



Early Childhood Evaluation Advisory Subcommittee Meeting

October 19, 2026
3:30-4:30 p.m.

1700 S. El Camino Real
Miller Ream Room, 1st Floor
San Mateo, CA 94402

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F5SMC Commissioners: Colleen Chawla, Naveen Mahmood

Public Members: Heather Cleary, Peninsula Family Service; Carol Elliott, AbilityPath

EVALCORP Representatives: Sally Lee, Kristen Cunningham

Staff: Michelle Blakely, Jenifer Clark

Minutes: Jenifer Clark

AGENDA

	Item	Presenter
1.	Agenda Review & Announcements	Clark/All
2.	Approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Meeting (Attachment 2)	Chawla
3.	Discussion: F5SMC Annual Report to First 5 California (Attachments 3A, 3B, and 3C)	Clark
4.	Update: Ongoing Evaluation Activities	EVALCORP/ Clark
5.	Next Steps	Clark
6.	Adjourn	Chair
Next Meeting Date(s): TBD		

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FIRST 5 SAN MATEO COUNTY

Early Childhood Evaluation Advisory Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026

- Commission Members Present: Colleen Chawla, Naveen Mahmoud
- Public Members Present: Heather Cleary, Peninsula Family Service (via Zoom)
- EVALCORP Representatives via Zoom: Sally Lee, Kristen Cunningham
- F5SMC Staff: Kitty Lopez, Michelle Blakely, Jenifer Clark

1. Agenda Review & Announcements:

The agenda was approved with no changes. Jenifer Clark announced that Commissioner Rathod has transferred to the Finance Subcommittee, so we will need to elect another Chair for this calendar year.

2. Election of Subcommittee Chair for Calendar Year 2026:

Commissioner Chawla graciously offered to serve as Subcommittee Chair for calendar year 2026 and was unanimously elected to the position.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the July 21, 2025 Meeting:

Minutes were approved with no changes.

4. Discussion: Partner Network Mapping Results:

Kristen Cunningham from EVALCORP presented results from the Network Mapping research project. With responses from 25 of 29 invited participants, we achieved a response rate of 86%. Responses generated a densely interconnected network, with 70.6% of possible relationships between organizations appearing on the map. The most common level of connection was “Networking,” with 42% of relationships falling into this category. Coordination and Collaboration were reported in 18% and 11% of relationships, respectively. The F5SMC Healthy Children domain reported the higher levels of coordination and collaboration, and the Resilient Families domain reported the greatest level of connectivity.

Reported benefits of collaboration included:

- Improved ability to coordinate care for shared clients
- Streamlined service offerings
- Learning about available community resources

Reported facilitators of collaboration included:

- Willingness and ability to share information
- Shared organizational mission/goals
- Informal relationships between individuals within agencies
- Formal processes or protocols for referrals or data sharing

Reported barriers to collaboration included:

- Limited staff time to dedicated to partnering
- Not willing or able to share information
- Lack of accountability among partners

Partner recommendations to F5SMC regarding ways to support strong partnerships within its sphere of influence included:

- Nurturing stronger connections through networking opportunities, shared data systems, and streamlined referral processes
- Strengthening capacity through cross-sector training, joint programming, and portfolio-based learning circles
- Addressing systemic barriers around power dynamics and equity by establishing formal partnership processes that ensure shared decision-making and include diverse voices from initial planning through implementation

The subcommittee discussed respondents' stated desire to participate at all levels of systems-improvement efforts targeted at supporting collaboration, from conception to implementation, in light of the result that staff have limited time to dedicate to these activities. It is not unusual for there to be a discrepancy between desire and ability to participate.

The group suggested that Brown Bag lunch presentations/conversations may be in line with the partners' suggestions for more networking opportunities. F5SMC has a number of cross-organizational and cross-sector capacity-building efforts currently underway, including Friday CAFés, a Community of Practice for family-serving professionals, and trainings on Early Childhood Mental Health and Trauma-Informed Organizations.

Next steps include presenting results to participants and asking for their thoughts about and interpretation of the information. When planning out new systems-building efforts, it is important to ask what partners would find supportive and what might feel overwhelming, especially in light of the feedback that staff are interested in this work but have limited time.

5. Update: Planned Evaluation Activities for 2026:

- Sally Lee of EVALCORP provided an update on Strategic Plan indicators which are under development. The EVALCORP team has been working to identify appropriate data sources that map on to the indicators in the 2025-30 Strategic Plan. Staff are also vetting the available data; we hope to present an initial set of indicators to the Commission sometime this Spring.
- EVALCORP and F5SMC are developing a Provider Survey for implementation towards the end of this fiscal year. This survey will be administered to service providers who participate in F5SMC-funded trainings or capacity-building activities.

The next meeting of the Early Childhood Evaluation Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held in person on March 16, 2026 from 3:30-4:30pm.



Annual Report AR-1
San Mateo Revenue and Expenditure Summary
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Revenue Detail

Category	Amount
Tobacco Tax Funds	\$3,649,651
IMPACT Legacy	\$323,613
Small Population County Augmentation Funds	\$0
Home Visiting Coordination Funds	\$0
Other First 5 California Funds	\$48,206
Other First 5 California Funds Description IMPACT Hub grant	
Other Public Funds	\$2,280,827
Other Public Funds Description SMC Behavioral Health and Recovery Services MHSA grant for \$992,862; Peninsula Healthcare District Special Needs grant for \$60,000; Sequoia Healthcare District Special Needs, Mental Health, and Baby Bonus Grants for \$440,336; Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative grant for \$297,509; Family Health Services Baby Bonus grant for \$183,017; County CEO funding for Baby Bonus for \$306,030; County Wellness Grant for \$1,072	
Donations	\$0
Revenue From Interest Earned	\$591,900
Grants	\$302,554
Grants Description Silicon Valley Community Foundation CZI grant for Baby Bonus at \$302,454; Baby Bonus Survey Incentive at \$100	
Other Funds	\$0
Other Funds	
Total Revenue	\$7,196,751

Improved Family Support

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
General Family Support	First 5 County Commission	Not Applicable (Kits for New Parents)	0	678	0	\$31,000
General Family Support	Research/Consulting Firm	Not Applicable (Community of Practice for Family Support & Engagement Professionals)	0	0	110	\$92,947
General Family Support	County Office of Education/School District	Not Applicable (Friday CAFE Professional Learning Community)	0	0	106	\$64,205
General Family Support	Child Care Centers	- Five Protective Factors - Playgroups - Triple P 2-3	116	144	24	\$112,713
General Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	- Abriendo Puertas - Not Applicable (Dyadic mental health interventions) - Playgroups	12	12	0	\$49,400
General Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	Not Applicable (Legal consultation on immigration issues)	0	8	0	\$1,080
Intensive Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	Not Applicable (Unconditional Cash Gift and Care Coordination Services)	261	261	0	\$626,349
Total						\$1,177,694

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
Intensive Family Support	CBO/Non-Profit	Not Applicable (Mental health and system navigation support for families experiencing domestic violence)	42	49	0	\$200,000
Total						\$1,177,694

Improved Child Development

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Amount
Quality Early Learning and Care Supports	County Office of Education/School District	Not Applicable (IMPACT Legacy)	0	0	68	\$261,605
Quality Early Learning and Care Supports	Child Care Centers	Not Applicable (Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation)	116	144	24	\$60,000
Quality Early Learning and Care Supports	CBO/Non-Profit	Not Applicable (Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation)	256	5	57	\$135,000
Quality Early Learning and Care Supports	Resource and Referral Agency (COE or Non-Profit)	- Not Applicable (Enhanced Referrals for Children with Special Needs; Inclusion Support) - Quality Counts California	14	34	55	\$118,771
Quality Early Learning and Care Supports	County Office of Education/School District	- Not Applicable (Provider Professional Development; Parent Training & Support; Provider Coaching) - Quality Counts California	792	297	4687	\$458,529
Total						\$1,033,905

Improved Child Health

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Unique Families	Amount
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	- Care Coordination and Linkage - Developmental Playgroups - Mild-to-Moderate Supports	1119	2253	321	0	\$529,756
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	Not Applicable (Legal Services to Support Access to Care)	37	58	42	0	\$94,728
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	Not Applicable (Mental Health Services)	6	6	0	0	\$31,771
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	- Care Coordination and Linkage - Developmental Playgroups	227	708	0	0	\$94,728
Early Intervention	Research/Consulting Firm	Not Applicable (Trauma-Informed Systems and Services trainings; Child-Parent Psychotherapy trainings)	0	0	163	0	\$157,388
Total							\$1,267,356

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Children	Caregivers	Providers	Unique Families	Amount
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	• Developmental Playgroups • Not Applicable (Child Parent Psychotherapy; Parent support groups; navigation support)	59	49	0	0	\$197,678
Early Intervention	CBO/Non-Profit	• Developmental Playgroups • Not Applicable (Child-Parent Psychotherapy; Parent Support Groups)	318	234	0	0	\$161,307
Total							\$1,267,356

Improved Systems Of Care

Service	Grantee	Program(s)	Amount
Policy and Public Advocacy	Other Private/For Profit	Not Applicable (Communications Consultation Services)	\$160,000
Policy and Public Advocacy	Resource and Referral Agency (COE or Non-Profit)	- Early Learning - Revenue Sustainability	\$98,297
Systems Building	Research/Consulting Firm	Not Applicable (Evaluation Consultation & Support)	\$82,245
Systems Building	Higher Education	Trauma-Informed Care/ACES	\$73,616
Systems Building	Other Private/For Profit	Not Applicable (Grants Management & Data System)	\$90,100
Systems Building	CBO/Non-Profit	Health Systems	\$2,400
Systems Building	Research/Consulting Firm	Trauma-Informed Care/ACES	\$231,815
Systems Building	County Office of Education/School District	Not Applicable (Early Learning IMPACT Hub)	\$48,206
Systems Building	First 5 County Commission	- Early Identification and Intervention - Family Resiliency - Health Systems - Trauma-Informed Care/ACES	\$697,853
Total			\$1,484,532

Expenditure Details

Category	Amount
Program Expenditures	\$4,963,487
Administrative Expenditures	\$961,791
Evaluation Expenditures	\$379,904
Total Expenditures	\$6,305,182
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over (Under) Expenses	\$891,569

Other Financing Details

Category	Amount
Sale(s) of Capital Assets	\$0
Other	\$0
Total Other Financing Sources	\$0

Net Change in Fund Balance

Category	Amount
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$13,715,071
Fund Balance - Ending	\$14,606,640
Net Change In Fund Balance	\$891,569

Fiscal Year Fund Balance

Category	Amount
Nonspendable	\$0
Restricted	\$0
Committed	\$11,213,285
Assigned	\$3,393,355
Unassigned	\$0
Total Fund Balance	\$14,606,640

Expenditure Note

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Annual Report AR-2
San Mateo Demographic Worksheet
July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Population Served

Category	Number
Providers	5,390
Children Less than 3 Years Old	1,807
Children – Ages Unknown (birth to 6th Birthday)	200
Primary Caregivers	2,887
Children from 3rd to 6th Birthday	1,368
Total Population Served	11,652

Primary Language Spoken in Home

Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
English	845	920
Spanish	1,213	1,009
Cantonese	13	13
Mandarin	152	36
Other - Specify with text box	179	129
Unknown	973	780
Totals	3,375	2,887

Race and/or Ethnicity of Population Served

Category	Number of Children	Number of Primary Caregivers
Alaska Native/American Indian	3	4
Asian	378	381
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	25	32
Hispanic/Latino	1,468	1,251
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	36	26
Non-Hispanic White	191	204
Other – Specify with text box Multiracial	129	122
Other – Specify with text box Other	41	44
Unknown	1,104	823
Totals	3,375	2,887

Duplication Assessment

Category	Data
Degree of Duplication	10%
Confidence in Data	Somewhat confident
Additional Details (Optional)	Past formal duplication assessments have found rates of 2-11%. Outreach touches are not included in deduplicated service numbers. Kits for New Parents are not included in deduplicated service numbers.

F5SMC FY 2025-26 Annual Report to F5 California County Highlights

- 1. Please identify one highlight from the programs or initiatives that your county currently focuses on. Briefly describe the purpose of the work highlighted and specific activities undertaken and mention significant contextual information such as funding shifts or emerging community needs. (1000 characters)*

F5SMC is a key partner in the Baby Bonus Project, an initiative providing direct cash payments and home visiting and care coordination services to families of newborns eligible for Medi-Cal. The project aims to support low-income families both by increasing household income and improving access to and engagement with services. A Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) evaluation will examine the relationship between cash payments, service access, and child and family outcomes. Due to the RCT design, 25% of participating families will receive home visiting and care coordination services along with monthly \$300 payments for 36 months, from the baby's birth to their third birthday. An additional 25% of participating families receive home visiting and care coordination only. The remaining participants make up the control group. The project also fosters systems integration with joint program planning and formal Data Use Agreements across multiple partners.

- 2. For the highlights mentioned above, please include one or two key data points that demonstrate measurable impact, e.g. number of children served, training conducted, percentage increase in participation, or improvement in skills/capacity/quality. (1000 characters)*

During FY 2025-26, 131 families received both cash payments and home visiting and care coordination services, while an additional 130 families received home visiting and care coordination services only. Race/ethnicity of all participants (n=521), including control group families, is as follows:

- American Indian/Alaskan Native: 0.3%
- Asian: 2.6%
- Black/African American: 2.4%
- Hispanic/Latino: 80%

- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: 1.5%
- White: 4%
- Multiracial: 7%
- Unknown: 2.2%

Among families receiving cash payments:

- The average household size is 4, with 2 children
- 75% of households are under the Federal Poverty Line
- 45% find it somewhat or very difficult to pay for usual household expenses
- 20% sometimes do not have enough food to feed their families
- Families prioritize paying for housing costs, food, and caregiving expenses

3. *For the highlight mentioned above, please describe how the selected program or initiative supports equity and engages diverse community partners, such as reaching underserved populations, elevating parent voice, or establishing collaborations with new partners that extend community reach. (1000 characters)*

The Baby Bonus program created an extensive partnership structure to support program design, implementation, and evaluation. Partners include: the San Mateo County Health System, Stanford University, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford, Stanford Children's Health, the San Mateo County Human Services Agency, the Health Plan of San Mateo, UpTogether, and the Jackie Speier Foundation. The project includes new memoranda of understanding and data use agreements amongst these partners, resulting in more streamlined and integrated data sharing practices. This is a systems-building victory that supports timely and accurate communication between health programs serving MediCal eligible families with newborns, enabling more seamless service delivery without burdening families with the task of managing communication among the health providers who are serving their child. Family focus groups have been used to provide participant input into program development.

4. *For the highlight mentioned above, please include a brief quote or story that reflects the voices of those impacted this fiscal year by your county's programming. (1000 characters)*

Parents receiving cash gifts have shared comments reflecting the impact of this program on their families' well being. Comments include:

"Definitely a program I am happy I was able to participate in. It came at the right time. Especially being out of work after a baby and recovery it definitely helps out."

"Of course, I'm so happy with the help, because during these very difficult times we've been going through financially, the help from [the program] is the best thing that could have happened to us as a family. It's helping me cover the cost of diapers for my newborn, among other things that are necessary for the household. Thank you so much."

"It's a huge mental relief receiving this money to use towards whatever I need for baby."

"It makes me happy because I can buy food."

5. *Please close with a brief statement about what's next, highlighting your county's commitment to continued progress, innovation, and collaboration in the year ahead. (1000 characters)*

Over the next year, we anticipate completing our enrollment into the RCT by adding approximately 680 families to the program. We will continue fostering our deep collaborative relationships with cross-sector organizations on program planning, implementation, and evaluation through regular meetings of our Care Coordination Workgroup, Evaluation Committee, and Core Team, and we anticipate additional formalized partnerships such as Memoranda of Understanding and Data Use Agreements among participating agencies. Our Year-One evaluation data will become available, allowing us to begin to examine the impacts of this work. We look forward to our ongoing engagement with the Baby Bonus Project!