First 5 California Home Visitation Grant

August 21, 2025

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Home Visiting Summit
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F5CA Regional Technical Assistance for Home Visiting Coordination and Integration

The F5CA State Commission approved up to $24 million in funding to help counties create a sustainable, unified system that supports families with the home visiting services

- Increased cross-agency understanding of local population needs and readiness to collaborate.
- Efficient, coordinated, and sustainable local home visiting that serves more families more effectively
- Interconnected local early childhood systems with home visiting embedded as a vital component leading to strong family outcomes

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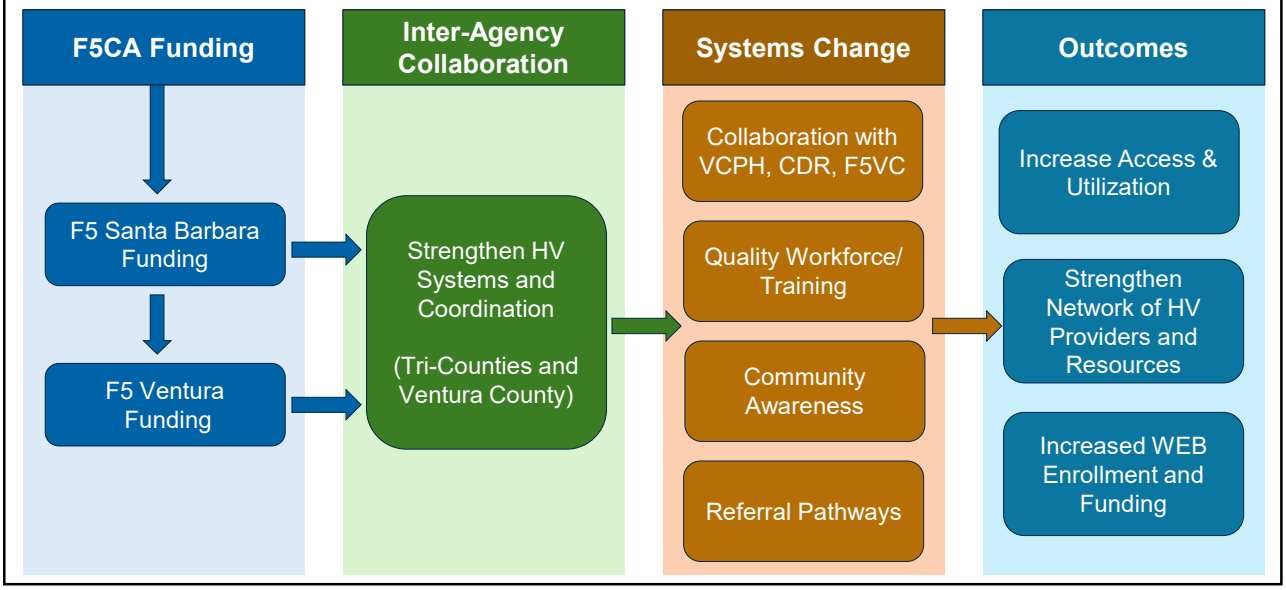

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Region 7
Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo & Ventura County

FY 2024-25 - Ventura County awarded $160,000

1) Home Visiting Coordination and Integration RFP: Holly Goldberg

a) Coordination with Region 7 Lead F5 Santa Barbara

b) Survey of local assets and needs

c) Recommendation for building local capacity & efficiencies

2) First 5 Association MediCal Learning Community (MCLC)

3) Home Visitation Summit

4) Dowitcher Designs

a) Eligibility Tools & Website

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Child Development Resources

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Agenda & Workshops

Keynote Session

Perinatal Mental Health Through a Family System Lens by Dr. Victoria Gonzalez

Brain Builders: Supporting Healthy Brain Development Through Responsive Caregiver-Child Interaction

Presented by: Sharon Elmensdorp, Ph.D., BCBA-D

Toxic Stress, Trauma and Generational Trauma, and Trauma-Informed Care: The Parallel Process

Presented by: Judith Drouin, M.S., LMFT

Home Visitation with Care and Compassion

Presented by: Kathleen Van Antwerp, Ed.D., Senta Greene, M.A., CCLS, Jackie Flores-Ortega, and Valerie Salazar

Panel Session

VCPH, CDR, and F5VC Reflect on the Home Visiting Landscape

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Summit Evaluation

- 94% agreed that the information presented was **very relevant** to their role.
- Attendees reported a **significant increase in knowledge** related to generational trauma, early childhood development, and parent empowerment.

"Would like more breakout sessions and a longer event!"

Local consultants leading a breakout session on "Home Visitation with Care and Compassion"

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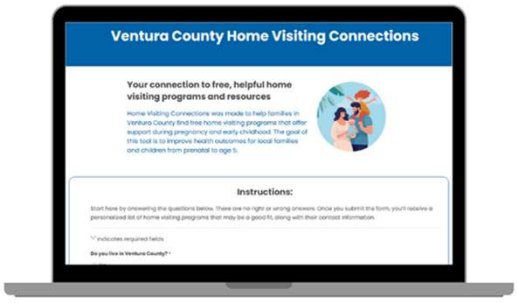
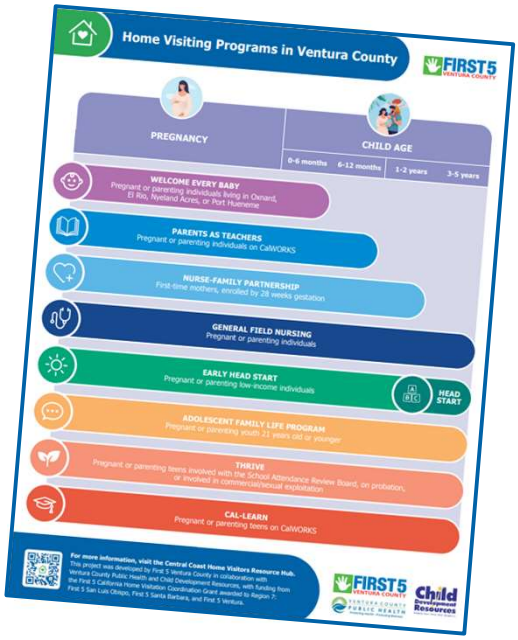
Home Visiting Eligibility Resources





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Home Visiting Program Navigation

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- Welcome EVERY Baby

Child Development Resources
Helping Stars Shine Their Brightest!

- Early Head Start
- Head Start

VENTURA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
Protecting Health - Promoting Wellness

- Parents as Teachers
- Nurse Family Partnership
- General Field Nursing
- Adolescent Family Life Program
- General Field Nursing
- Cal-Learn

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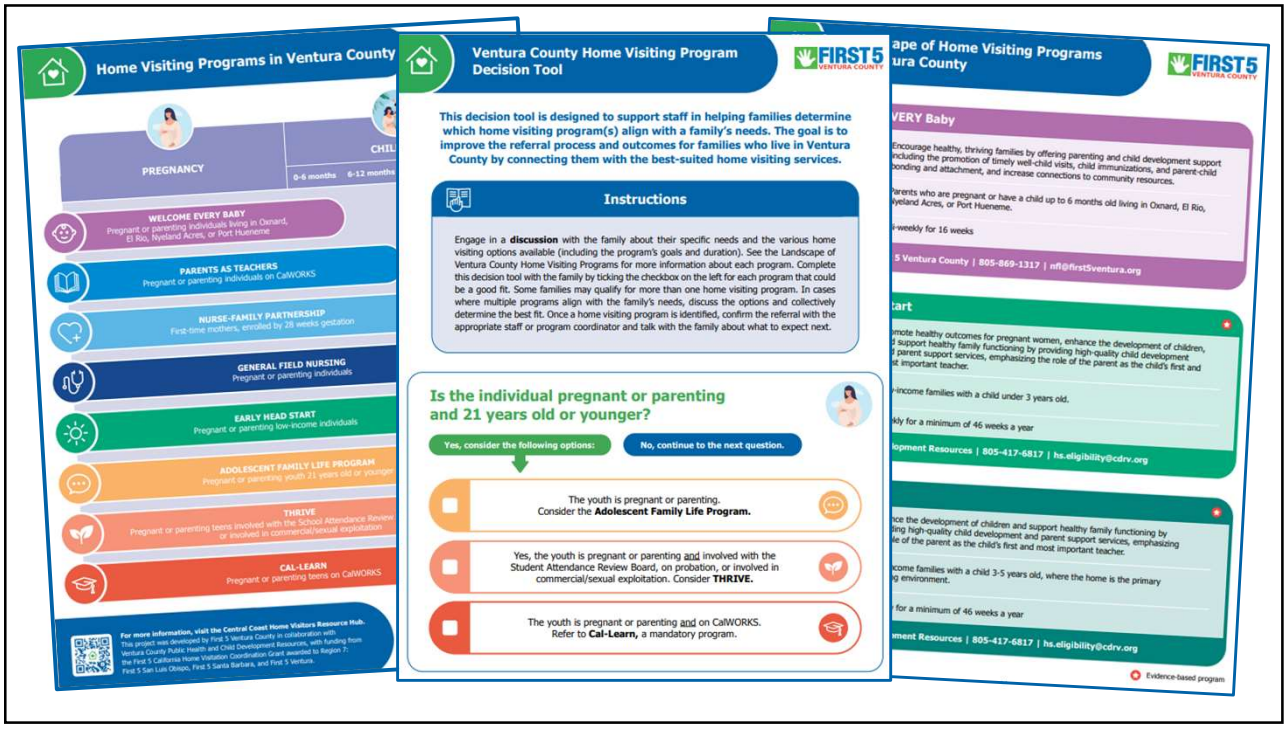

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Ventura County Home Visiting Connections

An **online** resource tool that connects individuals who are pregnant and families with children newborn to age 5, to free, helpful home visiting programs.

English

Spanish

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Goal	Encourage healthy, thriving families by offering parenting and child development support including the promotion of timely well-child visits, child immunizations, and parent-child bonding and attachment, and increase connections to community resources.
Target Population	Parents who are pregnant or have a child up to 6 months old living in Oxnard, El Rio, Nyeland Acres, or Port Hueneme.
Duration	Every other week for 16 weeks.

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