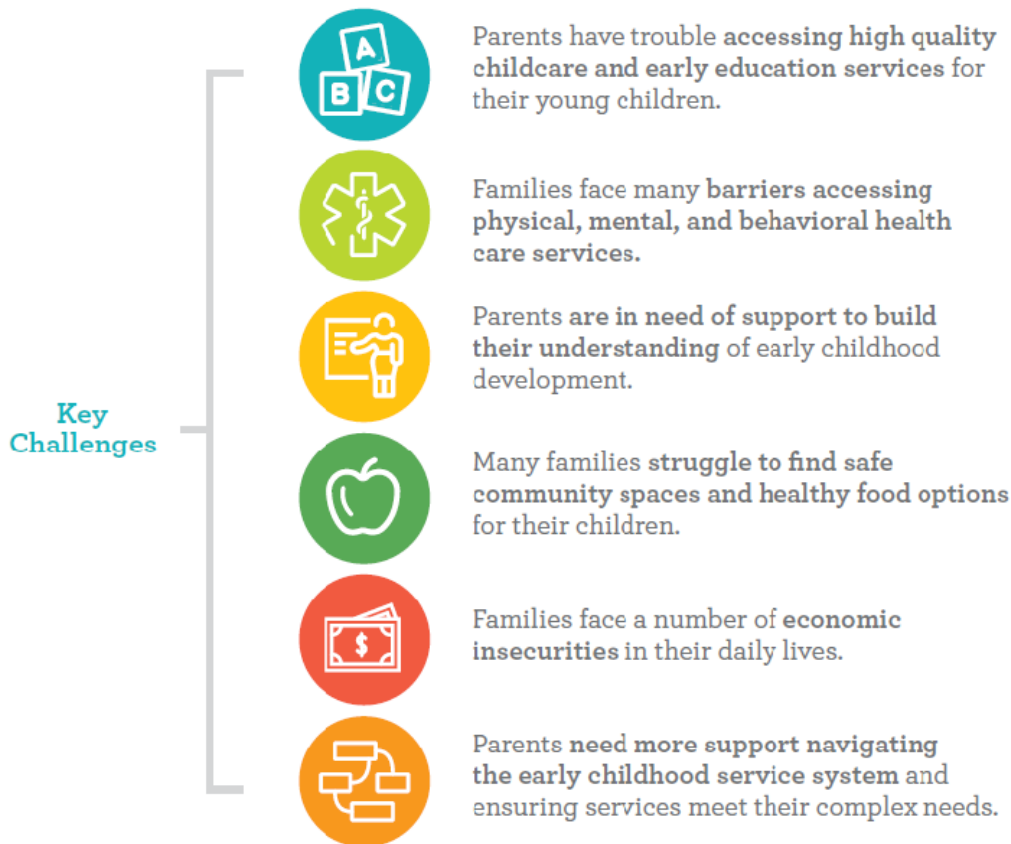
BACKGROUND:

On May 19, 2023, this item was approved for full Commission consideration by the Finance and Program Review Committee.

The First 5 Fresno County 2020-2025 Strategic Plan highlights five crucial areas of investment including Direct Service Programs with a focus on community-based partnerships that provide home visitation, parenting education, health promotion, early learning and direct supports to families across the county. Since its inception, the Commission has invested in local programs and services that support the healthiest start in life for young children and their families.

In the fall of 2018, the Commission and community partners engaged more than 600 parents, caregivers, and community members to learn about the most pressing challenges facing families with young children in Fresno County (See **Figure 1**). In response, staff launched the first Thriving Families procurement opportunity in the spring of 2020, unintentionally coinciding with the catastrophic onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The last three years have only amplified these challenges as families continue to grapple with job loss, technology barriers, complicated eligibility requirements for services and rising costs to provide for their family’s basic needs. In light of this reality, the Commission approved the release of new direct service funding opportunities to partner with nonprofit/community organizations/groups to help address the persistent needs and challenges still faced by families with young children.

Figure #1 – Challenges facing Families identified in the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan



The recommended entities in **Figure 2** will provide a range of family-centered direct services that promote the well-being of Fresno County children and families and are rooted in and reflective of the cultural, linguistic and overall diversity of every family served.

Procurement: In January 2023 Commission staff released the [Thriving Families Partnerships Request for Proposals](#) (RFP). The RFP was intentionally divided into two partnership funding levels (up to \$120,000 per year and up to \$40,000 per year) with distinct eligibility and submission criteria. The Thriving Families RFP received thirty-seven submissions. Following the Commission’s approved Procurement Policies and Procedures, a panel of community reviewers reviewed, scored, and discussed all qualifying submissions and subsequently recommended twenty agencies to move forward to the Commission for funding consideration. See **Figure 2** for a list of recommended agencies.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Direct Service Programs is one of the five core investment areas in the Commission’s 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. Funding allocated for these community partnerships will support Fresno County families primarily through the strategic plan strategies of Skill-Building (Supporting parents to ensure they have knowledge and resources), Innovation and Learning (Confronting persistent community challenges through unconventional approaches), and Collaboration (Strengthening connections and information-sharing between partners in all sectors).

Short-term goal(s) and long-term outcomes: If approved, staff will work with all agencies to execute contracts with a start date of July 1, 2023. The ultimate goal of this investment is to partner with the community to provide quality, culturally responsive and accessible services to support the well-being of children and families across the county.

Fiscal Impact: Funding will be allocated from the Commission’s 2022-2023 Approved Revised Budget – Thriving Families Service Programs line item in a total amount not to exceed \$3,200,000 for two years, with the option to renew agreements for one additional year based on performance and availability of funds.

CONCLUSION:

As the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on young children and their families continue to unfold, this significant investment would expand and strengthen the Commission’s partnerships with community organizations/groups directly supporting our community’s most underserved children and families including, but not limited to: Black families, families living in rural communities, undocumented individuals, dual language learners, children with special needs, single parents and low-income households.

Figure #2

Note: Agency names include website links for more information on each recommended entity.

Agency	Summary of Proposed Program/Activities	Geographic Focus	Two-Year Amount (not to exceed)*
Level 1 Recommendations			
Bethany Christian Services	Community support groups to connect Fresno County families with needed resources and supports to strengthen their social network	Urban	\$80,000
Binational of Central California	Financial education and coaching to help families from low to moderate income households, farm/frontline workers, immigrants, single parents and individuals with limited-English proficiency prepare for economic challenges	Rural	\$80,000
Centro de Folklor	Dance and learn parent-child interaction classes that incorporate bilingual literacy, rhythm, music and art activities for families from low-income households in Selma and surrounding communities	Rural	\$80,000
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center** (DHHSC)	Training for staff and early childhood professionals on topics relevant to serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing children	Urban	\$80,000
I AM Valuable	Culturally appropriate, evidence-based parenting series supporting Black families with young children	Urban	\$80,000
Fresno Housing Authority	Play and Learn Groups, in partnership with Fresno Unified School District, engaging parents, family, friends and neighbors (FFN) that provide childcare at Fresno Housing's Parc Grove Commons site	Urban	\$80,000
Parent Institute for Quality Education, Inc.	Training series for Spanish-speaking Family Child Care Home Providers, focused on Adverse Childhood Experiences and preventing/addressing trauma for young children and their families	Urban/Rural	\$80,000
Reading Heart	Family literacy and parent engagement activities supporting families with young children in underserved neighborhoods	Urban/Rural	\$80,000
Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network (SIREN)	Staff training and expanded case management to support families with young children as they navigate the early childhood service system	TBD	\$80,000
West Fresno Family Resource Center	Family Matters Support Group to provide opportunities for families to build strong social and community connections for family well-being	Urban	\$80,000

Level 2 Recommendations

<u>California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation</u>	Promote access to health care services and economic mobility through community education and case management for immigrant families with young children in Fresno County	TBD	\$240,000
<u>Central Valley Children’s Services Network**</u>	Parent mentoring and parent/child developmental learning groups focused on families in West Fresno, Southeast Fresno and Malaga	Urban/Rural	\$240,000
<u>Centro La Familia Advocacy Services**</u>	Parenting education, child socialization groups, and case management focused on Spanish speaking families living in Mendota	Rural	\$240,000
<u>Exceptional Parents Unlimited**</u>	Outreach, assessment, early intervention, and parent-focused education on child development/milestones in connection with Department of Social Service Neighborhood Resource Centers	Urban	\$240,000
<u>Focus Forward**</u>	Parent-focused education, case management, and support services for families touched by the juvenile justice and child welfare system	Urban/Rural	\$240,000
<u>Marijaree Mason Center</u>	Comprehensive wrap-around services to support families recovering from the traumatic effects of domestic violence	Urban/Rural	\$240,000
<u>Shine Together, Inc.**</u>	Developmental Screenings, One-on-one coaching, Peer Learning Groups, Mommy & Me Time for student parents, young mothers and their children	Urban	\$240,000
<u>Stone Soup Fresno</u>	Family Forward PlayGroup Program supporting families with young children in El Dorado Park Neighborhood – a low income Census tract in Fresno	Urban	\$240,000
<u>Vision y Compromiso</u>	Trainings and promotora-facilitated support groups to build peer support for Family, Friend and Neighbor child care providers (including parent engagement workshops) facilitated in Spanish	Urban/Rural	\$240,000
Westside Family Preservation Services Network <i>(Website link unavailable, brief summary here: Focused on preventing child abuse and neglect in 16 rural communities in West Fresno County by strengthening families and communities through neighborhood resource centers and home visiting.)</i>	Expanding Neighborhood Resource Center supports focused on Guatemalan families with young children residing in the city of Huron	Rural	\$240,000
Two Year Total Amount (not to exceed)			\$3,200,000
<i>*Final agreement amounts will be based on budget negotiations, not to exceed the maximum amounts listed</i> <i>**Entity is currently funded through First 5 Fresno County’s Thriving Families partnerships</i>			

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

TO: Children & Families Commission of Fresno County

FROM: Fabiola González, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

General Administration

- First 5 Fresno County is applying to First 5 California's IMPACT Legacy Request for Applications - the last phase of IMPACT funding - to serve as the Fiscal Lead Agency and Regional Hub Lead Agency representing seven counties across the central valley. This two-year funding opportunity would provide approximately \$5.9 million to support the regional and local systems that implement Quality Counts California by expanding access and resources to early learning and care educators serving high need communities and populations.

Local and Nationwide Involvement in Early Childhood Efforts

- As a partner with the Fresno Cradle to Career (C2C) local Initiative and the co-chair of the local Preconception to Age 5 Implementation Network, I was invited to participate in an outcome specific convening on May 10th and 11th in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on kindergarten readiness and early childhood supports. The goal of the convening was to bring together community efforts from across the nation, field experts and national partners to share and learn about what's working to accelerate progress in service of more equitable outcomes and identify opportunities to take collaborative action.

Administrative Agreement Renewals

Pursuant to Section 4.D of the Commission's Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual, which states for renewals "The Executive Director has been delegated the authority by the Commission to execute operating contracts that are administrative in nature and affect the day-to-day operations of the Commission (no dollar limit);" the following administrative agreements, in adherence with the original approval action taken by the Commission will be renewed:

Human Resources Services:

Agency: CoreHR Team

Amount: Not to exceed \$4,800/year

Term: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Legal Services:

Agency: Baker Manock & Jensen, PC

Amount: Not to exceed \$45,000/year

Term: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024