



Evaluation Activities Completed, Findings, and Policy Impact

First 5 San Bernardino was involved in several evaluation activities in FY2021-2022 resulting in publication and County and region-wide impacts.

- A study using data gathered from the Family Support Partnership (FCSP) initiative demonstrated that the combination of structured case management utilizing the Family Development Matrix model and parent education utilizing Nurturing Parenting Program improves and benefits families by increasing relationship skills, knowledge, and behavioral change. The study was published in the Journal of Public Child Welfare on June 15, 2022, *Strengths-Based Case Management*¹.
- The Institute for Child Development and Family Relations at the California State University of San Bernardino, a division of the University Enterprises Corporation, served as the operational lead for the Racial Equity Research Project in Early Childhood Education in San Bernardino County. The preliminary research finding indicates that early childhood educators in San Bernardino County that identify as a person of color have experienced some form of racial discrimination in the workplace. Many providers participating in the research project have expressed the need for more diverse books and instructional materials in their classrooms.
- Help Me Grow (HMG) Inland Empire is now qualified under the National HMG as a fully implemented HMG model and able to collect Return on Investment and calculate savings.
- First 5 San Bernardino evaluates the workforce, including data of providers that received training and professional development system-wide, including Inland Empire Breastfeeding Collation, Maternal Health Network, Children Assessment Center, Reach out and Read, and Child Care Resource Center. A total of 4,720 providers served families and children of 0-5 in San Bernardino County this fiscal year.

County Highlights

- The First 5 San Bernardino Community Engagement team participated in 39 events throughout the County of San Bernardino, an increase brought about by more relaxed pandemic restrictions. The regular community events were set up with children 0-5 friendly play zone, providing school supplies and safety kits, Potter the Otter books, promoting healthy development, quality early learning, and other resources to over 16,000 families who attended the events.
- The Family Community Support Partnership-Expansion (FCSP-E), six agencies under the intensive family support initiative to reduce child abuse rates in San Bernardino County implementing Nurturing Family Parenting curriculum in conjunction with structural case management of Family Development Matrix (FDM), have formed a collaborative, Family and Community of Inland Empire (FCIE). Over the past three years, the FCIE's goal of sustainability and scale worked collectively, applied to other funding sources, and received over 1.3 million dollars to enhance FCSP-E work of reducing child abuse in San Bernardino County.

¹ <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15548732.2022.2085841>