

First 5 Commission of San Diego
Public Hearing: State Annual Report of the First 5 Commission of San Diego for
FY 2008-09
October 5, 2009

The Commission is required by law to hold a public hearing on its annual report to the State Commission. To be in compliance with state law, First 5 San Diego must submit this approved report by November 1, 2009

Background

The Health and Safety Code requires local commissions to prepare an Annual Report to the State Commission. This report contains information on its expenditures, the number of clients served in core areas, as well as demographic information on those served. This information is aggregated across all counties to provide the legislature and the public with a state-level picture of First 5 activities. In addition, the report requires brief descriptions of the Commission's evaluation activities, key results and policy direction.

In order to aggregate the work of 58 county commissions, the activities reported in the state annual report are necessarily at a high level. Local commissions report only on a small list of services that are fairly common across the counties. Even the most complex of First 5 San Diego's projects report service-level data through the state report on only one or two of their many services. The narrative sections have specific requirements concerning content and length.

As such, the Annual Report to the State Commission does not contain a comprehensive picture of the activities of the previous fiscal year, and does not address all the priorities of First 5 San Diego. The Commission, however, will receive detailed information on the breadth of its services and the outcomes achieved in FY 2008-09 at its meeting in January, 2010 when it will receive the comprehensive local evaluation report. This report will provide a fuller and better represent efforts in our county.

Summary of Data Reported to the State Commission

The Annual Report data sheets have been provided to the Commission. What follows is a summary of the data. This table includes the number of unduplicated clients more intensively served by First 5 San Diego projects in FY 2008-09. The CMEDS data system has enabled this information to be reported for the first time this year. This figure does not include the large number of participants who receive "light touch" services where client data is not collected – such as calls to 211, families receiving the Kit for New Parents, children served by library mobile services or who receive vision and hearing screenings. To err on the side on the side of accuracy, numbers were underreported for some services.

	Number of participants intensively served across all projects* (unduplicated count)	Number of participants across services – includes light touch services (duplicated count)
Children	70,711	142,304
Parents/caregivers	40,329	159,464

To reduce the burden of data collection and reporting on its contractors, First 5 San Diego does not require this type of data on children receiving "light touch" services. This enables more contract dollars to be spent on direct services.

Participant Demographics

This data is a snapshot of the population of children and parents intensively served by programs funded by First 5 San Diego.

Ethnicity	Children	Parents
Hispanic/Latino	67.8%	67.7%
White (non-Hispanic)	11.5%	16.1%
Unknown/Declined to State	7.2%	8.1%
Multiracial	3.7%	1.4%
Asian	2.8%	2.3%
Other	2.4%	1.0%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2.1%	0.4%
African-American/Black	1.5%	1.9%
Pacific Islander	0.6%	0.6%
African	0.4%	0.4%

Language	Children	Parents
Spanish	51.00%	55.93%
English	41.28%	38.32%
Unknown/Declined to State	6.25%	4.34%
Mandarin	0.50%	0.07%
Vietnamese	0.35%	0.18%
Other	0.23%	0.86%
Tagalog	0.21%	0.09%
Somali	0.10%	0.08%
Korean	0.03%	0.10%
Cantonese	0.02%	0.04%