



First 5 San Mateo County Policy and Advocacy Platform 2016-2018

POLICY FOCUS	ACTIVITIES
<p>Early Learning</p>	
<p>Promote initiatives supporting quality early learning environments such as the CA Quality Rating Improvement Systems (QRIS). Lead and Implementing partner for SMCs QRIS consortia. Advocate for policy recommendations gleaned from achievements and lessons learned from regional and statewide QRIS Implementation.</p> <hr/> <p>Support increased access to quality learning environments and facilities (infant toddler & preschool environments). Support and promote efforts that: finance and maintain new and existing learning environments and efforts that address workforce development and operational needs.</p>	<p>CA Dept. of Education & First 5 California IMPACT-QRIS; San Mateo County QRIS Consortia; Regional and Statewide Workgroups.</p> <hr/> <p>Build Up for SMC Children’s (Facilities); Brion Early Learning Facilities Report; Child Care Partnership Council – Policy and Advocacy Committee</p>
<p>Strong Families</p>	
<p>Promote the use of Authentic Family Engagement across major systems that support young children and families (i.e. child welfare, early learning, health special needs and social services).</p> <hr/> <p>Advocate, fund, and support care coordination across various settings.</p>	<p>Friday Café’s; First 5 San Mateo County’s Family Engagement Provider Network.</p> <hr/> <p>First 5 San Mateo County Evaluation Data; Watch Me Grow & Help Me Grow Systems Group; Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Care Coordination Advocacy</p>
<p>Health and Development</p>	
<p>Promote routine universal developmental and behavioral screenings for infants and toddlers according to American Academy of Pediatric Guidelines. Support pediatricians, health care providers, and early childhood experts in monitoring children’s development and providing linkages to community supports. Emphasis on both public and private providers.</p> <hr/> <p>Support community-based oral health services to children throughout SMC through various models including Virtual Dental Home. Lead SMC Oral Health Strategic Plan Implementation.</p> <hr/> <p>Support parents advocating for health equity issues including housing, immigration and transportation.</p>	<p>Watch Me Grow & Help Me Grow; All First 5 Supported Programs</p> <hr/> <p>SMC Oral Health Initiative; Ravenswood Virtual Dental Home Model; Children’s Work group</p> <hr/> <p>Safe Health and Equitable Communities; Build-up for San Mateo County Kids</p>
<p>System Sustainability and Enhancement</p>	
<p>Promote and support improved data collection, data sharing and integration among programs/agencies that serve young children and families</p> <hr/> <p>Support providers from all major systems that support young children and families with professional development and increased knowledge in key areas such as: trauma informed care, infant and early childhood mental health, and early brain development and cross sector trainings</p> <hr/> <p>Advocate for a comprehensive look at ways to sustain, improve and leverage the multiple local state and federal funding streams that serve the needs of children and families birth to five (across sectors).</p>	<p>Big Data Project (RWC);</p> <hr/> <p>Mental Health Systems Planning; Human Services Agency Central Support Staff Collaboration</p> <hr/> <p>MAA Leveraging Analysis; County and State Funding Support Analyses</p>