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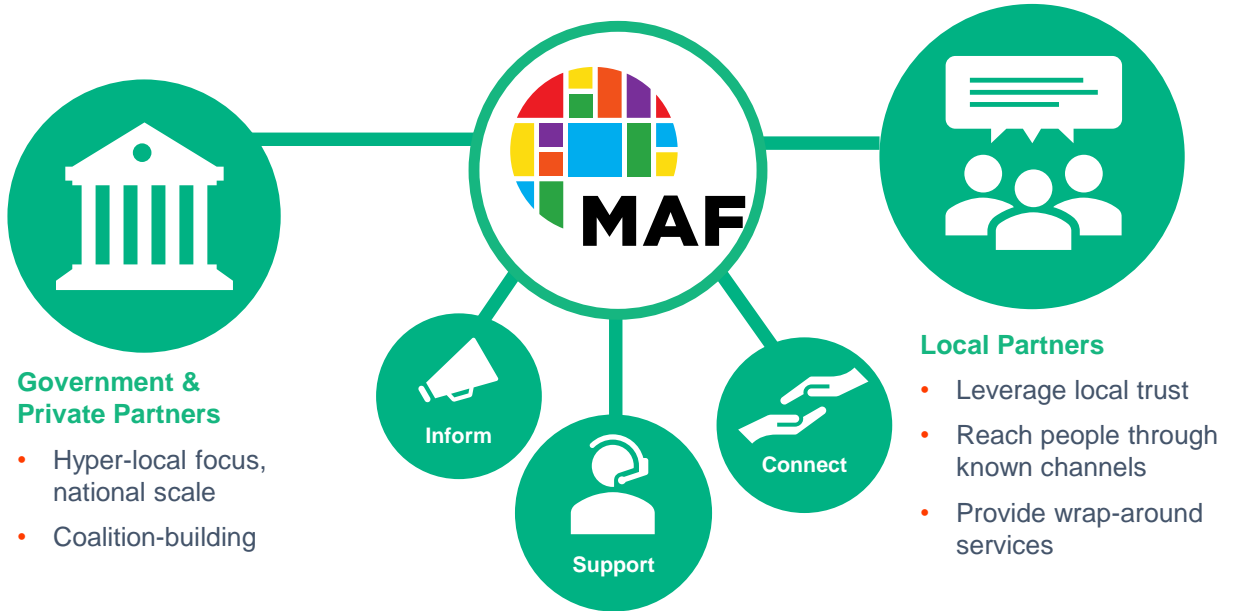


## Today's Overview

- Partnership Approach
- SMC Immigrant Relief Fund Update
- Grant Recipients
- Personal Impact
- Q&A



# Partnership Approach



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# Key Funders



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# Outreach Partners

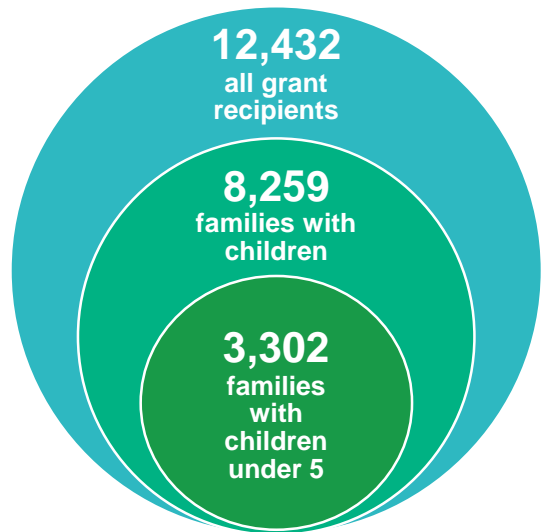
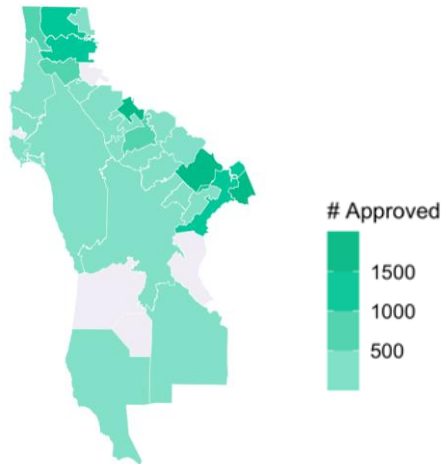


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# SMC Immigrant Relief Fund Update

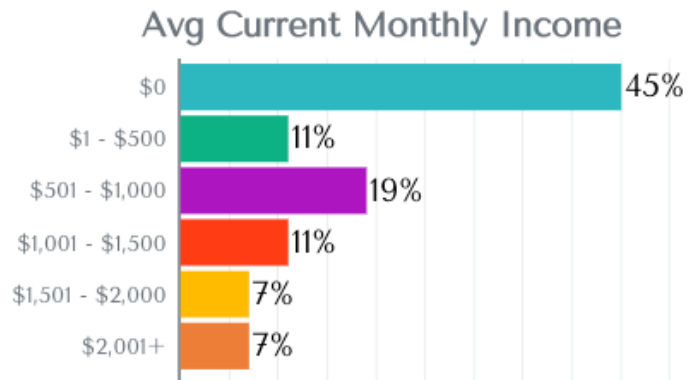
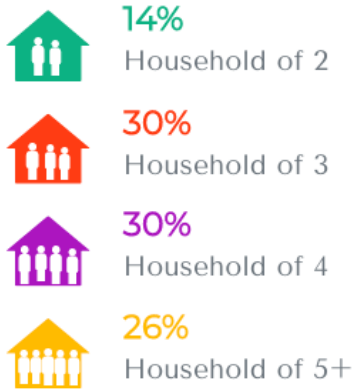


Applications Approved:  
12,432



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# Grant recipients with children under 5



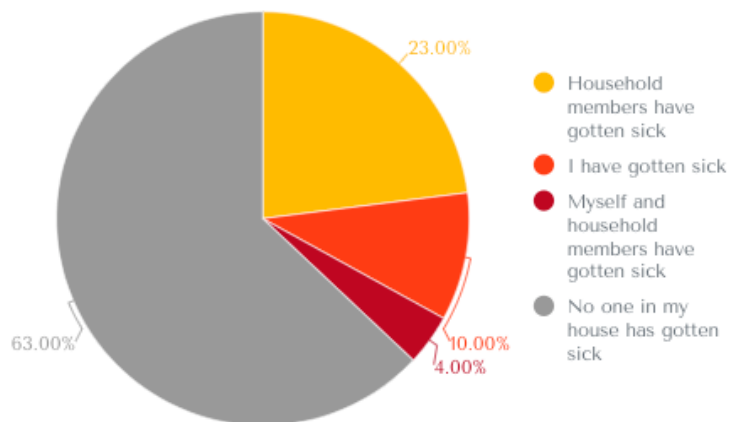
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# The ripple effects of COVID



**87% families with COVID diagnoses had trouble taking care of their children.**

**As a result of getting sick, 64% of people lost their jobs or income streams.**



Data Sources:  
MAF grant recipient application responses

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# The personal impact of COVID-19



“When the coronavirus started, the restaurant where I worked closed leaving me with no job and no income. **I have 3 kids that need me. Without a job I can’t afford the basic needs of me and my children.** Even though the services are not being disconnected, the amount keeps adding up and I don’t know how I will be able to catch up on the payment later on. It has been a really stressful situation.”

- Claudia, Grant Recipient

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## Q&A

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# F5CA-F5SMC HOME VISITING SYSTEMS INITIATIVE

OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

April 26, 2021 F5SMC Commission Meeting

## AGENDA

- Background
- Partners
- Timeline
- Action Plan
- Next Steps





## HOME VISITING IS PART OF A SYSTEM OF NETWORK OF SERVICES

**“In partnership with the family, the delivery of the right services in the right setting at the right time.”**

- Home Visiting Applied Research Collaborative (HARC)

**Purpose:** Help counties create a sustainable, unified system that supports families with the home visiting services they need and maximize available funding to serve more families.



## BUDGET AND TERMS

- Two year term and budget
- July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022
- \$200,000 - F5CA Award
- Requires 1:1 Match
- F5SMC Grants and in-kind match contributions
- Systems coordination supports-Not for direct services



- Mini grants/stipends to partners
- Parent incentives
- Consultation services; Data technology, Environmental Scan, Facilitation
- Agency systems coordination supports
- Data collection activities



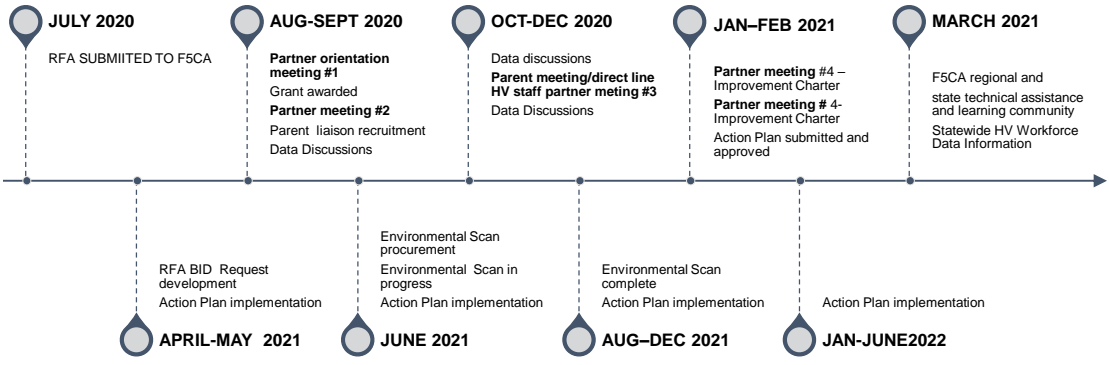




Child Care Keeps Parents Earning and Children Learning!



# TIMELINE





## ACTION PLAN

### Action Plan Development

#### The Improvement Charter

##### We will better define:

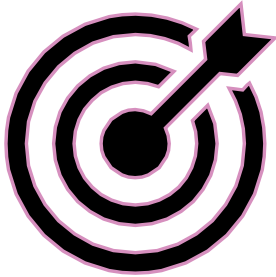
- Client/parent unmet needs; Root causes; Solutions
- Prioritization of Efforts and Metrics on Moving the Needle
- Who, What, How and by When

#### Barriers and Solutions

- Communication
- Workforce
- Technology
- Family Engagement
- Program Eligibility



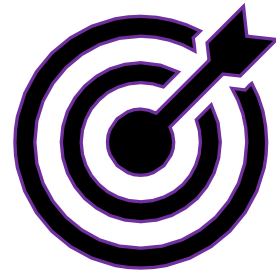
## ACTION PLAN GOALS 1-5



- **Goal 1:** Build or strengthen the **county-wide vision** for how a coordinated local early childhood development and family support system, including home visiting, can address the needs of families impacted by COVID-19
- **Goal 2:** Determine scope and effectiveness of existing home visiting programs and family support services designed to help families in crisis. **Expand access to home visiting and other family support services, as needed, to help families recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

## ACTION PLAN GOALS CONT.

- **Goal 3:** Strengthen (or rebuild) **coordination and alignment across home visiting and family support agencies** to address the effects of the pandemic on family support systems.
- **Goal 4:** Strengthen (or rebuild) **early childhood development and family support systems by embedding home visiting as a critical component** to helping families recover from the effects of COVID-19.
- **Goal 5:** Advance **family-centered and trauma-informed practices within home visiting and family support services.**



## EMERGING THEMES AND ACTIVITIES

Equity: Guiding Principles;  
Decision Making

Updated Environmental Scan

HV Coordinating Advisory Group/Work Groups

Family/Client Centering & Engagement

Theory of Change Shared Definition, Vision

Core Competencies Best Practices

Continuous Quality Improvement - Cross Agency

Coordinated Entry, Tracking, Referral, Metrics and Common Data

Health & Wellness/Retention



## Next Steps

- **Environmental Scan RFQ Released**
- **Partner MOU's**
- **Outreach to additional partners and parent groups**
- **Action Plan Implementation**



# Early Identification and Intervention Environmental Scan

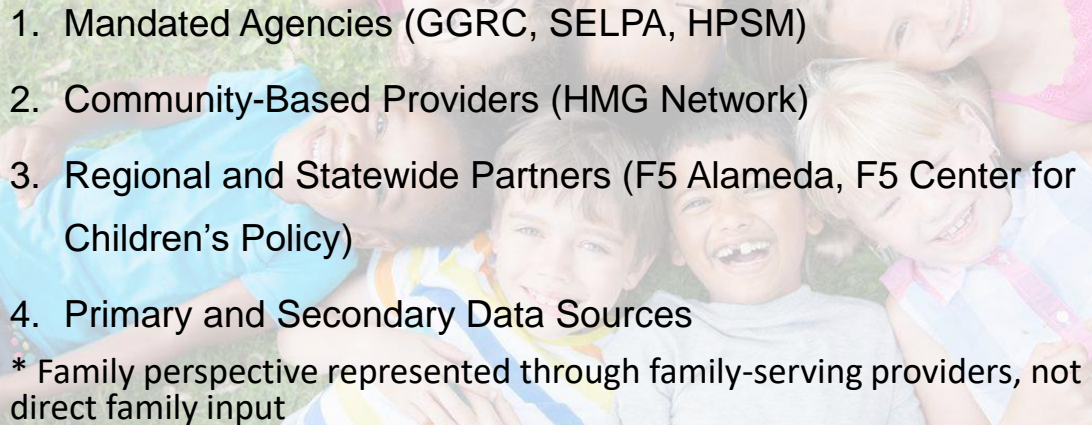
Cheryl Oku Consulting  
on behalf of  
First 5 San Mateo County




## Context and Rationale

- F5SMC Strategic Plan: “To bolster ongoing efforts to address systemic issues that impact access to and quality of these services”
- Stakeholder feedback over time and throughout the planning process has identified timely access to early intervention services as a priority
- Equity-driven: All children should have access to screening, timely assessment and supports to address their needs
- Scan serves as a basis for a collective call to action to address these barriers through a multi-tiered approach with emphasis at the state and local levels, involving all stakeholders

## Stakeholders & Inputs

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1. Mandated Agencies (GGRC, SELPA, HPSM)
  2. Community-Based Providers (HMG Network)
  3. Regional and Statewide Partners (F5 Alameda, F5 Center for Children's Policy)
  4. Primary and Secondary Data Sources
- \* Family perspective represented through family-serving providers, not direct family input

## Scan Contents

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- Executive Summary
  - The EII System in SMC
  - Barriers to EII
  - Opportunities to Reduce Barriers and Improve the EII System

**Figure 1: Early Identification and Intervention System Components**



Despite a well-established EII system, there is still a significant gap between the estimates of children with significant delays and the number of children receiving EII services in San Mateo County.

- The CDC estimates that 17% of children have significant delays.
- In SMC, only 6% of children 0-5 years receive EII services.

## How are children with delays detected and connected to early intervention services?

- Referral by a parent or provider
- IDEA Child Find
- Developmental screening



Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) provides comprehensive coverage for children under 21 enrolled in Medi-Cal, including Screening as a required service. **Yet only 21% or 1 in 5 children with Medi-Cal were screened in 2019.**

## Primary Barriers



1. Children not being identified early.
2. Barriers to access based on IDEA-mandated services and overlook community-based interventions.
3. Children referred for EI services often encounter barriers to access.
4. The assessment process for EI often extends beyond the mandated 45-day timeline.
5. Lack of transparent metrics and data sharing across agencies.



## Opportunities

1. Expand early ID through increased access to developmental screening.
2. Focus on providing a continuum for children at-risk.
3. Make high-quality care coordination available to all children with special needs.
4. Support families to receive timely access to assessment.
5. Promote transparency and interagency data sharing.



## What Now?

- **Sharing the Scan**
  - F5SMC Commission
  - Systems Change for Children with Special Needs Group
  - F5 Center for Children's Policy Blog
- **Planning for Action and Advocacy**
  - Development of local action plan
  - F5 Center for Children's Policy partnership

What additional steps and partnerships do you envision to move this work forward?



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



## Oral Health Access & Utilization Recommendations

April 26, 2021

### The Problem

“As COVID-19 reaches every part and level of the United States, our society’s widespread inequalities will be intensely highlighted and further exacerbated. The outbreak’s effect will also be acutely felt by disadvantaged and underprivileged children. Those effects will prominently emerge in our oral health care system, where they will further widen glaring child oral health disparities.”

- Danny A. Kalash, DMD, MPH



## Background Research

- Tooth decay is the **most common chronic condition** for children in the US
- Implications of untreated decay for children **include pain, trouble eating and speaking, and poor self esteem**
- Dental problems are one of the **leading causes of school absenteeism**
- Children from low income households are **2x as likely** to have cavities than those from higher income households
- **Latinx and poor children experience more decay** overall and more untreated decay
- **Children on Denti-Cal experience inadequate access to dental care**



## COVID-19 Implications

- Deepening Inequities
- Delays in time-sensitive care
- Worsening of disease
- Loss of employment and health insurance
- Impacts to innovative partnerships and co-location of services, particularly those in early learning or school-based settings
- Additional challenges for families experiencing instability

A photograph of two children holding hands. The child on the left is wearing blue denim jeans. The child on the right is wearing a red t-shirt with a cartoon character and blue pants. A teal rounded rectangle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text 'Purpose and Areas of Interest'. In the bottom right corner of the image, there is a logo for 'FIRST 5 SAN MATEO COUNTY' featuring a hand icon.

## Purpose and Areas of Interest

## Purpose

### To support strategies that...

1. Improve young children's utilization of preventative oral health care
2. Advocate for policies and practices that increase dental utilization for children on Medi-Cal

*\* Emphasis on short-term strategies that can be implemented during the pandemic*

## Areas of Interest

### F5SMC encourages proposals for strategies that...

1. Address Priority Issues
2. Elevate Family-Centered Partnerships
3. Promote Awareness and Alignment
4. Build Toward Sustainability



## Request for Proposals Process

- Term: May 2021 - June 30, 2022
- Total amount available: Up to \$250,000
- Five proposals received with requests totaling \$730,000
- Unanimous decision by Review Panel



## Recommendations for Funding



Agency and Project Name	Short Service Description	Amount
<u>Children Now:</u> Improving Access to Oral Health Care for Children (0-5) Enrolled in Medi-Cal	Educate and engage stakeholders about state policies that support the implementation of the county's oral health strategic plan.	\$20,000
<u>Ravenswood Family Health Network:</u> Preventative Oral Health Project	Provide preventative oral health care to children 0-5 through: 1. Virtual Dental Home model in partner preschools, 2. Disease prevention model utilizing telehealth, 3. Oral health literacy using parents as oral health promoters, and 4. Dental desensitization visits at a clinic for children with special needs.	\$160,000
<u>Sonrisas Dental Health, Inc.:</u> Early Childhood Oral Health Programming	Provide dental screenings, education, oral health supply toolkits, and care coordination to low-income children ages 0-5 in San Mateo County.	\$70,000

## Strengths of Recommended Portfolio



- Shovel-Ready
- Geographically complimentary direct service delivery
- Established cross-sector partnerships



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