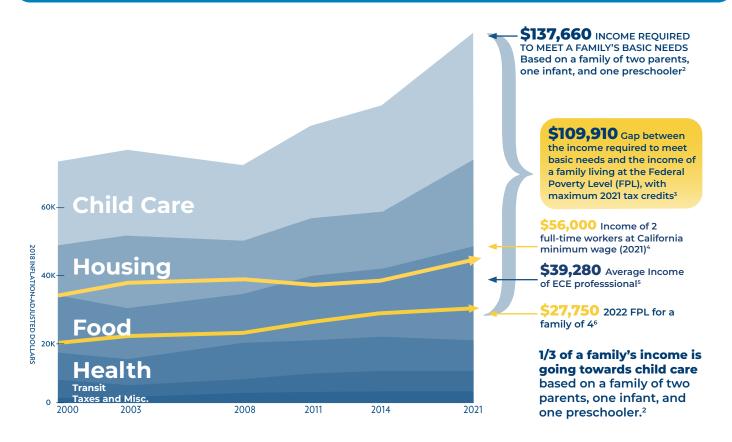
#### FINANCIAL REALITIES FOR FAMILIES IN ALAMEDA COUNTY<sup>1</sup>



## STRUCTURAL INEQUITIES LEAD TO RACIAL DISPARITIES

Maternal & Newborn Health



Black women and birthing people are 3x more likely to die during pregnancy or childbirth and to experience more maternal health complications.7



Black babies are 3-4x more likely to be born too early, too small, or to die before their first birthday.7



Black women and families are 2x more likely to live in or experience poverty during pregnancy.7



1 in 3 families struggled to afford diapers prior to the pandemic.10

#### **DISTRICT 2 FAMILY DEMOGRAPHICS\***

#### District 2 Estimated Total Population: 327,05111

19.8% of Alameda County's population of 1,648,556

**532** 

families living under the poverty level, 3.6% of the 14,456 families with children under 5 the district<sup>9</sup> 1,006

children under 5 living in poverty, 4.9% out of the 20,342 estimated number children under 5 in the district<sup>13</sup> 3,724

babies born to mothers who reside in the district, 1.1% of the district total population<sup>12</sup>

## Families Accessing Public Benefits in District 2 (children 0-6)

These are estimates due to the change in district boundaries and using zip code approximation.

7,691

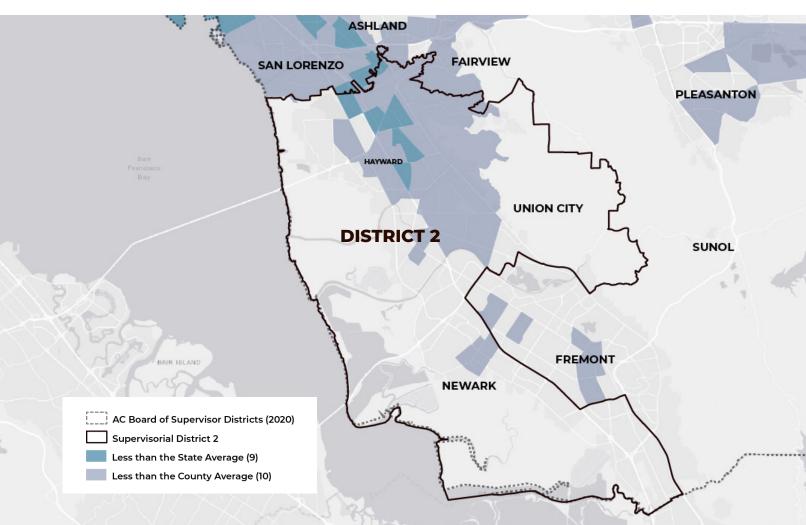
of 0-6 population, about 32%, receiving Medi-Cal<sup>15</sup>

2,503

of 0-6 population, about 10.4%, receiving CalFresh<sup>15</sup>

# Link Between Child Well-being and Community Conditions: Strong Start Index Map 2020<sup>17</sup>

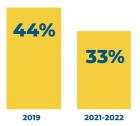
Research has found correlations between the prevalence in the number of community assets in four domains to school readiness and life-long well-being. Alameda County with 10 assets out of a possible 12, exceeds the state average for 9. Supervisorial District 2 has an average of 10 Strong Start Index assets.



## **ALAMEDA COUNTY KINDERGARTEN READINESS**

#### Kindergarten Readiness in 2021-2022®

According to parents/caregivers, 33% of children were fully ready for kindergarten compared to 44% in 2019. Structural inequities compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic have impacted children, families, and communities.



Achievement gaps persist for children who are not ready for kindergarten.



children who are not ready for kindergarten continue to struggle academically in third grade (2018)19.

## **Road to Kindergarten Readiness**



## **FINANCIAL**

100% of the families in the KRA 2021-22 study who participated in the Guaranteed Income pilot reported significantly higher readiness than

# **STABILITY**

Oakland Resilient Families other similar families



#### THRIVING **NEIGHBORHOODS**

65% of the families indicated that help connecting to resources was important to them; only 12% of all families had actually received this kind of assistance.

#### **EARLY CARE & EDUCATION**

75% of the families reported barriers to ECE. primarily due to COVID-19-related closures and reduced hours and the cost of care.

#### FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION

As noted by our Research Advisory Group, discrimination based on racism and classism negatively impacts family's ability to access services and resources and undermines conditions needed for kindergarten readiness.



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#### **FAMILY HEALTH** & WELL-BEING

67% of parents / caregivers expressed concern about their child's health and well-being.



#### **KINDERGARTEN** TRANSITION SUPPORT

44% of parents / caregivers reported visiting their children's school compared to 87% in 2019.



#### **SUPPORTED EDUCATORS** & SYSTEMS

88% of kindergarten teachers reported feeling stressed. Educators who reported high levels of stress were over four times more likely to say they plan to leave the profession.

Community, Family, and School conditions affecting kindergarten readiness were determined through analysis of 3,000+ surveys and the input of a 30-member Research Advisory Group comprising parents/ caregivers, early care and education professionals, transitional/kindergarten teachers, and community leaders. Learn more about the study sample and methodology in Appendix D of the 2021 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment.

### **District 2: KRA Community Engagement**

Parents/Caregivers countywide including

in the district. 38% of the total number of participants

Kindergarten and/or **Transitional Kindergarten** teachers countywide including

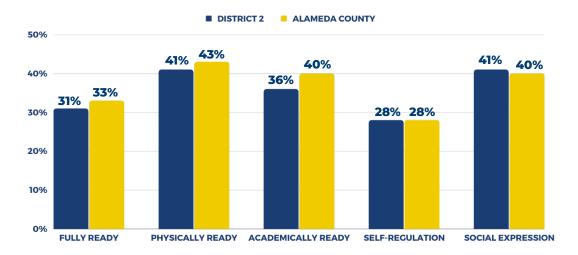
who teach in the district, 25% of the total number of participants

**Early Care & Education** professionals countywide including

who teach in the district, 24% of the total number of participants

## **District 2: Kindergarten Readiness in 2021-22**

Parent/Caregivers' Assessment of Their Child's Readiness by Domain



## **DISTRICT 2 EARLY CARE & EDUCATION (ECE)**

#### Access to Child Care<sup>20</sup>

Preschool & infant toddler unmet need for subsidized care:

Infant/toddler Aged

4.940 Preschool-Aged

## Change in the net number of centers & family child care (FCCs) between 2019 & 2021,20

decrease in centers in cities within the district

decrease in licensed FCCs in cities within the district

#### 2022 Facilities Needs Assessment<sup>21</sup>

of sites First 5 Alameda spoke to about facilities issues (11 centers, 65 licensed FCCs)

of sites reported 6+ conditions as inadequate or substandard

of sites reported they would expand if resources were available

#### Child Care Providers & Libraries<sup>22</sup>

sites enrolled in the Quality Counts program (32 centers, 16 licensed FCCs, 5 family, friends & neighbor providers, 2 libraries)

children under the age of 5 served at these sites

ECE professionals work at these sites

#### **FIRST 5 PROGRAMS FY 2021-2022**

## **District 2: Help Me Grow**<sup>22</sup>

children & their families were served in the district, providing them with care coordination, developmental screening, health & parenting education, resource information, family navigation, & peer support.

child-serving agencies in the district were provided with support regarding care access, developmental screening, and/or assistance in navigating children to services.

referrals received to assist children & families from the district.

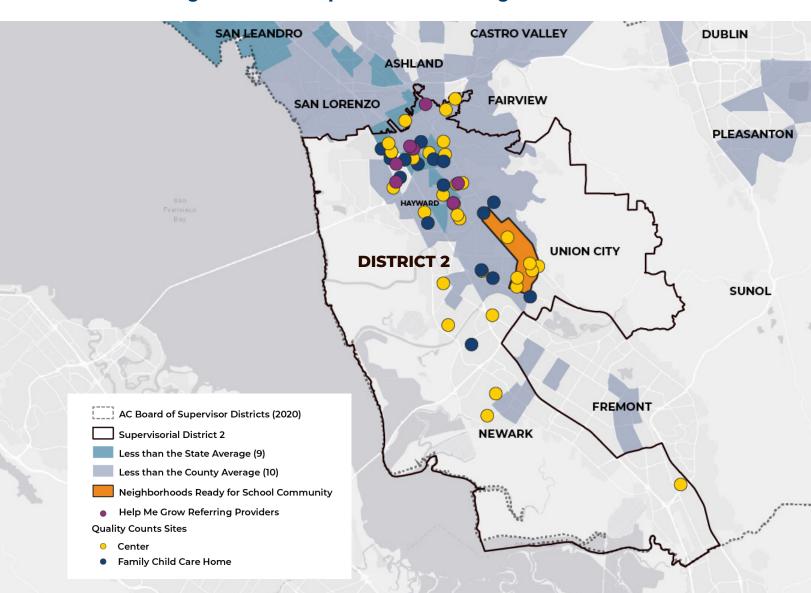
# Alameda County: Training at F5 (Online & In-Person)

46 training events hosted

people attended at least one training

agencies/organizations participated

## Strong Start Index Map 2020" & First 5 Programs FY 2021-2022



## FIRST 5 ALAMEDA COUNTY INVESTMENTS \$3.6 MILLION INVESTED IN DISTRICT 2 IN FY 2022-23



#### SupplyBank.org

\$51,811 in FY 2021-2022; \$460,000 in FY 2022-2023

Funding to provide Kindergarten Readiness backpacks. Funding to provide diaper kits to organizations serving high need families with young children in Alameda County (FY 2022-2023 only).



## THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS

#### **Union City Family Center (New Haven Unified School District)**

\$423,000 in FY 2021-2022; \$423,000 in FY 2022-2023

Funding to build infrastructure in neighborhoods to provide places for families to learn, plan, and achieve their goals; increase neighborhood-level coordination to provide a comprehensive menu of resources to support family protective factors, build community, and increase children's school readiness; and increase family leadership and civic engagement opportunities.

#### City of Newark Public Library

\$4,900 in FY 2021-2022

Funding to establish an effective partnership in honor of Día de los Libros/Día de los Niños to support the purchase of bi-and/or multilingual books and programming materials.



# **FAMILY HEALTH & WELL-BEING**

#### **Alameda County Public Health Department**

\$95,000 in FY 2021-2022; \$95,000 in FY 2022-2023

Funding to provide training, technical assistance, and consultation support to Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) and other pediatric practices serving families with the most need in Alameda County on early identification for children birth-5 years of age with health and developmental needs.

#### **Family Resource Navigators**

\$482,000 in FY 2021-2022; \$482,000 in FY 2022-2023

Funding to provide Help Me Grow Family Navigation services, support coordination and administration of Help Me Grow family leadership activities and help meet the essential needs of vulnerable families.

#### **Supporting Fathers Through Fatherhood Partnership Grants**

Funding to enhance capacity for increasing engagement and support of fathers and father figures by hosting father-specific parenting education and support groups, providing staff training and professional development, and integrating activities with First 5 and other family service programs.

The following groups received \$10,000 in FY 2021-2022; \$15,000 in FY 2022-2023:

- **Black Empower**
- Community Child Care Council (4Cs) of Alameda County
- **Hayward Unified School District**
- Realized Potential Incorporated (RPI)



#### BANANAS, Hively, and Community Child Care Council (4Cs) of Alameda County

Overall funding for three agencies: \$240,000 in FY 2021-2022; \$240,000 in FY 2022-2023

Funding to provide training and playgroups for Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) caregivers and Family Child Care (FCC) providers.

Overall funding for three agencies: \$641,00 in FY 2021-2022; \$630,000 in FY 2022-2023

Funding to provide professional development opportunities for the Early Childhood Education (ECE) workforce in Alameda County and on-site technical assistance and coaching to Quality Counts sites.

#### **Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay**

\$110,000 in FY 2021-2022

Funding to provide Center for Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) training and coaching to identified Quality, Rating, and Improvement Systems (QRIS) Early Childhood Education sites in Alameda County, mentoring to Alameda County CSEFEL authorized trainers and coaches, and overall administrative oversight for CSEFEL implementation.

#### **Hayward Public Library**

\$9,700 in FY 2021-2022; \$12,000 in FY 2022-2023

Funding to provide Quality Counts Pathway resources for Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) caregivers by leveraging Hayward Public Library's current Storytimes and to support multilingual programming and materials through Día de los Libros/Día de los Niños (Día) events.

#### YMCA of the East Bay

\$502,800 in FY 2021–2022; \$538,000 in FY 2022-2023

Funding to train CalWORKs participants to become certified and employed as early childhood professionals.

#### California School-Age Consortium (CalSAC) (AB212)

\$582,000 in FY 2021-2022; \$684,765 in FY 2022-2023

Funding to manage the Quality Counts process for distributing Quality Improvement grant incentives and professional development stipends and Dual Language Learner (DLL) stipends. Funds support facility and environment improvements, enhance training and staff release time, support technology needs, and support professional development activities.

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