




A Quick Guide to Programs and Services Funded by First 5 Mono County FY 2024-25

 <h3 style="margin-left: 20px;">Health</h3>		
Organization	Services	Target Population/Investment
<p>Operated by First 5 Mono \$595,854</p> <p>\$350,000 California Department of Public Health Home Visiting, \$45,000 Mono County General Fund, remainder from Prop 10, and Small Population Funding Augmentations</p>	<p>Welcome Baby! & Healthy Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home visits for all Mono County pregnant women, babies, and their families • Breastfeeding assistance • Developmental assessments • Postpartum depression education and referrals • Parenting education • Connections to essential community and family services • Childbirth Education Courses in partnership with Mammoth Hospital 	<p>Pregnant women and families with children ages prenatal through preschool, TK, or Kindergarten entry</p>
<p>Operated by First 5 Mono \$46,841 (\$40,000 from MCBH, remainder from Prop 10)</p>	<p>Peapod Program – Parent/child playgroups provide parents an opportunity to enhance their child’s social and emotional development through play. Postpartum depression education and awareness, with links to mental health services, including funding support for those with no other source of payment. Groups held in Lee Vining, Crowley, Walker, Bridgeport, Tri-Valley area, and Mammoth as staffing allows (groups in English and Spanish).</p>	<p>Children 0-5 and their families</p>



School Readiness

Organization	Services	Target Population/Investment
Mono County Library System (\$38,000)	Raising A Reader <i>Early literacy program designed to foster healthy brain development, parent-child bonding and early literacy skills critical for school success by engaging parents in a routine of daily book cuddling with their children from birth to age five.</i>	Children 0-5 and their families.
Elementary Schools & First 5 Mono	Kindergarten Round Up & Kindergarten Readiness Assessments <i>Kindergarten registration/information, K-readiness backpacks to every family, family outreach, linking teachers and administration with students and their families. Designed to provide a smooth transition to school. Kindergarten Readiness Assessments are conducted with all incoming Kindergarteners using the Kindergarten Observation Form</i>	Children who will enter Kindergarten or Transitional Kindergarten in the fall
Operated by First 5 Mono (\$4,000)	First Book <i>Free age-appropriate children's books to ages 0-5 in the community. Imbedded in the Home Visiting educational supplies budget.</i>	Children 0-5 and their families.



Child Care Quality

<p>Operated by First 5 Mono \$445,440 (\$51,574 from First 5 CA for local IMPACT which includes Mono and Alpine Counties, \$32,367 for the California State Preschool Program Block Grant, and \$26,405 QCC Block Grant)</p>	<p>Child Care Quality System-IMPACT, QCC Block Grant, and CSPP QRIS Block Grant <i>Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive (IMPACT) has the goal of helping children ages 0 to 5 and their families thrive by increasing the number of high-quality early learning settings, including supporting and engaging families in the early learning process. Supporting more settings to achieve high-quality standards helps ensure more of California's children enter school with the skills, knowledge, and dispositions necessary to be successful. This provides families the information and support they need to promote and optimize their children's development and learning, both inside and outside the home.</i></p>	<p>Licensed and license-exempt Early Care and Education Providers</p>
<p>Coordination by First 5 Mono \$153,757</p> <p>Operated by Mono, Inyo, and Alpine Counties' First 5s and Offices of Education and Choices for Children</p> <p>Pass through to Inyo County First 5 \$62,941</p>	<p>Regional IMPACT T&TA Hub <i>Support quality work with childcare and education providers and reduce redundancies across the region. Contract with First 5 Inyo to fund local IMPACT in Inyo County.</i></p>	<p>Licensed and license exempt Early Care and Education Providers & Children 0-5 and their families.</p>

SAFE KIDS CALIFORNIA Child Safety

<p>Coordinated by Mono County Office of Education (\$15,000)</p>	<p>Safe Kids California, Mono Partners <i>Group of agencies and organizations dedicated to child safety. Funding also provides free bike helmets, car seats, and other safety supplies.</i></p>	<p>Children 0-5 and their families.</p>
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Systems Building

<p>Coordinated by First 5 Mono \$469,438 from F5CA \$87,646 to Inyo First 5 \$59,354 to Alpine First 5</p>	<p>Home Visiting Coordination <i>Local: Attend partner agencies' staff meetings to promote Home Visiting referrals, conduct quarterly luncheons to promote "warm handoffs" when referring families to other agencies.</i> <i>Regional: Collaborate with Alpine and Inyo to mutually support increased home visiting coordination within each county and in the region. Support equity by publishing a book in all regional Tribal languages. Seek to develop a regional Developmental Screening System. Contract with Alpine and Inyo to allocate funds for Local Home Visiting Coordination.</i></p>	<p>Partner agencies in Mono, and First 5 Alpine and Inyo</p>
<p>First 5 Mono \$5,399</p>	<p>Systems Building <i>Executive Director time to participate in systems building activities including: the Child Abuse Prevention Council, Child Care Planning Council, MCOE Cabinet</i></p>	<p>Early childhood system in Mono County and the State</p>

About First 5 Mono

Research shows that a child's brain develops most dramatically in the first years of life and what parents and caregivers do during these years to support their child's growth will have a meaningful impact throughout life. Based on this research, California voters passed Proposition 10 in 1998, adding a 50 cents-per-pack tax on cigarettes to support programs for expectant parents and children ages 0 to 5.

Proposition 10 was designed to address the lack of public funding and support for early childhood development in the wake of a growing body of scientific evidence indicating that children's emotional, physical, social, and developmental environments have a profound impact on their ability to reach their greatest potential in school and to become productive members of society.

In 1999, the Mono County Board of Supervisors established the Mono County Children and Families Commission, also known as First 5 Mono County. The County receives \$350,000 each year in tax revenues and administrative augmentations. First 5 Mono County works with local organizations and individuals to improve family functioning, child development, and child health. For more information about the First 5 Mono County Commission, contact Molly DesBaillets at 760-924-7626.

The First 5 Mono County Commission is comprised of seven voting members:

Bob Gardner, Chair, Mono County Board of Supervisors (Chair)

Tammy Nguyen, Superintendent of Schools

Michelle Raust, Program Manager Child and Adult Services, Mono County Department of Social Services

Patricia Robertson, Executive Director, Mammoth Lakes Housing

Lauren Plum, Wellness Programming & Community Outreach Supervisor

Janice Mendez, Project Lead Community Health in Diabetes Prevention, Bridgeport Indian Colony (Vice Chair)

Dr. Tom Boo, County Health Officer

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