

Community



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Improving the lives of children ages 0 through 5.

The first five years of life are critical to a child's development. These years shape a child's success in school and in life. First 5 San Diego helps parents and others to help children during these critical years.

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call First 5 San Diego for a good start.

First 5 San Diego funds community programs and services for children ages 0 through 5 years of age and their families to help ensure that every child in San Diego County will enter school ready to succeed.



Responding to the Community

First 5 San Diego focuses on the areas of health, learning and community impact. The Commission also responds to new needs that arise and encourages innovative practices that can improve services to children 0 through 5 years of age and their families.

211 San Diego

First 5 San Diego provides critical support for 211, the county's community information center. Anyone can call for free information and receive referrals to health and social services, including public assistance, drug treatment, physical and mental health services, and parenting programs.

Community Water Fluoridation

Community water fluoridation is considered the safest, most effective, cost-efficient and equitable means to provide protection from tooth decay. In addition, it protects teeth and bones from infancy through old age.

In 2007, the First 5 Commission of San Diego County allocated \$5.7 million to fund fluoridation for a number of water districts in San Diego County. The project will begin with the City of San Diego, providing 112,210 children ages 5 and younger with free, effective protection from tooth decay and gum disease.

Capital Projects

In 2004, First 5 San Diego approved a one-time investment of \$60 million and awarded funds to build and improve the facilities and equipment of programs that support the healthy development of young children. This funding aided preschools, hospitals, clinics, libraries, and dental offices as well as new health and child development centers that serve young children and pregnant women.

Responsive Grants

The Commission supports new opportunities, meets urgent needs, launches pilot projects, or leverages other funding through a program of responsive grants funding.

Innovative Grants

Innovative grant funding is used to encourage the use of new service approaches or proven techniques that support the physical, social, emotional, and/or cognitive development of children 0 through 5 years of age.