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Ovitt Appoints
Leslie Egge to First 5 San Bernardino Commission

Ontario program director joins the Children and Families Commission

San Bernardino, CA - First 5 San Bernardino announced at its May 2 commission meeting that the County Board of Supervisors appointed Fourth District Supervisor Gary Ovitt's nominee to the First 5 San Bernardino Children and Families Commission. Leslie Egge will join this outcomes-based commission that supports a wide-range of critical services for children prenatal through age five and their families across San Bernardino County.

"Leslie Egge is a local champion for the special needs community and will make a positive contribution to First 5 San Bernardino on behalf of children and families," said Supervisor Ovitt.

Mrs. Egge has made a career out of working with people with developmental disabilities, and strives to make people aware of the special needs present in the disabled population. She currently directs a program for Foster and Senior Grandparents for the State of California at Lanterman Developmental Center in Pomona, California. Previously, Mrs. Egge worked as a Psychiatric Technician with Lanterman, and also has worked in Acute Care, Skilled Nursing and in the Intermediate Care Facilities.

"The staff at First 5 San Bernardino are excited to work with Leslie Egge on the Commission. We hope to be able to tap into her expertise with special needs children to make a positive difference in their lives," said Richard Jarvis, Executive Director of First 5 San Bernardino.

Originally from Chicago, Illinois, Leslie Egge moved to Southern California as a young girl and graduated from Alta Loma High School. She received an Associates degree from Mt. San Antonio College in 1973.

Currently an Ontario resident, Mrs. Egge is involved with several community organizations, such as the YMCA in Ontario, a women's church ministry and Bible Study Fellowship and is a member of the Southern California Foster Grandparent Directors Organization.

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Research shows that a child's brain develops most dramatically in the first five years and what parents and caregivers do during these years to support their child's growth will have a meaningful impact throughout life. First 5 San Bernardino, in partnership with 78 contracted service agencies, provides a variety of programs and services designed to promote, support and enhance the early development of children prenatal through age five in San Bernardino County.

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