



FIRST 5

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Did you know that the first five years of a child's life are the most critical in building a strong foundation for future development? Research shows that the experiences a child has during that time profoundly impacts their future.

California voters understood this and approved Proposition 10, which provides funding for services designed to help children through age 5 be successful in school and beyond.

Learn more about Prop. 10 in Riverside County below:

1. The Riverside County Children & Families Commission, better known as First 5 Riverside, was established 10 years ago and is now a public agency under the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services. We fund health, early education and child care services that help Riverside County children through age 5 develop optimally.
2. The Riverside County Commission was formed in 1999 to oversee tobacco tax revenue generated from Proposition 10, a statewide initiative passed by voters in 1998 to focus on early childhood development .
3. In Riverside County, funds go toward quality child care, preschool, school readiness, health care, parent education, early literacy, breastfeeding support, immunizations, dental care, child safety, obesity prevention, developmental screenings and other programs that support the needs of young children and their families.
4. First 5 Riverside does not deliver direct services to the public. Instead, we award grants to local public, private and non-profit agencies to provide needed services. We encourage parents to call 2-1-1 for services in their neighborhood. They are also welcome to view a list of agencies that we fund on our website: WWW.RCCFC.ORG.
5. In addition to funding, First 5 Riverside provides expertise, public education and partnerships that promote optimal development of our youngest children.

