



To: Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County

From: Petra Puls, Executive Director

Date: June 17, 2021

**Re: Recommendation to Apply for Family Support through Primary Prevention (FSPP) Demonstration Site Grant**

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### **Background**

The Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) has recently released a primary prevention funding opportunity titled: *Family Support through Primary Prevention (FSPP) Demonstration Sites*. Six Family Support Primary Prevention (FSPP) sites will be funded for a five-year intensive project to demonstrate a process for integrating public health, primary prevention and cross-sector approaches that engage communities in developing child and family well-being systems. The FSPP sites will develop approaches to work directly with families, communities, and a broad array of stakeholders across the public, private, faith-based, and philanthropic sectors to design and implement highly coordinated and comprehensive family support systems that will mitigate the causes of family vulnerability by enhancing community protective factors and parental protective capacities in racially and culturally appropriate ways.

Proposals require Child Welfare Services to serve as the lead or to join a lead applicant via MOU. Following review and discussion, the Human Services Agency, Children and Family Services will support one application from Ventura County and nominated First 5 Ventura County to serve as the lead. This funding opportunity is a great fit for our county to build on existing collaborative efforts through the Essentials 4 Childhood (E4C) Coalition, which is highly committed to developing a child and family wellbeing system. The proposal will outline universal primary prevention activities by expanding existing parent supports through the Neighborhoods for Learning and Help Me Grow, and a robust evaluation component.

Projects will be funded at up to \$750,000 per year for 5 years. Applications are due July 2, 2021. Additional detail may be found here: [Family Support through Primary Prevention \(FSPP\) Demonstration Sites](#).

### **Recommendation**

The recommended action is to develop and submit an application for a Family Support through Primary Prevention (FSPP) Demonstration Site Grant to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.