## FIRST 5 FRESNO COUNTY

# ADMINISTERED BY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION OF FRESNO COUNTY FINANCE AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Lighthouse for Children

2405 Tulare Street

**TIME:** 11:30 a.m. Fresno, CA 93721

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La Piazza, 15 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563

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## **AGENDA**

ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER
1.	CALL TO ORDER	H. Morales, Committee Chair
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.	H. Morales, Committee Chair
3.	PUBLIC COMMENT  This portion of the agenda is reserved for members of the public desiring to address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda. Limit two minutes per speaker.	H. Morales, Committee Chair
<b>4. Action</b> Pg. 1	JUNE 2, 2025 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES	F. González, E.D.
5. Action Pg. 5	FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 Supporting documents	F. González, E.D. A. Hillis, Staff
<b>6. Action</b> Pg. 60	STATE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 Supporting documents	F. González, E.D. A. Hensley, Staff
7.	ADJOURNMENT	H. Morales, Committee Chair

## FIRST 5 FRESNO COUNTY

ADMINISTERED BY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION OF FRESNO COUNTY

## FINANCE AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

October 16, 2025 - 11:30 a.m.

2405 Tulare Street Fresno, CA 93721

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the June 2, 2025, Finance and Program Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

#### **ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES**

June 2, 2025 - 11:30 a.m.

Present: Hugo Morales (virtual), Sabrina Beavers, Susan Holt

Staff: Fabiola González, Ashley Hensley, Cindy Jurado Hernandez, Alix Hillis, Kendalyn

Mack-Franklin, Hannah Norman, Karen Rangel, Liliana Salcedo, Alex Treas

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

## 2. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None heard.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None heard.

## 4. MINUTES FOR JANUARY 21, 2025 COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee approved the minutes from the January 21, 2025, Committee Meeting.

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion: Morales Second by: Beavers

Ayes: Beavers, Holt, Morales

Noes: None heard

## 5. 2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET AND LONG-RANGE FINANCIAL PLAN

The Committee approved, for full Commission consideration, the proposed 2025-2026 Budget and Long-Range Financial Plan.

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion: Morales Second by: Beavers

Ayes: Beavers, Holt, Morales

Noes: None heard

# **6.** ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM FIRST 5 CALIFORNIA'S - IMPACT LEGACY INITIATIVE AND AGREEMENTS WITH PROPOSED HUB SUBCONTRACTORS

The Committee approved, for full Commission consideration, the acceptance of approximately \$2.6 million from First 5 California (F5CA) for First 5 Fresno County to continue serving as the Fiscal Lead Agency and Regional Hub Lead Agency for the final phase of the Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive (IMPACT) project and authorize execution of nine subcontracts for up to \$2,451,884 for one year.

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion: Morales Second by: Beavers

Ayes: Beavers, Holt, Morales

Noes: None heard

# 7. AGREEMENT WITH FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR COACHING, TRAINING AND SUPPORT TO CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

The Committee approved, for full Commission consideration, the agreement with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) for coaching, training, and support to childcare providers to promote equity and quality in early learning and care settings in an amount not to exceed \$950,000 for one year with the option to renew for an additional year based on performance and availability of funds.

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion: Morales Second by: Beavers

Ayes: Beavers, Holt, Morales

Noes: None heard

#### 8. AGREEMENT WITH LEARNING FOR ACTION FOR EVALUATION SERVICES

The Committee approved, for full Commission consideration, the agreement with Learning for Action to develop and implement a range of family and community-centered evaluation activities aligned with the Commission's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for one year with the option to renew annually for an additional four years, based on performance and availability of funds.

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion: Morales Second by: Beavers

Ayes: Beavers, Holt, Morales

Noes: None heard

## 9. AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH BONTERRA FOR DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Committee approved, for full Commission consideration, the renewal agreement with Bonterra for data management system services in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 for eighteen months.

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion: Beavers Second by: Morales

Ayes: Beavers, Holt, Morales

Noes: None heard

## 10. AGREEMENT WITH FUSE CORPS FOR THE FUSE EXECUTIVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Committee approved, for full Commission consideration, the acceptance of funds from Fresno County Cradle to Career and a subsequent agreement with FUSE Corps (FUSE) to place an Executive Fellow with First 5 Fresno County to increase the capacity of local organizations to access funding for community-based health services, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for a one-year term.

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion: Beavers Second by: Morales

Ayes: Beavers, Holt, Morales

Noes: None heard

# 11. AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH CULTURAL BROKERS, INC IN SUPPORT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN INFANT MORTALITY PREVENTION INTERVENTION AND EDUCATION ACTIVITES CONNECTED TO THE FRESNO BLACK CHILD LEGACY CAMPAIGN

The Committee approved, for full Commission consideration, the agreement renewal with Cultural Brokers, Inc. in Support of African American Infant Mortality Prevention Intervention and Education Activities Connected to the Fresno Black Child Legacy Campaign.

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion: Beavers Second by: Morales

Ayes: Beavers, Holt, Morales

Noes: None heard

## 12. COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Committee approved, for full Commission consideration, the updated Community Event Sponsorship Program guidelines.

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion: Morales Second by: Beavers

Ayes: Beavers, Holt, Morales

Noes: None heard

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion: Beavers Second by: Morales

Ayes: Beavers, Holt, Morales

Noes: None heard

## FIRST 5 FRESNO COUNTY

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## FINANCE AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

October 16, 2025 - 11:30 a.m.

2405 Tulare Street Fresno, CA 93721

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

TO: Children & Families Commission of Fresno County

FROM: Fabiola González, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve, for full Commission consideration, the Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

## BACKGROUND:

On an annual basis, on or before October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Commission is required to submit a Financial Audit Report (per Health and Safety Code section 130150) to the California Children and Families Commission (also known as First 5 California) and the California State Controller's Office. The purpose of this report is to inform the appropriate stakeholders on the status of the programmatic and strategic investments, as well as provide a detailed financial assessment of each county Commission.

## Financial Audit Report

In accordance with Health and Safety Code section 130150, the Commission conducted an independent audit of and issued a written report on the implementation and performance of its functions of the fiscal year. The Health and Safety Code section 130140 (G) also requires the Commission to conduct one public hearing prior to adoption of the annual Financial Audit Report.

Subsequent to public hearings and submission approval by the full Commission, the report will also be presented to the Fresno County Board of Supervisors Audit Committee as required by County of Fresno procedures to meet the requirements of ordinance. The FY 2024-2025Financial Audit Report is included within the meeting packet. The Commission's contracted auditing firm issued an unmodified (clean) audit report.

**Fiscal Impact:** Approval of the Financial Audit for FY 2024-2025 will allow the Commission to continue receiving Proposition 10 funds in a timely manner from the California Children and Families Commission.

## **CONCLUSION:**

If approved by the Committee and full Commission, staff will submit to First 5 California and the State Controller's Office before the deadline, as required by legislation. In the event a county commission does not submit a Financial Audit Report, the California Children and Families Commission may withhold funds that otherwise would have been allocated to the county commission.

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**Financial Statements** 

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025





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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Commissioners of Children and Families Commission of Fresno County Fresno, California

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

## **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Children and Families Commission of Fresno County (the Commission), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Commission, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Commission and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, in 2025, the Commission adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 101 – Compensated Absences. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

## **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 5-11 and 39-40 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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## Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements. The accompanying Supplemental Schedule of First 5 California (F5CA) Funding is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Supplemental Schedule of First 5 California (F5CA) funding is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October XX, 2025, on our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Firm's Signature

Clovis, California
October XX, 2025

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management's Discussion and Analysis June 30, 2025

#### **INTRODUCTION**

On November 3, 1998, California voters approved Proposition 10, the California Children and Families Act (Act). The Act increased tobacco taxes to provide funds for early childhood development and smoking cessation programs. The passage of this Act created an unprecedented opportunity for Fresno County to mobilize its many resources to integrate and coordinate the system of care that supports and enhances the lives of children from the prenatal stage up through age five and their families. The intent of the Act is for all California children to be healthy, live in a supportive and healthy family environment, and enter school ready to learn.

Upon the passage of the Act on December 8, 1998, the Fresno County (the County) Board of Supervisors created the Children and Families Commission of Fresno County (the Commission). Under the provisions of the Act, the Commission consists of up to seven members appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. The Commission is a public entity legally separate and apart from the County.

This report contains a discussion of key program, management, financial, and performance information for fiscal year 2024-2025 and financial statements that discuss the Commission's financial condition, and the auditor's opinion, which is independent and objective and provides reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements. Finally, this comprehensive report contains other statutorily required information that demonstrates management accountability and financial and programmatic performance. As management of the Commission, we offer readers our financial statements and this narrative overview and analysis for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in its Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments,* issued June 1999, and GASB Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management and Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments: Omnibus,* an amendment to GASB Statement No. 21 and Statement No. 34, issued in June 2001

#### MISSION AND STRATEGIC GOALS

The Commission's mission is by partnering with, advocating for and investing in our community, the Commission is a catalyst for creating a seamless system of quality, accessible, services that support the well-being of every child and family.

Central to the Commission's mission are the strategic focus areas, outlined in the Commission's Strategic Plan, which aim to convert the Commission's commitment into action.

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- > During fiscal year 2024-2025, the Commission received Proposition 10 revenues of \$4.8 million from the State of California as revenues collected under the Children and Families Act, \$2.1 million in backfill dollars from Proposition 56, \$50k as part of the Surplus Money Investment Fund (SMIF) and received \$106k from the California Electronic Cigarette Excise Tax (CECET).
- The Commission disbursed approximately \$9.6 million to funded agencies and programmatic expenses in the reported period ending June 30, 2025.
- In fiscal year 2024-2025 alone, over \$6.8 million were committed by the Commission towards the agency's Strategic Plan, which will be disbursed in the subsequent fiscal years to fund its programmatic investments.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis June 30, 2025

#### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of three parts – the management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and supplementary information. The three sections together provide a comprehensive overview of the Commission. The basic financial statements are comprised of two kinds of statements that present financial information from different perspectives:

- **Government-wide financial statements**, which comprise the first two statements, provide both short-term and long-term information about the Commission's overall financial position.
- **Fund financial statements** focus on reporting the individual parts of the Commission's operations in more detail. The fund financial statements comprise the remaining statements.
  - Government funds statements tell how general governmental services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

The basic financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information within the statements and provide more detailed data. These are followed by a section of required supplementary information which further explains and supports the basic financial statements.

#### **Government-Wide Statements**

The government-wide statements report information about the Commission as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Commission's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Changes in net position may serve as a useful indicator of the financial position of the Commission.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the Commission's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal years (e.g., earned but unused vacation leave).

The Government-Wide Statements combine financial information for both the Commission (General Fund) and for the Lighthouse for Children, Inc. (Lighthouse Special Revenue Fund)—see Note 1 to the Financial Statements for more information. Separately-issued Financial Statements for Lighthouse for Children, Inc. may be obtained from Lighthouse for Children, Inc. of Fresno County, 2405 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721.

## **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Commission's most significant funds – not the Commission as a whole. Funds are accounting devises that the Commission uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular programs. Some funds are required to be established by state law and by bond covenants. The Commission establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that the Commission is meeting legal responsibility for using certain revenues.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis June 30, 2025

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ENTITY AS A WHOLE

The Commission's total assets were approximately \$52.1 million at the end of the fiscal year. The majority of the Commission's assets, \$36.7 million, are in cash and investments followed by the Lighthouse for Children building valued at \$11.9 million.

Cash and investments are maintained in the Commission's checking and savings accounts, the Fresno County investment pool where interest earned on the Commission's balance is apportioned to the Commission, and in an investment account. Types of investments and credit ratings can be found in this report starting on page 29. Another asset is the Commission's approximately \$881K receivable due from the State Commission for Proposition 10 and other tax-associated revenue (page 14). These receivables represent taxes remitted by the State but not received by the Commission as of June 30, 2025. The Commission also reports accounts payable of approximately \$2.9 million representing payments due on invoices.

# CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF FRESNO COUNTY STATEMENT OF NET POSITION COMPARISON

	Ju	ine 30, 2025	June 30, 2024		Change
ASSETS					
Cash and investments	\$	36,718,583	\$ 35,011,191	\$	1,707,392
Due from the State		881,494	1,007,826		(126,332)
Other receivables		1,671,236	2,130,931		(459,695)
Lease receivable		243,931	283,709		(39,778)
Prepaid assets		26,031	62,439		(36,408)
Capital assets, not being depreciated		676,530	676,530		-
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		11,916,030	12,332,303		(416,273)
Total assets		52,133,835	51,504,929		628,906
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities		2,911,971	3,314,939		(402,968)
Noncurrent liabilities		35,651	24,877		10,774
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Total liabilities		2,947,622	3,339,816		(392,194)
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Lease related		311,612	362,867		(51,255)
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Total deferred inflows of resources		311,612	362,867		(51,255)
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NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets		12,581,108	12,984,142		(403,034)
Restricted		1,643,376	1,503,029		140,347
Unrestricted		34,650,117	33,315,075		1,335,042
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Total net position	\$	48,874,601	\$ 47,802,246	\$	1,072,355
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In fiscal year 2024-2025, the Commission's net position increased by approximately \$1.1 million, as seen above. The increase was due to an increase in cash and investments compared to prior year.

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# CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF FRESNO COUNTY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES COMPARISON

	June 30, 2025		June 30, 2024		 Change
REVENUES					
Grants and contributions	\$	10,319,920	\$	11,235,631	\$ (915,711)
General revenues		1,551,333		1,253,289	 298,044
Total revenue		11,871,253		12,488,920	 (617,667)
EXPENSES					
Child development services		10,798,898		10,402,452	 396,446
Total expenditures		10,798,898		10,402,452	396,446
Change in net position	\$	1,072,355	\$	2,086,468	\$ (1,014,113)

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COMMISSION'S GOVERNMENTAL FUND

For the fiscal year, the Commission reported an ending total fund balance of 36,108,115, an increase of approximately \$1.3 million (see page 19).

## Revenue and Expenditure Analysis – Governmental Funds

Total revenue consists of Proposition 10 funds, Proposition 56 and other tax-related funds, external grant revenues, investment earnings, and other revenues. As shown in the Governmental Fund Activities Comparison on the next page, there was a decrease in total revenues from approximately \$12.5 million, in the prior year, to \$11.9 million for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Program Revenues decreased, compared to the year ended June 30, 2024, by \$1.09 million. This includes Proposition 10 Revenue decreased by \$889K, from \$5.7 million in FY 2023-24 to \$4.8 million in FY 2024-25. Grant revenue from external sources such as First 5 California for IMPACT (Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive) efforts decreased slightly by \$60K. Through this fiscal year's activity, the Commission's goal to support and enhance the early childhood service system and their commitment to serving the young children and families in Fresno County remained on par with the prior year.

One example of program investments during the 2024-2025 fiscal year:

This fiscal year the Commission awarded \$700,000 for a new, multi-year partnership with BLACK Wellness & Prosperity Center (BWPC). This Fresno-based organization, BWPC, is focused on improving Black maternal and infant health outcomes in the Central Valley where Black families experience disproportionality high rates of preterm birth and life-threatening childbirth complications. Among their unique initiatives, BWPC is building their on-site capacity to provide clinical prenatal care and birthing services. Through this partnership with First 5 Fresno, BWPC provides culturally affirming and evidence-informed group care for pregnant individuals. Group care sessions are complemented with client-centered support, goal setting and referrals to help participants reduce stress, enhance life skills and build social support. This partnership is a branch off of the First 5 Fresno County Commission-funded Glow! Group Prenatal Care and Support Program (Glow!), a locally-enhanced group prenatal care model that has existed since 2017. In the future, BWPC will transition this partnership as an implementation of Glow!.

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# CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL FUND ACTIVITIES COMPARISON

	June 30, 2025		June 30, 2024		Change	
REVENUES						
Program revenues	\$	7,049,963	\$	8,142,728	\$	(1,092,765)
Grant revenues		3,135,737		3,092,903		42,834
Other revenue		155,544		208,463		(52,919)
Contributions		134,220		-		134,220
Investment earnings		1,395,789		1,044,826	_	350,963
Total revenues		11,871,253		12,488,920		(617,667)
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EXPENDITURES						
Program services		9,552,471		9,000,895		551,576
Evaluation services		401,278		416,189		(14,911)
Administrative costs		410,754		512,659		(101,905)
Debt service		11,426		13,586		(2,160)
Capital outlay		9,374		3,182		6,192
Total expenditures		10,385,303		9,946,511	7	438,792
Change in fund balance	\$	1,485,950	\$	2,542,409	\$	(1,056,459)
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#### **Fund Budgetary Highlights**

This section contains an explanation of the significant differences between the Commission's final budget amounts and actual amounts, and original and final budget amounts recorded for revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2024-2025 as detailed in the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget to Actual (shown on pages 39 and 40). In fiscal year 2024-2025, the Commission received actual revenues of \$11.9 million compared to the budgeted amount of \$10.7 million. In preparing the budget, the Commission considered variables such as declining tobacco consumption, the effects of changes in legislation on revenue, and market activity monitoring for investments. Actual total revenues were \$940K more than budgeted, which was mainly due to receiving more investment earnings than anticipated.

In fiscal year 2024-2025, actual expenditures were \$4.09 million less than budgeted due to the Commission awarding multi-year contracts with the budgeted dollars that will be spent in subsequent fiscal years and cost savings in the Commission's evaluation database.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis June 30, 2025

#### **CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT**

Capital assets of \$12.6 million (net of accumulated depreciation) are for the Lighthouse for Children facility and equipment, the Huron land and childcare facility, and associated equipment purchased. Details of net capital assets are as follows:

	Governmental Activities							
		lune 30, 2025		Change				
Capital assets not being depreciated	\$	676,530	\$	676,530	\$	-		
Capital assets being depreciated		16,214,405		16,214,405		-		
Accumulated depreciation and amortization		(4,298,375)	_	(3,882,102)		(416,273)		
Total capital assets, net	\$	12,592,560	\$	13,008,833	\$	416,273		

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Commission did not have any outstanding long-term debt, however, the Commission does have one long-term obligation for compensated absences. See Note 9 for details.

	Balance 06/30/2024		Additions Deletions		Balance 06/30/2025	Due within One Year	
Governmental activities: Subscription liability Compensated absences*	\$	24,691 \$ 31,497	10,561	\$ (13,239)	\$ 11,452 42,058	\$ 11,452 6,407	
Total	\$	56,188 \$	10,561	\$ (13,239)	\$ 53,510	\$ 17,859	

<sup>\*</sup>The compensated absence activity shown in the table above is presented on a net change basis, as permitted by GASB Statement No. 101

## **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET**

To develop the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, a series of planning sessions were held to discuss, review, and provide staff direction on the Commission's financial resources and strategies for the five-year period of the Strategic Plan and the Long-Range Financial Plan (LRFP). For accountability, the Commission does an annual review of the agency's budget and LRFP. The Commission's committed to continued collaboration with community partners and to leveraging resources to maximize funds remains. Due to the ever reducing Proposition 10 revenue and limited resources, it is increasingly important to rely on the available expertise and knowledge of the community and build on initiatives that have strong foundations of evidence. This unified approach not only allows for a more effective use of resources, but it also allows for enhanced focus and greater collective impact.

In development of its 2025-2030 Strategic Plan, the Commission synthesized existing community reports, evaluations and publishing to inform the foundation of the strategic plan. These 60 plus sourced resources were informed by community and data and became the starting point for framework of the strategic plan. The framework then included community engagement. The feedback received, complemented by the momentum of existing community efforts, formed the basis of the new 2025-2030 Strategic Plan which outlines the Commission's roles and areas of focus to address challenges our families are facing in responsive, collaborative, and innovative ways. The Commission's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan can be found on the Commission's website at www.first5fresno.org.

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## **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET (Continued)**

The following approximate program allocations show the Commission's funding priorities for the upcoming year in the approved budget:

- ➤ Maternal, Child and Family Health \$1.18 million
- ➤ Thriving Families \$1.28 million
- ➤ Early Learning \$1.27 million
- ➤ Systems Change \$663k

## **CONTACTING THE COMMISSION'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Commission's finances for all those interested. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Children and Families Commission of Fresno County, 2405 Tulare Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721.







	vernmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$ 36,718,583
Due from the State	881,494
Other receivables	1,671,236
Lease receivable	243,931
Prepaid assets	26,031
Capital assets not being depreciated	676,530
Capital assets, net	 11,916,030
Total assets	 52,133,835
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	2,881,294
Accrued payroll and related taxes	12,818
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due in one year:	
Compensated absences	6,407
Software subscription liabilities	11,452
Due in more than one year:	
Compensated absences	35,651
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Total liabilities	2,947,622
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Lease related	311,612
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Total deferred inflows of resources	311,612
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	12,581,108
Restricted	1,643,376
Unrestricted	34,650,117
Total net position	\$ 48,874,601

Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Functions/Programs		Expenses	gram Revenues Operating Grants and ontributions	Changes in Net Position			
Child development services	\$	10,798,898	\$ 10,319,920	\$	(478,978)		
Total governmental activities	\$	10,798,898	\$ 10,319,920		(478,978)		
	Intere	I revenues: est and investmen ellaneous income		1,395,789 155,544			
	Total ge	eneral revenues			1,551,333		
	Change	in net position			1,072,355		
	Net pos	sition - beginning		47,802,246			
	Net pos	sition - ending		\$	48,874,601		



Governmental Funds Balance Sheet June 30, 2025

	G	eneral Fund	Lighthouse Special Revenue Fund		 Total
ASSETS					
Cash and investments	\$	36,510,185	\$	208,398	\$ 36,718,583
Due from the State		881,494		-	881,494
Other receivables		1,671,236		-	1,671,236
Lease receivable		243,931		-	243,931
Prepaid expenses		26,031			 26,031
Total assets	\$	39,332,877	\$	208,398	\$ 39,541,275
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$	2,881,294	\$	_	\$ 2,881,294
Accrued payroll and related taxes		12,818		-	12,818
Total liabilities		2,894,112	_	-	 2,894,112
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Lease related		311,612		-	311,612
Total deferred inflows of resources		311,612		-	311,612
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable		26,031		-	26,031
Restricted		1,496,468		146,908	1,643,376
Committed		6,081,449		-	6,081,449
Assigned	<del>-</del>	28,523,205		61,490	 28,584,695
Total fund balances	_	36,127,153		208,398	 36,335,551
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources,					
and fund balances	\$	39,332,877	\$	208,398	\$ 39,541,275

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position June 30, 2025

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because: Total fund balances - governmental funds 36,335,551 Capital assets of \$16,890,935 net of accumulated depreciation/amortization of \$4,298,375, used in governmental activities are not current financial resources; therefore, they are not reported in the governmental funds. 12,592,560 Compensated absences liability is not due in the current period and, therefore, is not included in the governmental funds. (42,058)Software subscription liabilities are not due in the current period and, therefore, are not included in the governmental funds. (11,452)48,874,601 Total net position - governmental activities



Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Ó	Lighthouse Special Revenue General Fund Fund			Total
REVENUES	· ·	_			
Proposition 10 taxes	\$	4,797,846	\$	-	\$ 4,797,846
Proposition 56 taxes		2,096,550		-	2,096,550
Other tax revenue		155,567		-	155,567
Grant revenue		3,033,049	1	02,688	3,135,737
Other revenue		145,044		10,500	155,544
Contributions		-	1	34,220	134,220
Investment earnings		1,395,789			 1,395,789
Total revenues	_	11,623,845	2	47,408	 11,871,253
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Program services		9,462,471		90,000	9,552,471
Evaluation services		401,278		-	401,278
Administrative costs		400,495		10,259	410,754
Debt service:					
Principal		11,155		-	11,155
Interest		271		-	271
Capital outlay	_	9,374			 9,374
Total expenditures	_	10,285,044	1	00,259	 10,385,303
Excess (deficiency) of revenues					
over (under) expenditures		1,338,801	1	47,149	 1,485,950
Net change in fund balances		1,338,801	1	47,149	1,485,950
Fund balances - beginning	_	34,788,352		61,249	 34,849,601
Fund balances - ending	\$	36,127,153	\$ 2	08,398	\$ 36,335,551

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances to the Government-Wide Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Amounts reported for governmental	l activities in the Statement of Activities
are different hecause:	

Net change in fund	balances - governmental	funds
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\$ 1,485,950

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation and amortization expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense and amortization exceeded capital outlays in the current period.

(416,274)

Compensated absences expense reported in the Statement of Activities does not require the use of current financial resources; therefore, it is not reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds.

(10,560)

Software subscription liabilities provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

13,239

Change in net position - governmental activities

\$ 1,072,355



Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2025

## **NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION**

The Children and Families Commission of Fresno County (the Commission) was established by Fresno County Ordinance, Chapter 2.38, pursuant to the provision of California Health and Safety Code Section 130140. The Commission was established for the support and improvement of early childhood development within Fresno County consistent with, and in furtherance of, the purposes of the California Children and Families Commission (the State), pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 130125(b). The Commission consists of up to seven members appointed by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

The State of California implemented the "California Children and Families Act of 1998" which provides for the Commission to receive proceeds from tax and tobacco products. The monies are allocated to local Children and Families Commissions by the State based on the number of births in each county in proportion to the total number of births in all counties.

## A. Reporting Entity

The governmental reporting entity consists of the Commission and its component unit, Lighthouse for Children, Inc. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Commission is financially accountable or organizations whose nature and significant relationship are such that exclusion would cause the Commission's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Financial accountability is defined as the appointment of a voting majority of the component unit's board, and (i) either the Commission's ability to impose its will on the organization or (ii) there is potential for the organization to provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the Commission. The component unit, although a legally separate entity, is reported in the financial statements using the blended presentation method because it provides services exclusively or almost exclusively to the Commission and a financial benefit relationship exists between the Commission and the component unit.

The blended component unit, Lighthouse for Children, Inc., a non-profit, benefit corporation, is governed by a board whose majority comprises Fresno County First 5 Commissioners. The specific charitable purposes of this corporation are: 1) to provide the vision and means for the children of Fresno County to enter school in good health, ready and able to learn, and emotionally well-developed by providing culturally, individually, and developmentally-appropriate parenting and nurturing support and access to resources regarding health care, nutrition, and smoking prevention and cessation; 2) to serve as an incubator for knowledge in the community regarding child welfare and development; 3) to generally carry out the goals of the Commission; and 4) to develop infrastructure that promotes the social welfare of Fresno County children and their parents, and enables the corporation to better accomplish the above-stated purposes, which may include acquiring, owning, operating, and leasing property within a low-income community to community charities and businesses. This corporation is also authorized to receive contributions and to make donations to, and otherwise aid and support, legally permissible undertakings consistent with the above-stated purposes. Separate financial statements are prepared for Lighthouse for Children, Inc. and may be obtained from the Lighthouse for Children, Inc., 2405 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721.

The basic financial statements included in this report are intended to present the financial position and results of operations of only the Commission. They are not intended to present the financial position and the results of operations of the County of Fresno taken as a whole. For additional information regarding the County of Fresno, please refer to the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report available from the County of Fresno.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2025

## NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Basis of Presentation

The basic financial statements of the Commission are prepared on the basis of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – Management Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments, and related standards. GASB Statement No. 34 established standards for external financial reporting for all state and local government entities which includes a management's discussions and analysis section, a statement of net position, a statement of activities, and if applicable, a statement of cash flows.

## B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements are met. Expenses are recorded when liabilities are incurred.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

Governmental fund financial statements (i.e., balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances) are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Revenues susceptible to accrual include property taxes, interest on investments, and intergovernmental revenues. Property taxes are recorded as revenues in the fiscal year in which they are levied, provided they are collected in the current period or within 90 days thereafter. Interest on invested funds is recognized when earned. Intergovernmental revenues that are reimbursements for specific expenditures are recognized when all eligibility requirements are met. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financial decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental fund and governmental activities.

The Commission reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* accounts for all financial resources of the entity, except those required to be accounted for in another fund, including those services provided to the public.

The *Lighthouse Special Revenue Fund* accounts for the activity of Lighthouse for Children, Inc., a blended component unit of the Commission.

Both the Commission and the Lighthouse for Children, Inc. adopt annual appropriated budgets. Budgetary comparison schedules have been provided for the funds to demonstrate compliance with the budgets.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2025

## NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

## **Budgetary Procedures**

The Commission is required to prepare a budget each year based on estimates of revenues and expected expenditures. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Budgetary control is exercised at the major object level. All changes to the budget during the year require the approval of the Commission. All unencumbered annual appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

## Revenues – Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter, to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year.

## **Expenses/Expenditures**

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred. Principal and interest on long-term debt obligations, which have not matured, are recognized when paid in the governmental fund as expenditures. Allocations of costs, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental fund but are recognized in the government-wide statements.

#### **Cash and Investments**

The Commission is restricted by Government Code Section 53635 pursuant to Section 53601 to invest in time deposits, U.S. government securities, state registered warrants, notes or bonds, State Treasurer's investment pool, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper, negotiable certificates of deposit, and repurchased or reverse repurchase agreements.

State statutes and the Commission's Investment Policy authorize the Commission to invest in U.S. Government Treasury and Agency Securities, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper, corporate bonds and notes, repurchase agreements, and the State Treasurer's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). Investments held by the County Treasurer are stated at fair value in accordance with GASB requirements. The fair value of pooled investments is determined quarterly and is based on current market prices received from the securities custodian. The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County Treasurer.

#### **Accounts Receivable**

The Commission utilizes the allowance method of accounting for and reporting uncollectible or doubtful accounts. At June 30, 2025, management considered all accounts to be fully collectible and, therefore, no allowance was recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2025

## NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

#### Leases

The Commission is a lessor for various leases of spaces within the Lighthouse for Children facility of which it owns. The Commission recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements as required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, Leases. At the commencement of a lease, the Commission initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term. Key estimates and judgments include how the Commission determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease receipts to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease receipts.

- The Commission uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivable are composed of fixed payments from the lessee.

The Commission monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease receivable and deferred inflows of resources if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable. Refer to the Statement of Net Position for lease-related receivables and deferred inflows. More information on the leases held can be found in Note 7.

## **Capital Assets**

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of the asset are capitalized. The Commission does not possess any infrastructure. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized, but are expensed as incurred.

When purchased, such assets are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds and capitalized in the government-wide statement of net position. The valuation basis for capital assets is historical cost, or where historical cost is not available, estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are capitalized at estimated fair market value on the date donated.

Depreciation and amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful life:

Buildings	15-90 years
Building Improvements	10-80 years
Leasehold Improvements	5-20 years
Equipment	3-20 years
Right-to-use Software Arrangement	2-5 years

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2025

## NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

## **Software Subscription Arrangements**

The Commission has subscriptions for various information technology applications. The Commission recognizes subscription-based information technology arrangement (SBITA) liabilities and intangible right-to-use software arrangement assets in the government-wide financial statements as required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements. At the commencement of a subscription arrangement, the Commission initially measures the SBITA liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the SBITA term. Subsequently, the SBITA liability is reduced by the principal portion of the payments made. The Intangible Right-to-Use Software Arrangement asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the SBITA liability, adjusted for payments made at or before the commencement of the subscription term. Subsequently, the intangible right-to-use software arrangement asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to SBITAs include how the Commission determines (1) the rate it uses to discount the expected SBITA payments to present value, (2) the SBITA term, and (3) the SBITA payments.

- The Commission uses the interest rate charged by the SBITA vendors as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the SBITA vendors is not provided, the Commission generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for SBITAs.
- The subscription term includes the non-cancellable period of the arrangement. SBITA payments included in the measurement of the SBITA liability are composed of fixed payments made during the subscription term.

The Commission monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its SBITA liability and related asset and will remeasure the SBITA asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the SBITA liability.

SBITA assets are reported with other capital assets and SBITA liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the Statement of Net Position. Payments made on the SBITA liability are reported as debt service expenditures within the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances.

#### **Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

All current and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the governmental fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment at year end. More information can be found in Note 9.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2025

## NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

## **Compensated Absences**

The Commission maintains a Paid Time Off (PTO) program that combines vacation and sick leave benefits into a single PTO bank. Beginning with an eligible employee's first day of employment, PTO will accrue at a rate of 6.154 hours per pay period. After five years of continuous employment, the accrual rate will increase to 7.69 hours per pay period. Once 300 hours are accrued, PTO will no longer accrue until some of the previously accrued PTO is taken. After some PTO is taken, PTO, again, begins to accrue. In the basic financial statements, these amounts are referred to as compensated absences. The measurement of compensated absences includes salary-related payments such as the employer portion of social security and Medicare taxes.

Payment in lieu of PTO will not be made except at the time of employment status change, i.e., from a position that earns PTO to a position that does not earn vacation, or at the time of termination of employment. In the governmental fund financial statements, a liability for these payment in lieu amounts is reported only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations or retirements prior to year-end, and payment of the liability is made subsequent to year-end.

#### **Fund Balance**

#### Fund Balance Classification

The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the Commission is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

Nonspendable – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of the Children and Family Commission. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of the Children and Family Commission remove or change the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned – This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the Commission's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of the Children and Families Commission. Further, the Commission may designate a body/committee or an official who can specify such purposes, such as through the budgetary process.

*Unassigned* – This classification includes any negative residual amounts that may exist as a result of expenditures incurred for specific purposes in excess of amounts restricted, committed or assigned to those purposes.

The Commission establishes and modifies or rescinds fund balance commitments by passage of an ordinance or policy. This is typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget as a designation or commitment of the fund, such as approved contracts. Assigned fund balance is established by the Commission through adoption or amendment of the budget, or future year budget, plan as intended for a specific purpose.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2025

#### NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

#### **Net Position**

Net position represents the residual interest in the Commission's assets after liabilities are deducted. In the government-wide financial statement, net position is reported in three categories as follows:

Net investment in capital assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those.

Restricted – This component of net position consists of constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted* – This component of net position consists of assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets". The Commission's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Commission's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures or expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Pronouncements**

#### New Accounting Pronouncement Adopted

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 101

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Commission implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. GASB Statement No. 101 establishes uniform accounting and financial reporting requirements for the recognition and measurement of compensated absences. These changes were incorporated in the Commission's June 30, 2025, financial statements and had no effect on the beginning net position of the General Fund.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2025

#### **NOTE 3 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

Total cash and investments

Cash and investments consisted of the following as of June 30, 2025:

Cash in banks	\$ 3,302,504
Investments	 33,416,079

#### A. Policies and Practices

The Commission is authorized under California Government Code to make direct investments. Details regarding the types of allowable investments and any limitations are listed under the General Authorization section of this Note.

36,718,583

#### B. Investment in County Treasury

The Commission is considered to be a voluntary participant in an external investment pool as the Commission deposits many receipts and collections of monies with the Fresno County Treasurer. The fair value of the Commission's investment in the pool is reported in the financial statements at amounts based upon the Commission's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by the Fresno County Treasurer for the entire portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the Fresno County Treasurer, which is recorded on the amortized cost basis.

#### C. General Authorization

As per California Government Code and the Commission's Investment Policy, limitations to interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk are indicated in the schedules below:

		Maximum	Maximum
	Maximum	Percentage	Investment
Authorized Investment Type	Maturity	of Portfolio	in One Issuer
Local Agency Bonds	5 years	None	None
U.S. Treasury Obligations	5 years	None	None
U.S. Agency Securities	5 years	None	None
Banker's Acceptances	180 days	40%	10%
Commercial Paper	270 days	25%	10%
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5 years	30%	None
Repurchase Agreements	1 year	None	None
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	92 days	20% of base value	None
Medium-Term Notes	5 years	30%	10%
Mutual Funds	n/a	20%	10%
Money Market Mutual Funds	n/a	20%	10%
Mortgage Pass-Through Securities	5 years	20%	None
County Pooled Investment Funds	n/a	None	None
Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)	n/a	None	None
Joint Power Agency (JPA) Pools (other investment pools)	n/a	None	None

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2025

#### NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

#### D. <u>Interest Rate Risk</u>

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Commission manages its exposure to interest rate risk by purchasing a combination of shorter term and longer term investments and by timing cash flows from maturities so that a portion of the portfolio is maturing or coming close to maturity evenly over time as necessary to provide the cash flow and liquidity needed for operations.

Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the Commission's investments to market interest rate fluctuations is provided by the following schedule that shows the distribution of the Commission's investments by maturity:

			Remaining Maturity (in months)						
Investment Type		Amount		onths or less	13 to	24 months	25 to	60 months	
U.S. Treasuries	\$	7,235,382	\$	96,956	\$	1,815,930	\$	5,322,496	
Federal Agency Mortgage Backed Securities		1,692,106		-		494,902		1,197,204	
Corporate Notes		2,213,819		-		719,152		1,494,667	
Asset-Backed Securities		1,260,849		-		98,540		1,162,309	
Money Market Mutual Funds		40,168		40,168		-		-	
County Pooled Investments Funds		20,973,755		20,973,755				<u> </u>	
Total	\$	33,416,079	\$	21,110,879	\$	3,128,524	\$	9,176,676	

#### E. Credit Rate Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Commission's investment in the County Pool is not required to be rated, nor has it been rated as of June 30, 2025.

			Minimum			97			F	Rating as o	f Yea	r-End						
Investment Type	_	Fair Value	Legal Rating	AAA	 AA+		AA	AA-		A+		Α	A-	А	-1+	В	BBB+**	 Not Rated**
U.S. Treasuries	\$	7,235,382	N/A	\$	\$ 7,235,382	\$		\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Federal Agency Mortgage Backed Securities		1,692,106	N/A		1,692,106			-		-		-	-		-		-	-
Corporate Notes		2,213,819	A-	15,252			75,380	255,233		511,928		454,030	701,814		-		200,182	-
Asset-Backed Securities		1,260,849	AA-	1,065,428			· ·	-		-		-	-		-		-	195,421
Money Market Mutual Funds		40,168	AAA	40,168	~~~		-	-		-		-	-		-		-	-
County Pooled Investments Funds	7	20,973,755	N/A	-		9	-	-		-		-	-		-		-	20,973,755
Total	\$	33,416,079		\$ 1,120,848	\$ 8,927,488	\$	75,380	\$ 255,233	\$	511,928	\$	454,030	\$ 701,814	\$		\$	200,182	\$ 21,169,176

<sup>\*\*</sup>Securities, not including the County Pooled Investment Funds, rated "BBB+" or "Not Rated" by S&P are rated "A-" (or the equivalent) or higher by Moody's and/or Fitch.

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#### **NOTE 3 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS** (Continued)

#### F. Concentration of Credit Risk

The Commission's Investment Policy contains no limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer beyond the amount stipulated by the California Government Code. Investments in any one issuer that represents 5% or more of the total investments are as follows:

		Reported	% of Total	
lssuer	Investment Type		Amount	Investments
U.S. Treasuries	Treasury Securities	\$	7,235,382	21.7%
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	Federal Agency Securities	\$	1,692,106	5.1%

#### G. Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for *deposits* is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The California Government Code and the Commission's Investment Policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits, other than the following provision for deposits:

The California Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure the Commission's deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150% of the secured public deposits. The Commission has waived collateral requirements for cash deposits, which are fully insured up to \$250,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The carrying amounts of the Commission's cash deposits totaled \$3,302,504 at June 30, 2025. Bank balances were \$3,534,034, the total amount of which was insured and/or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions, but not in the Commission's name.

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The California Government Code and the Commission's Investment Policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for investments. With respect to investments, custodial credit risk generally applies only to direct investments in marketable securities. Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect investment in securities through the use of mutual funds or government investment pools (such as LAIF). The Commission has no custodial credit risk exposure for investments because all the Commission's investments are held in a third-party custodian bank in the name of the Commission.

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#### **NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, fair value is defined as the price that the Commission would receive upon selling an asset or have paid to transfer a liability at the reporting date. Generally accepted accounting principles established a three-tier hierarchy to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs, and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are those that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the factors market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available.

The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 - Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 – Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly, and fair value is determined through the use of other valuation methodologies

Level 3 – Valuations based on inputs that are not observable and significant to the overall fair value measurements, including the Commission's own assumptions in determining the fair value of assets or liabilities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of June 30, 2025, in valuing the Commission's assets carried at fair value:

Investments by Fair Value Level		Total		Level 1		 Level 2	 Level 3	_
U.S. Treasuries	\$	7,235,382	\$		-	\$ 7,235,382	\$ -	_
Federal Agency Mortgage Backed Securities		1,692,106			-	1,692,106	-	
Corporate Notes		2,213,819			-	2,213,819	-	
Asset-Backed Securities	_	1,260,849	_			 1,260,849	 	
Total investments measured by fair value		12,402,156	\$			\$ 12,402,156	\$ -	
Investments not subject to fair value hierarchy:								
Money Market Mutual Funds		40,168						
County Pooled Investments Funds	_	20,973,755						
Total investments	\$	33,416,079						

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### NOTE 5 – RECEIVABLES

Accounts receivable as of June 30, 2025, consisted of intergovernmental grants, entitlements, state apportionments and local sources. All receivables, other than lease receivable, consisted of the following:

State government:	
Proposition 10	\$ 785,574
Surplus Money Investment Fund	50,019
Other State taxes	 45,901
Total State government	 881,494
Other receivables:	

Grant receivables	1,508,392
Interest receivables	162,844
Total other receivables	1,671,236

Total receivables \$ 2,552,730

#### **NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 was as follows:

		Balance /30/2024	Additions	Deletio	ns	e	Balance 5/30/2025
Capital assets not being depreciated:							· ·
Land	\$	676,530	\$ -	\$		\$	676,530
Total capital assets not being depreciated/amortized	_	676,530					676,530
Capital assets being depreciated/amortized:							
Equipment		31,191	-		-		31,191
Buildings and improvements		16,131,643	-		-		16,131,643
Intangible right-to-use software arrangements		51,571		-			51,571
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized		16,214,405					16,214,405
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization:							
Equipment		(31,102)	(89)		-		(31,191)
Buildings and improvements		(3,825,215)	(403,291)		-		(4,228,506)
Intangible right-to-use software arrangements		(25,785)	(12,893)				(38,678)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization		(3,882,102)	(416,273)				(4,298,375)
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized, net		12,332,303	(416,273)				11,916,030
Total capital assets, net	\$	13,008,833	\$ (416,273)	\$		\$	12,592,560

Depreciation/amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2025 was \$416,273.

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#### NOTE 7 – LEASES

The Commission reported Leases Receivable of \$243,931 as of June 30, 2025, including \$40,924 in lease revenues and \$2,404 in lease interest revenues.

Office Space Lease – FCSS SELPA Department – On July 1, 2017, the Commission entered into a fourteen-year lease agreement with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS), for the use of a portion (1,408 sq. ft.) of the third-floor office space at the Lighthouse for Children facility for their Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Program staff. Based on this agreement, the Commission will receive monthly payments through June 2031. The tenant may request a lease extension by submitting a written notice ninety-days (90) prior to expiration of the current lease term. Both parties must agree to an extension upon negotiation of terms. The lease receivable was discounted to a net present value using a 0.9% interest rate, which was provided by the California State Controller's Office.

The leases are summarized below by lease holder as follows:

					Leas	e Interest
Lease Holder	Lease	Receivable	Lea	se Revenue	Re	evenue
FCSS - SELPA	\$	243,931	\$	40,924	\$	2,404
Total	\$	243,931	\$	40,924	\$	2,404

Future lease principal and interest payments due to the Commission under non-cancelable agreements are as follows for the years ending June 30, 2025:

Fiscal Year Ended				
June 30	Principal	Interest		
2026	\$ 39,746	\$	2,032	
2027	40,106		1,672	
2028	40,468		1,310	
2029	40,834		944	
2030	41,203		575	
2031	 41,574		203	
			_	
Total	\$ 243,931	\$	6,736	

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements June 30, 2025

#### NOTE 8 – ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable consisted of the following as of June 30, 2025:

Program grantees and expenses	\$ 2,859,056
Vendors	 22,238
Total	\$ 2,881,294

#### **NOTE 9 – LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

Long term obligations activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 was as follows:

	Balance /30/2024	Additions	Deletions	Balance 5/30/2025	Due within One Year
Governmental activities: Subscription liability Compensated absences*	\$ 24,691 31,497	\$ 10,561	\$ (13,239)	\$ 11,452 42,058	\$ 11,452 6,407
Total	\$ 56,188	\$ 10,561	\$ (13,239)	\$ 53,510	\$ 17,859

<sup>\*</sup>The compensated absence activity shown in the table above is presented on a net change basis, as permitted by GASB Statement No. 101

#### A. Compensated Absences – Governmental Activities

Compensated absences, which combines vacation and sick leave benefits into a single PTO bank account, amounted to \$42,058 at June 30, 2025.

#### B. <u>Subscription Liabilities</u>

The Commission has one software arrangement that requires recognition under GASB No. 96. The Commission recognizes subscription-based information technology arrangement (SBITA) liabilities and intangible right-to-use software arrangement assets for an accounting software. The software amortization expense is included within expenditures on the Statement of Activities related to the Commission's SBITA, which are included as Intangible Right-to-Use Software Arrangements in the Commission's capital assets.

The Commission has an accounting software arrangement with a five-year term, initiated in fiscal year 2021 with an annual payment that ranges from \$10,406 to \$14,726. The Commission has used a 2.40% discount rate for this arrangement, which was provided by the California State Controller's Office. There is no option to extend the agreement or purchase the software.

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A summary of future subscription payments under SBITA agreements is as follows:

SBITA	- 5 year so	hedule		
Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Princ	cipal	Interest	
2026	\$	11,452	\$	23
Total	\$	11,452	\$	23

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#### **NOTE 10 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

The Commission's 401(a) Plan (the Plan) is a defined contribution pension plan established by the Commissioners of the Commission and administered through MissionSquare Retirement. The provisions and contribution requirements of the Plan are established and may be amended by the Commissioners of the Commission. The Plan covers all full-time employees and provides for immediate 100% vesting for the participants. The Commission makes contributions of 8.74% of compensation to the Plan for employees. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Commission made contributions to the Plan of \$79,380.

The Commission also offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with IRC Section 457 and administered through MissionSquare Retirement. The Plan, available to all full-time Commission employees, permits them to defer a portion of their current salary until future years. The Commission is not required to make contributions to the plan, and all contributions made to the Plan are solely at the discretion of employees.

#### NOTE 11 – FUND BALANCE

Fund balances are presented in the following categories: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned as described in Note 2. A detailed schedule of fund balance as of June 30, 2025 is as follows:

Nonspendable:		
Prepaid vendor	\$	26,031
Restricted:		
Outside grant funding		1,496,468
Special revenue fund		146,908
The state of the s		1,711
Committed:		
Awarded and unpaid grants		6,081,449
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Assigned:		
First 5 initiatives		28,523,205
Lighthouse Special Revenue Fund		61,490
	_	
Total fund balance	\$	36,335,551

#### NOTE 12 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, employee's health and natural disasters. The Commission manages these various risks of loss by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. Their policy includes coverage for bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, automobile liability, directors' and officers' liability, public officials' errors and omissions, and non-owned and hired autos. In addition, the Commission maintains a workers' compensation insurance policy and a health benefits insurance package for its employees. Settlements have not exceeded covered amounts for the past three years.

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#### **NOTE 13 – EVALUATION EXPENDITURES**

The Commission expended \$401,278 on program evaluation during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

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### NOTE 14 – ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Commission received the majority of its funding from one source, taxes imposed by Section 30131.2 of the California Tax and Revenue Code. This code imposes additional taxes on the sale of cigarettes and tobacco products. The total amount of funding the Commission received from the additional taxes for the year ended June 30, 2025, was \$7,049,963, or 60.7%, of the total revenue for the year. The Commission is thus subject to possible risk of reductions in services and/or closure due to potential future changes of Section 30131.2 of the California Tax and Revenue Code.

#### **NOTE 15 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

Commitments and contingencies, undeterminable in amount, include normal recurring pending claims and litigation.

#### A. Grantee Obligations

As of June 30, 2025, the Commission's remaining obligations to grantees of \$6,081,449 is included as committed fund balance.

#### B. Litigation

In the opinion of management, based upon discussion with legal counsel, there is no pending litigation which is likely to have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Commission.

#### **NOTE 16 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated and concluded that there were no subsequent events that have occurred from June 30, 2025, through the date the financial statements were available to be issued at October XX, 2025 that would require disclosure or adjustment.

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# REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (Budget to Actual) General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	 Budgeted	l Am	ounts			Va	riance with
	 Original		Final		Actual	Fi	nal Budget
REVENUES							
Proposition 10 taxes	\$ 4,731,196	\$	4,731,196	\$	4,797,846	\$	66,650
Proposition 56 taxes	1,946,063		1,946,063		2,096,550		150,487
Other tax revenue	-		-		155,567		155,567
Grant revenue	559,250		3,388,228		3,033,049		(355,179)
Other revenue	104,741		104,741		145,044		40,303
Investment earnings	 513,510		513,510		1,395,789		882,279
Total revenues	 7,854,760		10,683,738		11,623,845		940,107
EXPENDITURES							
Salaries and employee benefits	1,140,165		1,181,013		1,116,678		64,335
Services and supplies	474,381		567,469		428,787		138,682
Evaluation services	450,000		1,610,000		401,278		1,208,722
Grant expenditures	6,008,210		10,948,032		8,317,501		2,630,531
Debt service:							
Principal	53,070		54,967		11,155		43,812
Interest	-		-		271		(271)
Capital outlay	19,000		19,000		9,374		9,626
Total expenditures	8,144,826	_	14,380,481		10,285,044		4,095,437
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over							
(under) expenditures	(290,066)		(3,696,743)		1,338,801		5,035,544
(under) expenditures	 (230,000)		(3,030,743)	-	1,330,001		3,033,344
Net change in fund balance	\$ (290,066)	\$	(3,696,743)		1,338,801	\$	5,035,544
Fund balance - beginning				·	34,788,352		
Fund balance - ending				\$	36,127,153		

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (Budget to Actual) Lighthouse Special Revenue Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

		Budgeted	Amounts	=		Varia	nce with
	Or	iginal	Final		Actual	Fina	l Budget
REVENUES							
Grant revenue	\$	-	\$ -	· \$	102,688	\$	102,688
Other revenue		-	-		10,500		10,500
Contributions			-	<u> </u>	134,220		134,220
Total revenues				<u> </u>	247,408		247,408
EXPENDITURES							
Insurance and tax expense		570	570	)	4,033		(3,463)
Professional services expense		6,194	6,194		6,226		(32)
Grant expense			-	·	90,000		(90,000)
Total expenditures		6,764	6,764		100,259		(93,495 <u>)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over							
(under) expenditures		(6,764)	(6,764	<u>)</u>	147,149		153,913
Net change in fund balance	\$	(6,764)	\$ (6,764	<u>)</u>	147,149	\$	153,913
Fund balance - beginning					61,249		
Fund balance - ending				\$	208,398		

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

#### NOTE 1 – BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Commission adopts a budget annually in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles based on estimates of revenue and anticipated expenditures. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

Beginning in early May, the Director of Business (the Director) works with Commission staff to identify needs for the upcoming year and where funds should be applied. On or prior to the June Commission Meeting, the Director presents the upcoming fiscal year's proposed budget to the First 5 Commissioners for review. The Commissioners provide feedback, if any, and the Director updates accordingly. The final approved budget is then uploaded to the F5FC website in a timely manner.

The Commission's budgeted expenditures are broken down into two categories, operating expenses and strategic plan investment expenses. The categories are further broken down within the approved budget by program area. The revenue estimates are created based on communications with First 5 California, historical increases/decreases and any changes in legislation that may affect the Commission.

#### NOTE 2 – EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

The General Fund incurred expenditures in excess of appropriations for the following amounts for the year ended June 30, 2025:

Debt service:

Interest \$ 271

The Lighthouse Special Revenue Fund incurred expenditures in excess of appropriations for the following amounts for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Insurance and tax expense \$ 3,463
Professional services expense 32
Grant expense 90,000

Expenditures in excess of appropriations were funded by greater than anticipated revenues in the respective fund.



Supplemental Schedule of First 5 California (F5CA) Funding June 30, 2025

PROGRAM OR PROJECT TITLE		 REVENUE F5CA	EXF	PENDITURES	NGE IN OSITION	POSITION OF YEAR	POSITION OF YEAR
First 5 CA Program	IMPACT Hub Program Funds	\$ 2,928,049	\$	2,928,049	\$ 	\$ 501	\$ 501
TOTAL F5CA FUNDS		\$ 2,928,049	\$	2,928,049	\$ _	\$ 501	\$ 501



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Commissioners of Children and Families Commission of Fresno County Fresno, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Children and Families Commission of Fresno County (the Commission), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October XX, 2025.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements, on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Commission's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Commission's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Commission's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Firm's Signature

Clovis, California
October XX, 2025



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON STATE COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

To the Board of Commissioners of Children and Families Commission of Fresno County Fresno, California

#### **Report on Compliance**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the Children and Families Commission of Fresno County's (Commission) compliance with the requirements specified in the State of California's *Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities Administering the California Children and Families Act*, issued by the State Controller's Office, applicable to the Commission's statutory requirements identified below for the year ended June 30, 2025.

In our opinion, the Children and Families Commission of Fresno County complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the California Children and Families Program for the year ended June 30, 2025.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the State of California's *Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities Administering the California Children and Families Act*, issued by the State Controller's Office. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Commission and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Commission's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for Compliance**

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the California Children and Families Program.

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#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Commission's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the State of California's Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities Administering the California Children and Families Act will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Commission's compliance with the requirements of the California Children and Families Program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the State of California's Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities Administering the California Children and Families Act, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit;
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform
  audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence
  regarding the Commission's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing
  such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances;
- Obtain an understanding of the Commission's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to
  design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over
  compliance in accordance with the State of California's Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities
  Administering the California Children and Families Act, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
  effectiveness of the Commission's internal controls over compliance. Accordingly, we express no such opinion;
  and
- Select and test transactions and records to determine the Commission's compliance with the state laws and regulations applicable to the following items:

	Audit Guide	Procedures
Description	Procedures	Performed
Contracting and Decouperat	-	Vas
Contracting and Procurement	6	Yes
Administrative Costs	3	Yes
Conflict-of-Interest	3	Yes
County Ordinance	4	Yes
Long-Range Financial Plans	2	Yes
Financial Condition of the Commission	1	Yes
Program Evaluation	3	Yes
Salaries and Benefits Policies	2	Yes

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identify during the audit.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material noncompliance with a compliance requirement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention from those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the State of California's *Standards and Procedures for Audits of Local Entities Administering the California Children and Families Act.* Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Firm's Signature

Clovis, California
October XX, 2025



Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

### SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Type of auditor's report issued:	<u>Unmodified</u>		
Internal control over financial reporting:			
Material weaknesses identified?	Yes	Χ	No
Significant deficiencies identified -			
not considered to be material weaknesses?	Yes	Χ	No
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes	Χ	No

### SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None reported.

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

None reported.



### FIRST 5 FRESNO COUNTY

ADMINISTERED BY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION OF FRESNO COUNTY

#### FINANCE AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

October 16, 2025 - 11:30 a.m.

2405 Tulare Street Fresno, CA 93721

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

TO: Children & Families Commission of Fresno County

FROM: Fabiola González, Executive Director

SUBJECT: State Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve, for full Commission consideration, the State Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

#### BACKGROUND:

On an annual basis, on or before October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Commission is required to submit a State Annual Report (per Health and Safety Code section 130150) to the California Children and Families Commission (also known as First 5 California) and the California State Controller's Office. The purpose of these reports is to inform the appropriate stakeholders on the status of the programmatic and strategic investments, as well as provide a detailed financial assessment of each county Commission.

#### State Annual Report

Produced in accordance with State statute and guidelines, the State Annual Report focuses on the number of individuals who participated in activities within the First 5 California strategic initiatives. The report highlights the funding, service areas, and program models used to improve family functioning, child development, health, and systems of care for children ages 0 to 5 years old and their families. County commissions are also required by statute to hold a public hearing and make the annual report available to the public upon request.

This year's report highlights the Commission's investments in both partnerships with community organizations that engage directly with families as well as systems-building efforts including, but not limited to public health nurse home visitation programs, access to group prenatal care within local clinics, trainings for child care providers and children receiving their Dolly Parton Imagination Library books in the mail.

**Fiscal Impact:** Approval of the State Annual Report for FY 2024-2025 will allow the Commission to continue receiving Proposition 10 funds in a timely manner from the California Children and Families Commission.

### **CONCLUSION:**

If approved by the Committee and full Commission, staff will submit to First 5 California and the State Controller's Office before the deadline, as required by legislation. In the event a county commission does not submit a State Annual Report, the California Children and Families Commission may withhold funds that otherwise would have been allocated to the county commission.



# **Annual Report AR-1**

Fresno Revenue and Expenditure Summary July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

# **Revenue Detail**

Category	Amount
Tobacco Tax Funds	\$6,894,396
MPACT Legacy	\$2,928,049
Small Population County Augmentation Funds	\$0
Home Visiting Coordination Funds	\$0
Other First 5 California Funds	\$0
Other First 5 California Funds Description	
Other Public Funds	\$86,509
Other Public Funds Description DECET Q1-Q3	
Donations	\$0
Revenue From Interest Earned	\$1,445,808
Grants	\$105,000
Grants Description  Dollars from Blue Meridian Partners for Systems change work and data collecting incentive.	
Other Funds	\$145,045
Other Funds Hourly Room Use revenue and Tenant rental revenue	
Total Revenue	\$11,604,807

# Improved Family Support

General Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	Abriendo Puertas     Five Protective     Factors     Not Applicable     (Effective Black     Parenting     Program, Just     Beginnings, Parent     Cafes and local	900	837	117	\$749,346
		models) • Playgroups				
*	County Health & Human Services	Not Applicable (Neighborhood Resource Centers)	4123	0	0	\$200,000
	Other Private/For Profit	Not Applicable ()	12	16	3	\$21,441
	First 5 County Commission	Not Applicable     (Community     Learning Center)	0	0	0	\$298,247
Reason for no population	on served: numbers rep	orted elsewhere				
Support	Resource and Referral Agency (COE or Non-Profit)	Nurturing     Parenting Program	91	73	0	\$98,566
Intensive Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	Not Applicable () Nurturing Parenting Program	533	500	21	\$410,689
	First 5 County Commission	Dolly Parton's     Imagination     Library	7881	0	0	\$2,777
Family Literacy and Book Programs	CBO/Non-Profit	Not Applicable ()	699	700	184	\$17,614

# Improved Child Development

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
Quality Early Learning and Care Supports	County Office of Education/School District	Quality Counts     California	0	0	971	\$1,868,730
Quality Early Learning and Care Supports	Other Private/For Profit	Quality Counts     California	0	0	80	\$64,165
Quality Early Learning and Care Supports	CBO/Non-Profit	Not Applicable     (Building ACES     Capacity for FCCH)	0	121	16	\$47,221
Quality Early Learning and Care Supports	Research/Consulting Firm	Quality Counts     California	0	0	0	\$250,000
Reason for no po	ppulation served: Data shar	ed in other space				
Quality Early Learning and Care Supports	County Office of Education/School District	Quality Counts     California	0	0	0	\$1,744,849
Reason for no po	ppulation served: Clients re	ported by partners				
Quality Early Learning and Care Supports	First 5 County Commission	Quality Counts     California	0	0	0	\$698,075
Reason for no po	ppulation served: Partner Re	eported their own numbers				
Early Learning and Care Program Direct Costs	County Office of Education/School District	Preschool/Childcare	76	0	0	\$28,426

# Improved Child Health

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Unique Families	Amount
Early Intervention	County Office of Education/School District	Care     Coordination     and Linkage	118	25	8	0	\$99,99
Early Intervention	First 5 County Commission	Not     Applicable ()	245	0	0	0	\$
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	Care     Coordination     and Linkage	62	56	0	0	\$78,54
Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting	County Health & Human Services	Local Model	269	255	18	297	\$878,65
Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting	County Health & Human Services	Local Model	194	47	4	186	\$384,92
Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting	County Health & Human Services	Nurse Family     Partnership	39	50	0	54	\$208,68
Prenatal and Infant/Toddler Pediatric Support	CBO/Non-Profit	Local Model	0	44	0	0	\$395,90
Prenatal and Infant/Toddler Pediatric Support	First 5 County Commission	Local Model	0	0	0	0	\$5,43
Reason for no po	opulation served: Num	nber of clients captured e	Isewhere				
Prenatal and Infant/Toddler Pediatric Support	Other Private/For Profit	• Not Applicable ()	0	0	0	0	\$22,88
Reason for no po	opulation served: activ	vities were done to promo	te the group p	prenatal care pro	gram. No client	s served	

# Improved Systems Of Care

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Amount
Policy and Public Advocacy	First 5 County Commission	Child Health     Resilient Families and     Communities	\$80,671
Policy and Public Advocacy	Other Private/For Profit	Resilient Families and     Communities	\$95,793
Systems Building	First 5 County Commission	Family Resiliency     Health Systems	\$1,129,909
Systems Building	CBO/Non-Profit	Family Resiliency     Health Systems	\$171,577
		Total	\$1,477,950

# **Expenditure Details**

Category	Amount
Program Expenditures	\$10,053,131
Administrative Expenditures	\$400,495
Evaluation Expenditures	\$401,278
Total Expenditures	\$10,854,904
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$749,903

# Other Financing Details

Category		Amount
Sale(s) of Capital Assets		\$0
Other		\$0
	Total Other Financing Sources	\$0

# Net Change in Fund Balance

Category	Amount
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$34,788,352
Fund Balance - Ending	\$35,538,255
Net Change In Fund Balance	\$749,903

# Fiscal Year Fund Balance

Category	Amount
Nonspendable	\$26,031
Restricted	\$1,360,510
Committed	\$6,081,449
Assigned	\$28,640,125
Unassigned	\$0
Total Fund Balance	\$36,108,115

# **Expenditure Note**

The assigned fund balance consists of funds that are future contract awards set aside by the Commission.





# **Annual Report AR-2**

Fresno Demographic Worksheet July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

# **Population Served**

Category		Number
Children Less than 3 Years Old		7,298
Children from 3rd to 6th Birthday		7,724
Children – Ages Unknown (birth to 6th Birthday)		185
Primary Caregivers		2,698
Providers		1,422
	Total Population Served	19,327

# Primary Language Spoken in Home

Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
English	10,007	1,549
Spanish	4,556	917
Other - Specify with text box Hmong, Indigenous Mexican, Punjabi, Mixteco, etc.	462	149
Unknown	163	68
Cantonese	12	5
Vietnamese	4	5
Mandarin	3	5
Totals	15,207	2,698

# Race and/or Ethnicity of Population Served

Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
Unknown	8,172	78
Hispanic/Latino	5,103	1,742
Black/African-American	491	250
White	490	223
Two or more races	389	146
Asian	232	112
Other – Specify with text box Hmong, Middle Eastern, Filipino, etc.	307	116
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7	12
Alaska Native/American Indian	16	19
Totals	15,207	2,698

# **Duplication Assessment**

Category	Data
Degree of Duplication	15%
Confidence in Data	Moderately confident
Additional Details (Optional)	



### **Annual Report AR-3**

Fresno County Evaluation Summary and Highlights
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

### **County Evaluation Summary**

#### Evaluation Activities Completed, Findings, and Policy Impact

Fiscal Year 2024-25, marked the last year of F5FC's five-year strategic plan and corresponding evaluation framework, resulting in a final cumulative report. This report summarized key learnings and recommendations for each of F5FC's five core investment areas: Direct Service Programs (DS), African American Infant Mortality Prevention (AAIMP), Help Me Grow Fresno County (HMG), Lighthouse for Children (LFC) and Quality Counts California (QCC). A mixed methods approach was used to learn not only how well services/investments are meeting their intended needs and how they can be adapted for improvement, but also how and why they are having an impact. The evaluation approach was designed to be adaptable, ensuring that findings remained useful and relevant. The evaluation included several activities including: focus groups with caregivers and pregnant individuals, interviews with providers and partners, in-person and virtual action planning sessions with staff, data collection training and capacity building with partners, satisfaction and outcomes surveys with families, and review and analysis of data entered in First 5's database. The summaries below are based on the cumulative report: DS: F5FC provided funding and support to community-based partners who provide health, early learning, and direct supports to families across the county. Programs experienced remarkable success, demonstrating the essential role of each program in supporting Fresno families by shifting practices to accommodate emerging needs, connecting them to critical resources during times of high uncertainty, and prioritizing the overall wellbeing and development of children in Fresno County. Recommended strategies and considerations include allowing programs to continue to be flexible in the ways they use resources to serve families and providing opportunities for organizations to network and partner across the system. AAIMP: In response to the disproportionately high rates of infant mortality among Black/ African American families in Fresno County, F5FC invested in multiple initiatives to improve birth and health outcomes. Recommended strategies include: building relationships with organizations serving Black and African American communities and seeking authentic community input to develop community-led decision structures; engaging in ongoing topical education for First 5 staff; and developing an investment strategy around procurement and continued investment, asset/gap mapping, and continuation into strategic planning to inform future actions. FY2425 also marked the final year of F5FC's partnership in the EMBRACE Study with UCSF comparing two types of prenatal care models, including F5FC's Glow! Group Prenatal Care and Support Program, HMG: HMG is a coordinated system of services and assistance available to families to support the healthiest development of young children. Findings from the evaluation showed that the supports needed most by families include a developmental assessment, developmental screenings, and speech therapy. In general, families shared that their experience using the HMG call line was helpful and they appreciated the support that the care coordinators provided. Families connected to early intervention services reported that their children have shown noticeable progress towards reaching developmental milestones. Recommendations include considering alternative and additional means of communication to families about the HMG call line and related resources, such as an app or other centralized sources of information, to keep caregivers informed about services available in Fresno County and building in more ways to access the centralized access point. LFC: The F5FC owned and operated LFC facility is an innovative community resource hub, where families and early childhood professionals can access services, resources, and opportunities that aim to transform the first five years of a child's life. Recommendations to further the impact/accessibility of the LFC include exploring opportunities to expand access to childcare and to provide additional scholarship or no-cost access to low-income families at the LFC and building on the spirit of collaboration and partnership that fostered during the pandemic to take a cross-sector system level approach to child and family well-being. QCC: The QCC investment area is a state-wide Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early and school-age care and education programs. Providers participating in the QCC Early Stars program highlighted the impact of their participation on the quality of services they provide. Early Stars is noted as a key resource for improving the skills and knowledge of providers. In addition to enhancing ECE providers' ability to connect and serve children and families in Fresno County, Early Stars positively impacted ECE businesses by enhancing providers' visibility to the community, improving the quality of their services, and helping them build strong relationships with families. Recommendations to consider for continuous improvement include tailoring coaching sessions to increase the amount time ECE providers spend with their coach, offering workshops and trainings at more advanced levels for topics that providers want to more deeply understand, and providing tangible resources, such as funding to participate in the program itself, as well as funding to improve classrooms, especially for centers with less access to resources.

# **County Highlights**

### **County Highlight**

At First 5 Fresno County (F5FC) we believe it takes all of us working together to build a community where every family has the support they deserve. The following are examples of new ways we're working cross-sector to improve community outcomes through leveraged funding and intentional partnership. 1) This fiscal year, F5FC activated our nonprofit, Lighthouse for Children, Inc., and established community partnerships to launch Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) in Fresno County. DPIL is a book gifting program aimed at providing young children with direct, universal access to free, age-appropriate books each month. In 2023, the governor signed legislation to expand DPIL across California - providing a cash match to local communities and the opportunity to leverage state funds to bring this early literacy program to local families. In January 2025, we secured \$400,000 to launch the program, and by the end of the fiscal year over 20,300 books were mailed to more than 7,800 children. 2) This past fall also marked the beginning of a new partnership with BLACK Wellness & Prosperity Center (BWPC). This Fresno-based organization is focused on improving Black maternal and infant health outcomes in the Central Valley where Black families experience disproportionality high rates of preterm birth and life-threatening childbirth complications. Among multiple unique initiatives, BWPC is building their on-site capacity to provide clinical prenatal care and birthing services. Through this partnership BWPC provides culturally affirming and evidence-informed group care for pregnant individuals. Group sessions are complemented with client-centered support, goal setting and referrals to help participants reduce stress, enhance life skills and build social support. In the future, BWPC will implement Glow! Group Prenatal Care and Support Program, a locally-enhanced group prenatal care model.