



CVUSD Neighborhood for Learning/First 5

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What is First 5?

- First 5 Ventura County (F5VC) has Neighborhoods for Learning (NfLs) in 11 locations throughout the county.
- Those NfLs provide health and family support services, Parent and Child Together (PACT) classes, Positive Parenting Program (Triple P), developmental screenings and in some cases preschool services.
- Since 2002, CVUSD has been honored to be one of the 11 NfLs in the county, serving our families and children 0-5.

First 5 Funding

- First 5 has always been funded by California Children and Families Act - tobacco tax revenues, as well as an additional sustainability fund.
- With a significant decline in the tobacco tax and the sustainability fund being depleted at the end of this fiscal year, local First 5 funds will drop:



F5VC Redesigned Place-Based Initiative

- With reduced funding beginning in 2019, F5VC decided to allocate their monies in new and innovative ways to maximize services to families in the county.
- The 11 NfLs in the county (including CVUSD) no longer have the option to provide First 5 services starting July 1, 2019.
- F5VC has selected Interface Children and Family Services to implement the redesigned place-based Neighborhoods for Learning.

F5VC Redesigned Place-Based Initiative

- Interface will serve the entire county, leveraging their existing countywide reach.
- The focus of services beginning July 1 will be Parent and Child Together classes and family support services provided in neighborhoods where the most vulnerable families and young children reside.
 - Interface is anticipating establishing 5-6 Family Resource Centers throughout the county where families can access services.
 - In addition, Interface will operate a Mobile Resource Center, which can be deployed to any area needing assistance.
- PACT classes will be available to everyone and payment determined with a sliding scale.

Communication

- F5VC has an “Updates” section on their website with all the information on changes happening to First 5.
<http://www.first5ventura.org/updates/>
- F5VC is continually communicating with staff; updates, FAQs, links to website
- F5VC is providing a parent handout with information about changes
- F5VC and Interface are holding parent forums in the spring to discuss new services

Next Steps

- CVUSD Neighborhood for Learning currently consists of First 5 Preschool and Parent and Child Together (PACT) classes, State Preschool and Parent Pay Preschool at 4 different locations throughout the district.
- The First 5 contract (\$664,255) will end on June 30, 2019.
- We are currently working with the Fiscal Services and Human Resources departments to determine what services we will be able to offer next year, as well as what staffing will look like with the reduction in funding to our program.
- Interface has committed to hiring staff from existing NfLs in the county to fill their new positions.

Impacts

What are the numbers of students/families served by First 5 funding in the Conejo Valley?

- 40 preschool students/year
- 136 PACT students/year
- 210 families receive case management (includes state preschool families). Of these, 178 referrals were made for various needs such as: medical, dental, behavioral health, housing, legal service, basic needs (food, clothing, rental assistance)
- 11 referrals for Triple P levels 3 and 4

Solutions

- PACT: Current families served by First 5 will continue to be served by First 5/Interface. Services will be more limited than they currently are because of reduced funding (\$11 million to \$6.5 million).
 - Parenting Program through Conejo Valley Adult School might also be an option
- Preschool: Some families currently served by First 5 *may* qualify for State Preschool. Overall, the number of preschool spots offered in the county are being cut, as the focus is on 0-3.
- Referrals: We will continue to make referrals for families as part of our State Preschool. This includes: medical, dental, behavioral health, housing, legal service, basic needs (food, clothing, rental assistance)