

FY 2018/19 Annual Report Summary

# Ensuring All Orange County Children Reach Their Full Potential



# Our Goals and Selected Headline Objectives

Outcomes we want to achieve and the domains we will measure to hold ourselves accountable.

## Resilient Families

Cultivate parenting skills, promote economic stability, and enhance access to services

Maternal Mental Health

Family Support Services

Family Homelessness

## Quality Early Learning

Ensure children have access to quality early learning experiences and environments

Kindergarten Readiness

Early Care and Education Quality

Early Care and Education Access

## Comprehensive Health and Development

Promote the overall physical, social, emotional, and intellectual health of young children

Early Identification

Overweight and Obesity

Dental Care

# Our Strategic Directions

Strategies that guide how we will work toward achieving our goals and headline objectives.

<b>Committed Leadership</b>	Build community leadership knowledge and action related to early childhood by developing an internal and external leadership voice.
<b>Engaged Neighborhoods</b>	Use Early Development Index (EDI) results to increase awareness and engage neighborhoods in improving outcomes for their young children.
<b>Connected Systems</b>	Facilitate connected, high-functioning early childhood systems.
<b>Aligned Investments</b>	Invest First 5 Orange County resources for greatest impact using data-informed, mission driven decision making.
<b>Sustained Funding</b>	Work to increase access to new or repurposed sources of funding to sustain or grow early childhood services.

# Vision: All Children Reach Their Full Potential

In April 2019, we unveiled our new five-year Strategic Plan, carefully crafted to embrace our role as a *catalyst*, *capacity builder* and *strategic investor* that is partnering to create positive, scalable, and sustainable change for early childhood systems.

A well-functioning early childhood system is one that reaches families with the help they need. First 5 Orange County is focused on shifting the conditions holding problems in place – in other words, “systems change.” We are working to improve coordination of services and programs to reduce barriers for children and families to access those services, and to increase parent engagement and equity.

For 20 years, we have invested in programs to improve the lives of Orange County’s youngest children. Hundreds of thousands of young children have benefited from transformational quality health screenings, dental care, home visiting, early math and literacy, and many more programs and services that have contributed to their physical and developmental health.

As we look ahead to the next two decades, our work will prioritize initiatives and projects designed to improve the systems that serve young children. We will continue to strengthen existing partnerships in the early childhood systems while forging new ones with organizations that have not traditionally viewed early childhood as a part of their core mission.

**Working together, we can build, improve, and sustain early childhood systems that optimize outcomes for all Orange County young children and their families.**

In Fiscal Year 2018/19, First 5 Orange County directed more than **\$25 million** to provide more than **2.8 million** services to more than **153,700** Orange County children ages 0-5 and their family members.



## Resilient Families

Children and their family members received **144,997** emergency or transitional shelter bed nights

**44,865** home and office visits were conducted to improve parent knowledge of healthy child development

**18,784** parents received the Kit for New Parents

**580** parents received weekly case management services as they transitioned to stable housing



## Quality Early Learning

**105,273** new and used books were distributed to children

**53,268** children participated in early literacy programs

**18,390** parents received tools, resources, information and/or training needed to transition their child to kindergarten

**14,021** parents participated in programs designed to increase the frequency of reading at home

**5,123** children and parents participated in a drop-in, family-focused early learning program



## Comprehensive Health and Development

**16,195** children were screened for up-to-date immunizations

**14,421** mothers received breastfeeding education, intervention and support

**13,607** children received developmental or behavioral screenings

**11,382** children received preventative dental treatment

**10,796** children received a screening for healthy weight



# Finding his VOICE

## Phillip's Story

When Phillip Ogedo still wasn't speaking on the cusp of his third birthday, his mother knew it was time to ask for help. A developmental screening from Family Support Network helped guide his mother to the support and speech therapy Phillip needed to find his voice.

Today, Phillip loves to talk. He proudly announces his full name to anyone who asks – and for his mother and other loved ones, there's a joy in hearing him share those simple sentences.

First 5 Orange County has been a longtime supporter of developmental screenings for children. This year, we launched a developmental screening initiative, bringing together leaders from health care, education and family support services. Our goal is to increase the number of children receiving developmental screenings and being connected to necessary resources and interventions as early as possible. For Phillip and his family, a developmental screening provided the critical information, guidance and link to speech therapy resources needed to help him express himself. Together with our partners, we will reduce barriers to screenings and reach many more children just like Phillip.

# A Critical Early Learning Link



## Lexi's Story

Shortly after turning 1, Lexi Lee was enrolled in Learning Link at Lincoln Elementary School in Santa Ana. Her mother, Venus, intuitively understood the important benefits of helping her little girl acquire solid early-learning skills and habits.

Learning Link early learning centers offer an interactive place for parents and caregivers to bond with their children, and to support their growth across a range of disciplines, including early education, language development, and health and wellness.

Now 2, Lexi has benefited tremendously from Learning Link's creative and holistic curriculum – and so has her mother.

With an estimated shortage of nearly 70,000 childcare spaces for children birth to age 5, Orange County suffers from a lack of high quality, affordable childcare. In 2002, First 5 Orange County began investing in Learning Links to offer an alternative way for providers to create quality educational experiences for young children. From the first Learning Link established more than 15 years ago, the program has grown to be offered at numerous schools in multiple school districts and cities, from Lexi's site in Santa Ana to San Juan Capistrano, Huntington Beach to Brea, and throughout the county.



# A Nurturing Environment for All Children

## Elisea's Story

Elisea has loved caring for children at her in-home early care and education program over the past 13 years, and continues to find new ways to help them thrive.

She became involved with the Early Childhood Mental Health and Wellness Program as a way to help some of her kids overcome behavioral challenges. Working alongside a mental health coach, she now has new strategies in place to support positive social and emotional development of each of her students.

In 2016, First 5 Orange County provided the seed funding that launched the Early Childhood Mental Health Collaborative, and we remain an active member. One of the Collaborative's first projects established an Early Childhood Mental Health and Wellness program that brings much needed mental health coaching, resources and support to early care and education teachers throughout Orange County. The program's mission is focused on creating sustainable practices for early care and education providers and families to confidently deliver a nurturing environment focused on social and emotional well-being and behavioral health of all children.

# Program Funding Expenditures – Fiscal Year 2018/19



In Fiscal Year 2018/19, children ages 0-5 received 2.8 million services.

	PROGRAM EXPENDITURES	CATALYTIC EXPENDITURES
<b>Comprehensive Health and Development</b>		
Bridges Maternal Child Health Network	\$ 3,720,484	\$ -
Community Health Access and Education	533,926	1,021,432
Childrens' Dental	2,430,964	2,237,232
Pediatric Health Services	1,953,965	209,306
School Readiness Nursing	2,990,543	-
Healthy Children Program Support	307,713	-
	<b>\$11,937,595</b>	<b>\$ 3,467,970</b>
<b>Resilient Families</b>		
Family Support Services	\$ 1,600,845	\$ 93,040
Homeless Prevention	791,521	204,880
Strong Families Program Support	35,024	-
	<b>\$ 2,427,390</b>	<b>\$ 297,920</b>
<b>Quality Early Learning</b>		
Early Literacy Programs	\$ -	\$ 750,000
First 5 CA Early Learning Programs	2,030,936	-
Community Based Early Learning Programs	1,242,890	-
Early Learning Program Support	324,547	-
Early Learning Specialists	\$2,383,405	\$ -
	<b>\$ 5,981,778</b>	<b>\$ 750,000</b>
<b>Capacity Building</b>		
Grants and Matching Funds	\$ 241,922	\$ 5,515
Fund Development and Technical Support	116,746	-
Capacity Building Program Support	34,037	-
	<b>\$ 392,705</b>	<b>\$ 5,515</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,739,468</b>	<b>\$ 4,521,405</b>

Note: Catalytic expenditures are one-time funding actions designed to reduce ongoing demand on First 5 Orange County's budget, while making system-wide impacts on services for young children.