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Mono County Board of Supervisors Adopts First 5 Mono's 2025-2029 Strategic Plan

Mono County, CA – May 8, 2025 – The Mono County Board of Supervisors received a report on the First 5 Mono County Children and Families Commission's strategic plan for 2025-2029. This comprehensive plan outlines the vision, mission, goals, and strategies to support and improve the lives of young children and their families in Mono County.

The plan is the result of a collaborative effort involving community partners, parents, and community members, and is designed to enhance the network of support services for families with children from prenatal to age five.

Key Focus Areas of the Strategic Plan:

- **Home Visiting:** Providing support and resources to families, promoting healthy development, and preventing child abuse and neglect.
- **School Readiness:** Ensuring children have the tools and skills they need to succeed in school through programs like early literacy initiatives and kindergarten preparation.
- **Childcare Quality System:** Improving the quality of childcare environments by providing training and support to childcare providers.
- **Family Behavioral Health:** Decreasing isolation and connecting families to community support.
- **Child Safety:** Educating families and care providers about child safety and providing essential safety equipment.

The strategic plan also addresses critical unmet needs in the community, including the need for more high-quality, affordable childcare, increased opportunities for families to gather and connect, and greater access to medical services for young children and their families.

First 5 Mono will continue to seek additional funding sources and foster partnerships with other agencies to ensure the successful implementation and sustainability of the plan's objectives.

"This strategic plan is a roadmap for how we will work together as a community to ensure that all children in Mono County have the opportunity to thrive," said Molly DesBaillets, Executive Director of First 5 Mono County. "We are committed to investing in programs and services that will make a positive difference in the lives of young children and their families."

The Mono County Children and Families Commission (First 5 Mono) was created in 1999 to evaluate the needs of young children and their families, develop strategic plans, determine how to expend local First 5 resources, and evaluate the effectiveness of funded programs and activities.

For more information about First 5 Mono and the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, please visit first5mono.org or contact 760-924-7626.

About First 5 Mono

First 5 Mono County provides and advocates for community-oriented and family-centered programs and support networks for children prenatal to age five and their families.

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