



Early Childhood /Family Support Specialist – Home Visitor
Bilingual Required
\$20.29 - \$29.71 per hour*
Full Time, Non-Exempt
Oxnard, CA

Background

First 5 Ventura County envisions a future where all Ventura County children are born healthy, thrive in nurturing environments, and enter school prepared and eager to learn. Catalysts for systemic change, we partner with parents, school districts, community leaders, and social and healthcare agencies to develop a service system that meets community needs. Our mission is to strengthen families, communities, and systems of care for children prenatal to 5 years through investments, expertise, and leadership, so all children reach their full potential.

First 5 Ventura County (F5VC) is part of a statewide voter initiative established under the California Children and Families Act of 1998 (Proposition 10), funded through an increased tax on tobacco products.

First 5 Neighborhoods for Learning

Recognized nationally for excellence, the Neighborhoods for Learning (NfLs) are resource hubs supporting children prenatal through age five and their families. NfLs offer Parent and Child Together (PACT) classes and resources for families with young children. Families can access developmental screenings, referrals, parent education, and more in familiar settings. NfLs are also piloting a Welcome EVERY Baby (WEB) home visiting program.

Position Description

The Early Childhood/Family Support Specialist Home Visitor, under the direction of the NfL Administrator, provides universal primary prevention activities, particularly in the Kamala/McKinna neighborhood in Oxnard, including conducting Welcome Every Baby home visits, facilitating screenings, and offering family support services to support young children. The Early Childhood/Family Support Specialist Home Visitor is highly trained within the specialized ECE field of physical, social, emotional, cognitive development and early learning.

This grant funded position has been approved for a limited term expected to end in March 2025. Upon conclusion of the grant term, position is subject to annual re-appropriation by the Commission. At-will employment.

Typical Duties and Responsibilities

Duties may include but are not limited to the following:

Welcome EVERY Baby and Family Support Services

- Implements Welcome Every Baby (WEB) to connect with expectant or new mothers to engage, offer screenings, resources, or referrals for additional information or higher level, more intensive services

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- Improves parent knowledge and parent-child relationships, increase community and resource connections
- Promotes the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework by incorporating the Five Protective Factors in all home visits and family support services
- Implements standard screening tools (e.g. ASQ and basic needs) and follows established processes for providing next steps/referrals for identified needs
- Links individuals and families to outside services and resources (e.g., state agencies, medical professionals, counselors, etc.) to support parent/caregiver or family needs with a focus on primary prevention and Social Determinants of Health
- Implements WEB or PACT program using an evidence based parenting education curriculum (e.g.. PAT)
- Maintains a variety of confidential and non-confidential records (e.g. activity logs, phone logs, community resources, etc.)
- Organizes activities (e.g. parent meetings, events) that support parents and celebrate the diversity of the community

Community Partnership and Collaboration

- Strategically engages families and organizations to identify service gaps, and delivers services that reach underserved communities in a culturally relevant way
- Responds to inquiries from a variety of internal and external sources (e.g. parents, students, teachers, staff, outside agencies, etc.)
- Supports program evaluation and routinely collects data
- Supports dissemination of pertinent program information to parents and key community partners/stakeholders

Organizational Capacity

- Participates in professional development activities to keep abreast of best practices and trends for children prenatal to age 5 and their families
- Contributes to a culture of learning and continuous quality improvement
- Provides programmatic feedback for future program planning
- Manages special projects and performs other duties as required
- Regularly drives and/or travels throughout Ventura County to perform the above job duties; driving is an essential function of this position

QUALIFICATIONS

Education

Minimum 12 ECE units required, associate's degree or equivalent in early childhood education, social services, administration, communications, public health, or related field preferred.

Bilingual Spanish/English required.

Experience

2 or more years of experience with home visiting, family support, parenting education, or other relevant early childhood program implementation, preferably with a focus on infants, toddlers, and their families.

Successful background and criminal clearance required, including but not limited to, California Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Proof of a valid California driver's license and reliable transportation, automobile insurance and maintain an acceptable driving record as required by our insurer.

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Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Knowledge of or ability to learn about the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework, developmental screenings and the California Infant/Toddler Learning and Development Foundations
- Ability to interact in a culturally appropriate way, and build relationships with a variety of constituencies, e.g. parents, community partners, and staff
- Knowledge of or ability to learn about primary prevention, parent/child dyads, programs, services, policies and issues that impact young children, e.g. early childhood education, health and development; family support and well-being; and community engagement, including research-based, best, and emerging practices
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Mission-driven and self-directed, with a demonstrated passion for First 5 Ventura County's work to strengthen families and improve child outcomes
- Strategic thinker who considers internal and external stakeholder needs and considers impact when making decisions
- Ability to handle multiple priorities; navigates and is adaptive to ambiguous, fast-paced environments; handles uncertain situations professionally and reasonably; and maintains flexibility to respond to changing circumstances or priorities
- Strong decision making skills with use of good judgment in recognizing scope of authority.
- Ability to work well as a team member and independently while collaborating with others to achieve desired goals/results.
- Awareness of confidentiality laws. Handle confidential information with discretion and sensitivity to and respect for the privacy rights of clients, client families, and providers in all communications.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook) desirable. Ability to learn to use online databases (e.g. Apricot 360)

Work Environment

- Position requires driving personal vehicle to different locations and working in clients' homes and other non-traditional settings
- Some travel, primarily within the County and State to attend various meetings and seminars.
- Requires working some evenings and weekends.
- Work is sometimes physical, requiring setting up for meetings, lifting or carrying cumbersome materials of up to 25 pounds, e.g., easels, flip charts, refreshments, brochures, etc.
- Possession of a valid California Driver's License and appropriate insurance.

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