At First 5 San Mateo County, we support kids to be healthy, active learners who grow up in families and communities that nurture them. In 2017, we invested more than $6 million in services and systems for 53,000+ county children ages 0 to 5 and their families.

First 5 San Mateo County supports families through programs and systems like:

- Home visiting, which provides voluntary, in-home support to pregnant moms and babies for up to 3 years.
- Professional development and resources for early care and education teachers to support high-quality care.
- Help Me Grow, which identifies kids at risk for developmental concerns and helps families connect to services.

With our partners, we are seeing results:

- 74% of young kids are read to every day
- 89% of mothers receive prenatal care in the first trimester
- 82% of kids 2-11 receive timely preventive dental care
- 6,000+ children received oral health and development screenings

Yet, the needs of San Mateo County kids are still great.

- 17% of kids live in low-income families
- 72% of families need licensed child care but it is unavailable
- 9% of kids 1-2 are reported for abuse or neglect
- 27% of kids 3-5 are not enrolled in preschool or kindergarten
- 45% of third graders do not read at grade level

Across the state, First 5 county programs are not at scale and funding keeps declining... from $261 to $135 per child statewide.

Let’s put California’s money where our heart is.

Prioritize funding for early childhood, so all of California’s kids can thrive.