



# First 5 Alameda County



## Community Grants Initiative Grantee Directory

**2013-2015**

# Welcome to the Community Grants Initiative Grantee Resource Directory.

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Dear Community Partner,

Inside this directory you will find contact information for the 37 agencies funded by First 5 Alameda County for the 2013-2015 grant term. You will also find a brief description of each organization and their First 5 funded services.

Many of the services are open to the community and welcome referrals. For program-specific information please visit the Early Childhood Resource Directory at [www.First5Alameda.org/early-childhood-resource-directory](http://www.First5Alameda.org/early-childhood-resource-directory) or contact the agency.

We hope that you find this guide useful in referring the children and families you work with to other programs and agencies in Alameda County. We also encourage you to use this information to strengthen and promote the exciting cross-collaboration of service delivery already taking place throughout the County.

Thank you again for all the wonderful work you do on behalf of the children and families of Alameda County.

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| GRANT CATEGORY                                | FUNDING PRIORITIES   |
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| <p><b>Community Support Grants</b></p>        | <p>Awards of up to \$40,000 over 24 months for activities that contribute to any of the First 5 strategic plan outcomes. Proposals in this category creatively address unmet community needs and/or enable organizations to expand their services to include a focus on children ages 0 to 5 and their families.</p>   |
| <p><b>Neighborhood Partnership Grants</b></p> | <p>Awards of up to \$130,000 over 24 months for activities that support the First 5 Result Area #2, “Children are prepared for school through quality early learning experiences” and the following First 5 Alameda County Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increased access to quality preschool and child care settings and to other early learning experiences</li> <li>▪ Smooth transition to kindergarten</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Targeted Grants</b></p>                 | <p>Awards of up to \$120,000 over 24 months for activities that address the following Targeted Grant funding priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parents/primary caregivers are better able to support their child’s development/school readiness</li> <li>▪ Children receive appropriate developmental and/or behavioral support services, including, but not limited to, services that address concerns about speech and language, and/or social-emotional development</li> </ul> |

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## 4C's of Alameda County (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

Community Child Care Council (4C's) of Alameda County is a private non-profit agency that has been offering services to families, children and child care providers since 1972.

Through a contract with the California Department of Education, 4C's provides child care resource and referral services in southern Alameda County. Families receive free child care referrals, information about choosing child care and parenting support services. Child care providers receive technical assistance, resources and training.

4C's also provides child care payment services for CalWORKs participants, foster parents and families needing respite care in southern Alameda County. We host the Southern Alameda County Chapter of Parents Voices. Our Child Health and Nutrition Program serves child care providers throughout Alameda County by providing meal reimbursements and health and nutrition education. In Oakland, 4C's provides child care payment services and operates Bright Future Learning Center serving children 2 months to 5 years of age.

Additional resources include our website, quarterly newsletter, and tip sheets for parents and providers. Our staff members speak multiple languages and services are provided in the client's preferred language whenever possible. In addition, we collect and publish data on local child care capacity and needs to help communities plan for child care.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Our project is a parent education and support program for Spanish-speaking families in Hayward, San Lorenzo, and San Leandro. The program includes parenting classes, child enrichment activities, and family read nights. The Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) will be offered to families. We provide dinner and child care to help families attend.

## Abode Services (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

Abode Services believes everyone should have a home. Every day we provide housing and services to homeless people in our community as we work to end the cycle of homelessness.

In the 2012 financial year, we helped to improve the lives of more than 4,300 people, including 1,400 children, across our programs, offering services in three main areas: emergency shelter and crisis support services at Sunrise Village and the HOPE Project Mobile Health Clinic; subsidized housing at six affordable housing communities and hundreds of scattered-site apartments throughout Alameda and Santa Clara Counties; and supportive services, such as mental health services, financial literacy training, and employment support, to help people remain stably housed and live as independently as possible.

These programs have helped to save our community potentially millions of dollars a year that would otherwise have been spent in more costly alternatives to cope with local homelessness, including hospitals and the criminal justice system. They also help bridge the gap to affordable housing in the costly Bay Area rental market for hundreds of families, supporting them in attaining long-term stability and better health and educational outcomes for their children.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Helping the homeless and formerly homeless parents in our Children's Program build the confidence and knowledge they need to support their children's healthy development. This program will provide respite, skill-building, and counseling to parents, while also supporting children with services and enrichment.

## Alameda County Library (Neighborhood Partnership)

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### Organization Description:

The mission of the Alameda County Library is to provide and protect access to books, information, and library services to promote learning, cultural enrichment and appreciation and enjoyment for everyone.

Library services are provided in the cities of Albany, Dublin, Fremont, Newark, and Union City, and the unincorporated communities of San Lorenzo and Castro Valley. Every year the library serves a diverse community of over 500,000. Additional community based services are provided through Extension Services in the Bookmobile, Write to Read Literacy, Senior Outreach Programs, Juvenile Hall, Camp Wilmont Sweeney, and the County jails. The library is also starting “pop-up” library services at the Family Justice Center and the Department of Child Support Services. Over 146,000 people attended programs last year, and the library circulated over 5 million items.

The Newark and Union City libraries are both community libraries, with many patrons who use the facility multiple times per week. Both libraries provide weekly story times for English speaking children as well as Homework Centers during the week for K-12 students. All programs available to the public are free. The library partners with many local agencies, and children's staff does outreach to Kidango, Head Start, and the school district.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

“Read Play Succeed” or “Lea, Juegue y Avance!” is a Spanish-language story time and playgroup hour designed to enhance school readiness for Latino children and encourage literacy activities in the home, while situating the Newark and Union City libraries as early literacy hubs in their communities.

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## Organization Description:

Alameda Health System is a major public health care provider and medical training institution recognized for its world-class patient and family centered system of care.

Through a welcomed partnership between patient, family, and the healthcare team, Alameda Health System provides comprehensive, high quality medical treatment, health promotion, disease prevention and health maintenance in an integrated system of hospitals, clinics, and health services. As a training institution, Alameda Health System maintains an environment that is supportive of a wide range of educational programs and activities, including education of medical students, interns, residents, continuing education for medical nursing, and other staff, along with medical research.

Our campuses are located in Oakland and the East Bay area and include Highland Hospital, John George Psychiatric Hospital, Fairmont Hospital, Highland Wellness Center, Eastmont Wellness Center, Hayward Wellness Center, and Newark Wellness Center.

## Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Establishing a dental home by providing 1,200 early oral care exams to children ages 9 months to three years at Newark Wellness Center and Hayward Wellness Center on Saturdays. Early oral care visits include a risk assessment, exam, nutrition and oral hygiene education, fluoride varnishing, and treatment as needed.



## Alta Bates Summit Foundation (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center is a community-based nonprofit hospital providing comprehensive healthcare services to the East Bay's diverse communities. The Alta Bates Summit Medical Center NICU serves a similarly diverse population of families and fragile infants from within Alameda County and beyond.

We strive to accommodate the various needs of families, which range from those who are here for less than a week for a term infant requiring minimal support, to those who are here for months for infants requiring maximal technological interventions to sustain life. Families face stress and anxiety due to the uncertain nature of caring for a medically fragile baby. Our proposed programming provides support to families and babies, so they can move beyond their NICU experience and address identified delays as early as possible.

7,371 babies were delivered at Alta Bates in 2012, making Alta Bates Summit Medical Center the largest birthing center in Northern California. Due to this volume, the NICU has a corresponding high volume. NICU admissions in 2012 were over 1,100 (60 percent of which were premature babies) making the NICU one of the largest in Northern California.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

The project will maximize efforts to increase parent knowledge/abilities in the areas of healthy child development, parental coping skills/self-care, and access to timely interim and long-term early intervention services. Our team will deepen engagement of families, while offering social/emotional support to enhance the well-being of parents.

## Asian Community Mental Health Services (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

Asian Community Mental Health Services, a private non-profit agency, was established in 1974 and has since pioneered a community mental health approach with a diverse Asian/Pacific Islander population that is consumer-need driven and community-based.

Asian Community Mental Health Services' mission is to provide and advocate for multilingual and multicultural services, empowering the most vulnerable members of our community to lead healthy, contributing, and self-sufficient lives.

Today Asian Community Mental Health Services' staff of over 100 provide wrap-around services in 10 Asian languages and dialects: Cambodian, Cantonese, English, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Mandarin, Mien, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

A 16 week cycle involving jointly conducted parenting peer support and education groups and developmental playgroups for 90 underserved Chinese and Vietnamese immigrant parents/caretakers with 90 of their children ages 0-5 conducted in their primary language.

## Asian Health Services (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

Asian Health Services is a federally qualified health center that provides comprehensive culturally and linguistically competent health care to low-income, uninsured, and underinsured Asian and Pacific Islander communities across Alameda County. Asian Health Services started in 1974 as a one-room clinic in Alameda County's Oakland Chinatown staffed completely by student volunteers. Today, Asian Health Services provides over 104,000 medical and dental visits to over 24,000 patients annually and is a nationally recognized comprehensive community health center model for serving a primarily low-income, limited English proficient population.

Asian Health Services provides a full spectrum of culturally and linguistically competent health care services from primary care to dental services for all ages; perinatal services; reproductive health; preventive care services; health education; nutrition counseling; chronic disease management; behavioral health services; senior health care; end-of-life care; HIV prevention and testing; ancillary services such as ultrasounds and x-rays; and eligibility counseling.

Given that Asian Health Services provides health services and education to over 500 pregnant women and new mothers each year, Asian Health Services is in a strong position to seamlessly integrate linguistically and culturally appropriate parenting education and social support opportunities that will enable Asian and Pacific Islander women and their families to better support their child's development.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Asian Health Services' Perinatal Empowerment Program enhances parenting support for low-income Asian and Pacific Islander pregnant women and families to better able support their child's development. The Perinatal Empowerment Program provides a continuum of care from pregnancy to parenting through linguistically and culturally appropriate prenatal classes, labor coach support, and parenting workshops.

## BANANAS, Inc. (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

BANANAS is a child care resource referral agency located in Oakland, committed to serving families and child care providers in Northern Alameda County. As one of the first such services in the United States, we have assisted families in accessing and using child care for the past forty years. We provide education and support to parents and child care providers through free workshops, classes and support groups on a variety of topics. Additionally, we administer nine alternative payment programs to help low-income families receive financial support for the cost of child care.

We have published over 100 handouts and a newsletter, which is sent out to over 10,000 parents and caregivers, and have an extensive resource lending library of books, periodicals, articles and videos on child rearing, child development and child-related issues.

We work with local community colleges and other training groups to offer Early Childhood Education classes for licensed and license-exempt child care providers. Additionally, we offer free clothing, equipment, toys, diapers, and furniture for infants and children of low-income families, which other parents and supporters have donated. In short, we are a one-stop resource for anyone raising or caring for children in Northern Alameda County.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Assisting parents in supporting their child's development through multiple, free support groups and classes, offered year-round at BANANAS in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese. Conducting parenting classes in licensed family child care programs serving low-income families, including those receiving subsidies.

# Bay Area Hispano Institute for Advancement, Inc. (BAHIA)/Centro VIDA (Targeted Grant)

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## Organization Description:

The Bay Area Hispano Institute for Advancement Inc. was founded in 1975 to provide bilingual care and education to low income parents in Alameda County with a particular focus on Latino families.

Centro VIDA, our flagship program provides full time care services to children ages 2-5. Bahia School Age Program serves children ages 5-10 years of age part time during the school year and full time during the summer. La Academia de Bahia is a part time three-hour morning bilingual pre-kindergarten readiness program for 3-4 year olds. The three programs are located in Berkeley. La Academia de Centro VIDA is a successful bilingual Saturday pre-kindergarten readiness program for 40 children ages 3-5 years located in Fremont. Bay Area Hispano Institute for Advancement is the only Latino non-profit organization with a focus on bilingual early to school-age care and education in the county.

Bay Area Hispano Institute for Advancement is known for engaging with partners to address the achievement gap, and actively participating on many levels to address the disparities in education that have roots in the early years. The unique strengths of Bay Area Hispano Institute for Advancement's programs are placing value on the important relationship between language, culture, and learning.

## Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Conducting parenting classes in Spanish in concert with a part-time quality bilingual preschool program (school readiness) in Fremont for children 3 to 5 years on Saturday morning. Outreach will be focused on families in Southern Alameda County who are low income, Latino, and Spanish speaking.

# Bay Area Parent Leadership Action Network (PLAN) (Targeted Grant)

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## Organization Description:

Bay Area Parent Leadership Action Network (PLAN) works to empower parents to transform schools. Parent Leadership Action Network believes that every child deserves an excellent education and that parents play a key role. Through training and leadership development, Parent Leadership Action Network provides parents with the skills, knowledge and confidence to be a leader in their child's education. We envision transforming systems so that all children enter school ready to learn and graduate from high school as caring, competent critical thinkers who are ready for college, career, community, and life.

Parent Leadership Action Network's primary strategies include parent leadership training; parent organizing and empowerment; and technical assistance to schools, family resource centers, and early childhood providers. Each year, more than 400 parents and guardians participate in our programs, including the PLAN to LEAD Training of Trainers program and Parents Ready for School.

In 2007 Parent Leadership Action Network developed the Parents Ready for School curriculum and program. More than 600 families have gone through the program to date. In 2011, Parent Leadership Action Network added a "Training of Trainers" component to expand delivery of the program and improved the curriculum model by adding a seventh workshop promoting regular attendance.

## Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Bay Area Parent Leadership Action Network will promote school readiness in Alameda County by providing Parents Ready for School trainings to increase the ability of low-income parents to support their children's transition to and success in public schools, and teaching 0-5 providers to train other families using this curriculum.

## **CALICO Center (Child Abuse, Listening, Interviewing and Coordination Center) (Targeted Grant)**

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### **Organization Description:**

CALICO achieves justice and healing for abused children. We achieve justice by bringing together law enforcement officers, child welfare workers, prosecutors, and other professionals to investigate abuse allegations and elicit testimony from children. We use a nationally proven method designed to attain thorough and accurate information while protecting the emotional needs of the victim. We promote healing for victims by coordinating the first and most crucial stages of recovery. Our skilled mental-health clinicians offer guidance, resources and support to help the entire family along the path to physical and mental health and well-being.

CALICO's mission is to provide a supportive environment to interview children and facilitate a collaborative response to child abuse in which the needs of children take precedence. In 2012, we aided over 700 victims and their caregivers, including 117 abused children who were under five years of age and another 123 families with children under 5 residing in the household. Most of the young victims were sexually abused, and many were physically hurt, neglected, exploited as prostitutes, living in homes where drugs were manufactured, sold or used, and/or witnessed violence in their homes or communities.

### **Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:**

Providing mental-health interventions to families in crisis and at-risk of child maltreatment. We aim to aid 200 caregivers of abused children ages 0-5 through on-site and follow-up support, and 100 caregivers of children at-risk of maltreatment.

## Center for Early Intervention on Deafness (CEID) (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

The Center for Early Intervention on Deafness is a 33 year old nonprofit organization serving children, 0-5, who are deaf or hard of hearing and/or have severe speech and language delays. The Center for Early Intervention on Deafness provides educational programs, family navigation, and resource supports for families to maximize the development of language (oral and/or sign) and communication potential of their children.

The Center for Early Intervention on Deafness has been recognized as an “exemplary” program by the State of California since 1981. Children 18 months or younger receive home visits by Early Intervention Specialists. Children 18 months through age 5 participate in toddler and preschool classes at the Center for Early Intervention on Deafness’ community based Berkeley Center led by credentialed Teachers of the Deaf using sign language and spoken language simultaneously. Many Center for Early Intervention on Deafness students are medically fragile or have additional significant disabilities.

Kindergarten readiness is a focus of the Center for Early Intervention on Deafness’ services and family involvement is necessary and central to the Center for Early Intervention on Deafness’ service paradigm. Parents are encouraged to participate in classes and activities with their children and to attend free sign language classes, and, morning, evening, and weekend educational/resource presentations. The Center for Early Intervention on Deafness’ facility includes a digital Parent Library that is a gathering place for informal parent groups and for formal parent trainings.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

This project establishes community and center-based developmental playgroups and enhanced family support activities not currently available. Families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing must learn unique strategies to help their children acquire language and develop cognitively, emotionally, and academically.



## Children's Hospital Oakland (Community Support)

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### Organization Description:

Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland is the oldest and largest children's hospital between LA and Seattle and the sole safety net children's hospital in Alameda County. In addition to providing the traditional functions of a hospital, Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland maintains an array of services for children in Alameda County, from primary care and mental health to highly specialized treatment for rare diseases, making it a hub of the local health prevention and social services landscape.

MediCal reimbursement for medical and mental health services for children is extremely poor and there are few providers in the area willing to see children with public insurance. On the other hand, Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland serves all children regardless of ability to pay.

Over 70,000 children visit Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland annually, about half of whom are under age 5, giving Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland perhaps more influence over the well being of local children than any other direct service provider.

The Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland Primary Care Clinic, located two blocks from the main hospital, is the largest primary care clinic in the Bay Area with 30,000 patient-visits per year. It is a designated federally qualified health center; approximately 98% of the children who come to the clinic have MediCal.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Enabling the International Clinic to enhance its language and cultural capacity through the hiring of a Patient Advocate who is a linguistically and cultural match to its Arabic-speaking families with young children in order to increase early identification and linkages to supports for development.

# Children's Hospital Oakland, Parent-Infant Program (Targeted Grant)

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## Organization Description:

Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland is a comprehensive non-profit medical center established in 1912 whose mission is to provide quality health care, research, and training. Seventy percent of the children seen by the hospital have Medi-Cal insurance, indicating that a high percentage of children served are living in poverty.

The Early Intervention Services Unit, a part of Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland, began with only two programs 33 years ago. The Early Intervention Services Unit now has over 10 different programs and an operating budget of approximately \$7,000,000. The Early Intervention Services staff is multidisciplinary and includes early childhood special educators, infant development specialists, physical therapists, speech therapists, early childhood mental health specialists, and nurses. All staff are grounded in a relationship-based approach in working with young children and families who are at risk due to a combination of environmental and biological risk factors.

The Early Intervention Services Unit staff hold particular expertise in the integration of developmental and mental health approaches in both assessment and treatment and are highly skilled at working with young children who have, or are at high risk for, developmental, and social/emotional delays. Early Intervention Services operates as a part of Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland but is entirely supported by grants and contracts.

## Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

The Integrated Developmental Playgroup Program continues a successful model of parent-child support for Spanish speaking families (predominantly monolingual) living in economically challenged South Hayward. These children (18 months- 4 year olds) have developmental/social-emotional challenges and are not receiving other socialization or early care and education services.

## City of Fremont, Youth and Family Services (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

Youth and Family Services, a division of the City of Fremont's Human Services Department, has provided family-focused mental health services to children for 40 years. In 2011-12, Youth and Family Services served over 1200 children and families, including 61 preschool age children at its counseling offices located at the Fremont Family Resource Center, at 21 Fremont and Newark schools, and at the Fremont Police Department. Youth and Family Services provided parent education classes to approximately 250 parents, including 110 parents of preschool age children through the Preschool Parent Academy, a partnership with Fremont Unified School District.

The City of Fremont's Human Service Department enhances the quality of life in the community by leveraging partnerships and providing direct services across the life span through Youth and Family Services, the Family Resource Center and Aging and Family Services Divisions. As a result, Youth and Family Services is able to link families to a wide range of needed resources.

Youth and Family Services is an active member of the Fremont Family Resource Center, a collaborative of more than 27 co-located nonprofit and governmental programs. Youth and Family Services staff works closely with the Fremont Family Resource Center's core team of licensed social workers and family resource specialists, who are bi-lingual in nine different languages, to provide wrap-around services to families.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Partnering with New Haven Adult School and Fremont Unified School District to conduct the "Preschool Parent Academy," a parenting program in Spanish and English for 200 low-income families, enhanced through individual family meetings with participants that will foster social-emotional development and other kindergarten readiness skills in their children.

# City Of Oakland - Office Of Parks And Recreation (Neighborhood Partnership)

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## Organization Description:

The City of Oakland's Office of Parks and Recreation provides a range of leisure services and facilities for Oakland residents and visitors through its operating divisions.

Oakland's recreation program began in 1909 when the Parks and Playground Commissions first met to discuss the City's leisure-related needs. Since then, the Office of Parks and Recreation has developed recreation centers, boating and aquatics programs, and a host of other programs and services.

The Office of Parks and Recreation has a long-standing agreement with Oakland Unified School District for joint use of facilities to better serve youth. The Office of Parks and Recreation holds the largest share of city-owned land resources with 200+ facilities on nearly 2,500 acres. It has 22 fully functioning recreation centers, two specialized cultural arts centers, a tennis center, a boating and aquatics center, Inclusion Program and a science and discovery center.

The Office of Parks and Recreation has a long tradition of enriching the lives of the citizens of Oakland. The department has the oldest operating day camp in the Bay Area (Montclair Feather Hill), founded the first t-ball leagues in the Bay Area with the help of baseball great Joe Morgan, and continues to offer a wide range of activities, classes, and programs for residents of all ages.

## Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Offering a twice weekly play and learn group at Tassafaronga and Willie Keyes Recreation Centers in West and East Oakland. We will offer fun developmental activities and learning experiences that prepare children and families for structured school environments.

## City Slicker Farms (Community Support)

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### Organization Description:

At City Slicker Farms, our mission is to empower West Oakland community members to meet the basic need for fresh, healthy food by creating sustainable, high-yield urban farms and backyard gardens. When City Slicker Farms was founded in 2001, there was nowhere in West Oakland to buy fresh, healthy food. That year, a group of West Oakland residents decided they could help by growing healthy food right in their own neighborhood. There were plenty of vacant lots in the area, so growing food in unused spaces was a natural fit.

Today, the award-winning City Slicker Farms consists of five Community Market Farms (spaces open to the public), 180 Backyard/Childcare Center Gardens, a weekly farm stand, a greenhouse, and Urban Farming Education programs. Together, these activities preserve and reimagine green space in the inner-city for sustainable food production and environmental conservation, give low-income families support to grow their own food, engage residents in environmental education and green job skills, and serve as a model for improving access to affordable, fresh, healthy foods, especially in neighborhoods where it simply did not exist.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Our Childcare Center Garden Program supports underserved childcare centers and children by transforming barren yards into lush food gardens, which become educational tools that foster positive social-emotional development. In addition to providing direct access to healthy food, these gardens provide a space for social interaction, outdoor learning, and increased classroom engagement.

## East Bay Agency for Children (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

Founded in 1952, East Bay Agency for Children has grown from a small program serving 18 children into an agency that benefits 21,000 children, youth, and their families in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties annually. East Bay Agency for Children's student and family support services, specialized therapeutic and educational programs, and school and community based prevention programs address the challenges facing our children and communities. East Bay Agency for Children's mission is to build brighter futures and stronger communities by promoting the health, safety and educational success of children and youth, and their families. East Bay Agency for Children serves at-risk, low-income, communities of color, newly immigrated, refugee and migrant families.

The proposed Little Steps to College Academy is a program of our Hawthorne Family Resource Center, which since 1992 has enhanced the academic, social, emotional and physical wellbeing of children and families. Services operate on the combined campus of two charter schools. Activities are offered throughout the school year at no cost. Services are culturally appropriate, trilingual (English/Spanish/Mam), and integrated into the daily life on campus. Hawthorne Family Resource Center's full-service community school approach draws families into the school community through an afterschool program, Parent Center, Parent Child Education Support Program, Little Steps, mental health services, and medical clinic.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

"Little Steps to College" Parent-Child Academy will continue to provide early literacy, socialization, school readiness, parenting education and transition to Kindergarten services to non-English speaking Mam and Latino children ages 3-4 and their parents, and will be enhanced to include a Preschool Reading Program.

## Emergency Shelter Program, Inc. (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

Emergency Shelter Program is a nonprofit founded in 1972 located in Hayward that serves women and children who are survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and homelessness. We operate a 42-bed emergency shelter, with a 24-hour crisis line. Last year 69% of our clients came to our facility due to domestic violence and 18% due to non-violent homelessness. Out of the 239 un-duplicated clients we served, 139 were children.

Our specialized children's program focuses on the traumatic effects of violence and the health disparities it creates within families. Our specific objectives for the children and mothers include decreasing children's signs and symptoms of trauma, preventing child abuse, and stopping the intergenerational cycle of domestic violence through early intervention and education. Emergency Shelter Program accomplishes this through intensive case management provided for both mother and child which includes financial stability, housing, health, and educational goals.

Emergency Shelter Program provides a parallel mental health program for mothers and children including, individual, family, and group counseling. Emergency Shelter Program encompasses all the client's needs, including emergency needs such as food, clothing, and protective orders.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

The project will serve children age 0-5, who present developmental and/or social emotional concerns, of parents experiencing adverse circumstances. Service activities will increase opportunities for parent-child interaction/attachment, parent education, child's self-regulation, enhance child social-emotional development, and increase support to staff with children and families with special needs.

# Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO) (Community Support)

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## Organization Description:

Family Emergency Shelter Coalition was founded in 1986, by a coalition of area churches/community members, to address family homeless in Alameda County. Family Emergency Shelter Coalition serves low/extremely low-income homeless children and their families with housing/supportive services that support its mission to assist homeless families move toward self-sufficiency. Programs include:

**Les Marquis House:** 22-bed emergency shelter that houses low/extremely low-income homeless families and provides case management, housing assistance, benefit acquisition, job search assistance, parenting/life skills classes, and children's activities/tutoring.

**Banyan House:** transitional housing for 8 homeless families needing extra time to gain employment or attend school/vocational training. Families receive the same supportive services as residents at Les Marquis House.

**3rd Street Apartments:** a four-unit permanent housing project, provides permanent low-cost rental housing with supportive services.

**Mental Health Counseling Program:** provides mental health services, including individual/group/family therapy, children's play therapy, and parenting classes.

**Jobs/Linkages Program (Alameda County):** two-year program which provides housing subsidies/support services to families while a parent attends school/vocational training.

**Shelter+Care:** provides supportive services to previously homeless families who are housed through this permanent housing program. These families include at least one adult living with one/more disabilities.

**Homeless Prevention Services:** supports former Family Emergency Shelter Coalition residents with follow-up services, housing assistance, food boxes and other forms of assistance to help sustain family self-sufficiency and prevent a return to homelessness.

## Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Enhancing services for homeless and previously homeless children between the ages of 0-5 and their families. Participants will receive developmental and depression screenings, referrals, parenting support through home visits, and respite/enrichment activities. Over 60% of residents in Family Emergency Shelter Coalition's programs are children, and over half are ages 0-5, so this program will increase the focus and services for this young population.



## Habitot Children's Museum (Community Support)

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### Organization Description:

Habitot Children's Museum is a hands-on discovery museum created exclusively for young children, 0-5, and their families and caregivers. More than a place to entertain children, Habitot's mission is to help parents and caregivers raise curious, creative, and confident children. Safe, appropriate, and stimulating experiences and enjoyable opportunities for parental engagement are needed, especially for children under 3, whose brains are developing rapidly. Habitot's play-based exhibits foster positive parent-child interactions and help children learn social and cognitive skills. Habitot's community setting reduces isolation among parents while parent resources support the acquisition of positive parenting skills that enhance family and child well-being.

In addition to permanent and rotating exhibits, Habitot features a drop-in art studio, children's classes, summer camps, early childhood safety events, multicultural celebrations, a free toy lending library, and a family resource center library.

Community partnerships with dozens of social service agencies ensure that teen parents, homeless families, children with special needs, and many other vulnerable families can visit for free. In fact, central to Habitot's mission is inclusion, the museum is welcome to all regardless of cultural or socio-economic background and ability to pay is not a barrier to visiting.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

This project will be an investment in building a stable partnership between Habitot and Alameda County's Department of Children and Family Services so that families in the system can utilize the museum as an enriching place to play together and have positive family visitation experiences that enhance progress toward reunification.

# Hayward Area Recreation And Park District (Neighborhood Partnership)

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## Organization Description:

The Hayward Area Recreation & Park District is an independent special use district. We provide park and recreation services for over 250,000 residents living within a 64 square-mile area which includes the City of Hayward, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo and the unincorporated Ashland, Cherryland, and Fairview districts. Since its creation in 1944, the mission of the Park District is improving the quality of life for citizens of all ages by providing a variety of recreational activities, special events, facilities, and services that encourage life-long learning, fitness, and fun.

## Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

New programming for children 3-5 years old and families in the Ashland/Cherryland area, and adding an educational piece to already existing programs. The program will include Pre-K classes, parent education nights, and scholarship funds to help low income families send their children to preschool.

# Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay (Targeted Grant)

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## Organization Description:

Guided by the values of compassionate action and communal responsibility, Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay is a nonprofit agency that has been delivering vital mental health and social services to Alameda and Contra Costa county families, children, individuals, older adults, Holocaust survivors, and refugees for 136 years. Providing services to people of all affiliations, races, and backgrounds, Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay's long tradition of caring directly impacts the lives of more than 8,000 East Bay residents each year.

Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay provides services in three main program areas: Parenting & Youth Services, Refugee & Immigrant Services, and Adult Services. Woven throughout all these service areas is our volunteer program, which actively trains and matches volunteers with isolated seniors, children needing tutors and mentors, and refugees and immigrants needing help learning English and acculturating to the United States.

The services provided by Parenting & Youth represent a significant portion of the agency's overall work. The majority of the agency's clients are families with children birth to five, with over half of them monolingual Spanish-speaking families. Our organization has also been extremely active in policy and advocacy efforts in building a comprehensive and coordinated system of care for children and families zero to five in Alameda County.

## Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

This program provides family support and treatment services to mothers and young children at one residential recovery program, two emergency shelters, and one safe house. Such on-site services are proven strategies for early identification of at-risk children, early intervention, and for helping parents support their child's development under adverse circumstances.

## La Clínica De La Raza (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

La Clínica de La Raza, Inc. is a federally qualified health center. Since its beginnings as a single storefront operation in Oakland in 1971, La Clínica has since grown into a sophisticated provider of culturally and linguistically appropriate medical care and support services. La Clínica has 31 sites in three different counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano counties.

La Clínica's mission is to improve the quality of life of the diverse communities we serve by providing culturally appropriate, high quality, and accessible health care for all. We strive to achieve this by offering affordable health services to all persons, regardless of their ability to pay, in a manner that is sensitive to the culture and the linguistic needs of the community.

La Clínica delivers an array of services including: medical, dental, optical, women's health, pediatric, family medicine, perinatal, clinical health education and nutrition, mental health, behavioral health services, case management, community health education, radiology, pharmacy, and laboratory services.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Supporting and enhancing the CenteringParenting program at our teen clinic, Clínica Alta Vista. Clínica Alta Vista is expanding the CenteringParenting program to include M-CHAT screens at 24 months and will continue to provide ASQ screens at 9 and 18 months.

## Lawrence Hall Of Science (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

The Lawrence Hall of Science is the public science center of the University of California at Berkeley. Lawrence Hall of Science is a resource for children, parents, and educators seeking to improve their understanding of and engagement in science and mathematics.

The educational contributions of the Lawrence Hall of Science make it one of the most highly regarded science centers in the country. Since the Lawrence Hall of Science was founded over 40 years ago, young children and their families have been an important audience. Lawrence Hall of Science serves over 150,000 children annually with school workshops, after school classes, summer camps, and family programs, with a large percentage of those in the early childhood category. Lawrence Hall of Science has a well-tested program portfolio that effectively engages youngsters in playful, content-rich, motivating experiences in science and math. More than a museum, the Lawrence Hall of Science is also a center for curriculum research and development, and a leader in providing teacher professional development.

Lawrence Hall of Science has developed major nationally recognized science and mathematics curriculum programs, including a collection of early childhood instructional guides and materials. Through workshops, college courses, and summer institutes, the Lawrence Hall of Science provides support and training to early childhood teachers and parents in using these tools to successfully teach science to young children.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

The Lawrence Hall of Science will collaborate with Children's Hospital, Asian Community Mental Health Services, and Berkeley Division of Recreation to make developmentally appropriate, play-based science experiences accessible to at-risk families in established playgroup settings. Project components: parent-child classes, take-home materials, provider trainings, parent education, and Lawrence Hall of Science field trips.

# Lighthouse Community Charter School

## (Community Support)

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### Organization Description:

Lighthouse Community Charter School's mission is to prepare a diverse student population for college and career of their choice. The school accomplishes this mission by maintaining a focus on five tenets: 1) holding all students to high expectations, 2) providing rigorous, college-prep K–12 education programs and curriculum, 3) creating programs to foster the social, emotional, and physical development of children and youth, 4) involving families, and 5) creating a professional community of learners.

In addition to providing a rigorous school day program, Lighthouse also provides free after school programming, social and emotional counseling, organic meal programs, family education programs, and sports and other enrichment activities for its students and families.

With modest beginnings of serving 92 students in a storefront on Telegraph, our public, tuition-free school has expanded year after year, now serving 720 students in grades K–12 with long waiting lists at every grade level.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Expanding and enhancing services at Lighthouse Community Charter School to the pre-K population through a summer program and parent/caregiver engagement activities. 50 children and their parents/caregivers will access resources to help children who have not had prior early childhood education or preschool to become school-ready.

## Lincoln Child Center (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

Founded in 1883 as the only racially integrated orphanage in Oakland, Lincoln Child Center is recognized as a leader and as a relentless advocate for children and families who are suffering from poverty, violence, crime, and instability. Our mission is to enable vulnerable and emotionally troubled children and their families to lead independent and fulfilling lives. Through our combined programs, Lincoln reaches over 1,000 children and families in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Lincoln's goal is to address the needs of children before they drop out of school, enter foster care, or reach juvenile detention. Responding to community needs, Lincoln designed programs that address trauma from community and family violence, generational poverty, the stigma of receiving mental health care, and the limitations of a strained educational system.

Specifically, Lincoln operates a special education school with integrated mental health services, an outreach program for Kin families, case management services for foster families and for chronically truant youth, and counseling and support services for students and families based on-site at 18 public schools and four Child Development Centers. We also run the Excel Program which assists schools in reducing the number of students requiring nonpublic school placements and addresses the individualized needs of students with both behavioral and educational challenges. Lastly, our Multi-Dimensional Family Therapy Program provides evidence-based in-home family therapy to adolescent clients with co-occurring substance use disorders in Contra Costa County. Treatment includes case management, resource finding, and collateral supports with outside systems such as school and probation, in addition to twice weekly therapy sessions.

We work with the most vulnerable of children and families, all of which have been exposed to and impacted by community violence.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

The Families Together Project provides parent education that supports stronger parent-child relationships while increasing parents' capacity to respond to their child's developmental needs. The Families Together Project offers workshops teaching positive parenting skills as well as parent support groups.

# Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (Neighborhood Partnership)

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## Organization Description:

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is a multifaceted agency that was created in 1947 by a vote of the public. It provides recreation and parks for the 245 square-mile area bounded by Contra Costa County to the north, San Joaquin County to the east, Santa Clara County to the south, and the cities of Pleasanton and Dublin to the west.

Our Mission is: "To provide the people of this area with an outstanding system of parks, recreation areas, and facilities. Provide recreation programs that will stimulate, educate, and enrich the lives of people within the District". The Youth and Senior Services Division is an integral part of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

We serve over 1600 participants daily ranging in ages from 3 months to 100+ years. Livermore Area Recreation and Park District offers preschool at six locations throughout Livermore, before and after school programs at ten elementary schools and four middle schools, a variety of summer programs, and a diversity of enrichment classes and trips for seniors.

## Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Play: It's just not for kids! Our Play to Learn program is a parent-child program where children learn the routines of preschool with the comfort of a parent/caregiver. Play connects us to each other, supercharges our learning and makes us feel happy. Parents and caregivers will find new activities to share with their children, enjoy informative adult conversation, and learn about resources available in the community. The Play to Learn program is for children between the ages of 2 and 3 ½ years old and takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 2.5 hours.



## Lotus Bloom (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

Lotus Bloom Child & Family Resource Center is a comprehensive, multicultural organization that develops and provides family resources and innovative early learning and school readiness programs for low-income inner-city children, youth, and families. Since its inception in 2006, Lotus Bloom's core service has been providing developmentally appropriate multicultural playgroups for Oakland children aged 0-5, not enrolled in any form of licensed early care and education programming, to promote their cognitive, physical, and social and emotional development and wellness. Services are also targeted to reach children with no prior experience in a center-based early care and education setting.

Lotus Bloom is unique in that we are fully vested in a participant-driven approach to support programs that affirm families' strengths while enhancing their capacity to raise their children in healthy and safe communities. Our multilingual and multicultural board, staff, and organization are made up of neighborhood residents, early childhood experts, parents, and grassroots community leaders. Our goal is to provide high-quality, affordable, and accessible school readiness programs for Alameda County's children 5 years old and under, so that they enter kindergarten ready to learn.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Provide a family school readiness program for children 3-5 years old and their caregivers, targeted towards children who have not had previous preschool experience. The program will be structured as a playgroup, and will occur 3 days per week, 3 hours per day, for 40 weeks per year.

## Loved Twice (Community Support)

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### Organization Description:

Loved Twice provides newborns-in-need with quality recycled baby clothing to keep them safe, clean, and warm throughout their first year of life. Loved Twice collects gently used baby clothing through clothing drives at local businesses, schools, and churches. Groups of volunteers then sort, fold, and pack the clothing into boxes. These “wardrobes-in-a-box” each contain 75 garments in sizes 0-12 months, enough clothing to keep a baby warm and clean through the first year. All of the wardrobes-in-a-box are given directly to families through licensed social workers at hospitals, safe houses, clinics, and homeless shelters.

Loved Twice serves at-risk babies of mothers experiencing extreme challenges, including homelessness, poverty, violence, and teen pregnancy. Loved Twice helps meet a basic need for disadvantaged newborns and helps reduce the new parents’ stress, which allows them to better care for their baby in the long-term. Since 2005, Loved Twice has clothed 7,050 newborns, helping vulnerable families meet their basic needs while keeping over 70,000 pounds of clothing out of landfills. That's 528,750 essential garments recycled into underserved communities with an estimated retail value of \$1,586,250! Loved Twice is based in Alameda County, and 30% of all babies served are in Alameda County.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Loved Twice will provide a year’s worth of gently used clothes to 1,600 Alameda County underprivileged newborns. Each baby will receive a "wardrobe-in-a-box" with 75 essential items. Loved Twice partners with social workers at hospitals, shelters, prenatal clinics, and safe homes to distribute wardrobes-in-a-box to those with the greatest need.

## Mujeres Unidas y Activas (Community Support)

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### Organization Description:

Mujeres Unidas y Activas is a grassroots organization of Latina immigrant women with a double mission of promoting personal transformation and building community power for social and economic justice. We achieve this mission by implementing the following strategies: creating an environment of understanding and confidentiality; giving our members opportunities to empower themselves and provide mutual support to one another; offering diverse trainings so that women obtain economic security and gain skills to become leaders of their lives, their families, and their communities; and working with diverse alliances on the local, regional, national, and international levels and organizing to win immigrant, workers' and women's rights.

With offices in San Francisco and Oakland, Mujeres Unidas y Activas provides a safe space where Latina immigrant women can address basic needs and dismantle barriers (like low self-esteem, domestic violence, and economic hardship) that prevent them from recognizing their own potential to improve the conditions and circumstances they face. At Mujeres Unidas y Activas, Latina immigrant women take the first step toward transitioning from victims to skilled advocates and community leaders.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Mujeres Unidas y Activas will provide culturally competent support counseling services and offer educational classes focused on parenting skills, mental health, family violence prevention and leadership development so that Latina immigrant mothers become healthier and stronger, and thus be more capable of creating healthier relationships with their children.

## Our Family Coalition (Community Support)

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### Organization Description:

Our Family Coalition promotes the equality and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender families with children by fostering community leadership that promotes healthy development of children and their families. We directly serve more than 3,500 people a year. Our work includes direct programs that serve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender headed families and their children; work directly to create early childhood and elementary school settings that are welcoming to and inclusive of all families; and develop parent leaders that impact policies and practices that advance the equality of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender families.

We host a Mamas and Papas monthly peer support group for LGBTQ parents with children ages 0-5 years. It meets at the Habitot Children's Museum in Berkeley. The children are fed and have a safe and developmentally enriched place to play and be with other children their age. The parents have a chance to relax without their children or infants can stay with their parents.

Over the past year alone, Our Family Coalition organized more than 175 separate events for families and family-service providers, including parent education, child development activities, support groups, and community building events. We have built extensive collaborative networks with family serving providers across Alameda County that enhances our ability to reach and serve the children in our many diverse families. Over the past five years, we have helped to foster welcoming and inclusive early childhood centers and schools throughout California by building the capacity of more than 2,250 educators and parents to work with thousands of students. Through its multiple strategies, Our Family Coalition helps build self-esteem and resiliency in children so that they can thrive.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Our Family Coalition will provide Alameda County lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender families with young children with vital peer support, educational workshops, community-strengthening activities, and parent-child interactive activities that enhance parent knowledge of healthy child development, strengthen parent-child relationships, and build on the collective impact of available services.

## Raising A Reader, San Francisco and Alameda Counties (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

Founded in 1999 at the Center for Venture Philanthropy in San Mateo, Raising A Reader is a research-based, early literacy and parent engagement program. Using an affiliate model, Raising A Reader is implemented in 29 states, in over 146 communities, and currently serves over 110,000 young children and their families.

Raising A Reader, San Francisco and Alameda Counties incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 2009. Since 2003, the program has grown almost ten-fold, now serving over 11,000 children locally in over 630 classrooms and early childhood environments.

Raising A Reader achieves tremendous impact through a strong partnership model, leveraging community investments in early education, literacy, and family support. By utilizing culturally and linguistically relevant workshop curriculum and books, families connect with the importance of book sharing.

Many of Raising A Reader's implementation sites are at Head Start, Early Head Start, and State Funded child development centers. Families receiving subsidies to attend these early childhood programs are by definition living in poverty. Other sites implementing the program demonstrate that the populations they serve are primarily low-income.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Raising A Reader will continue to implement its renowned early literacy and family engagement program at 21 preschool sites in Alameda County to support interactive book sharing, family engagement, and library access for 900 children and their families.

# San Leandro Public Library (Neighborhood Partnership)

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## Organization Description:

The San Leandro Public Library is a key community resource designed to meet the diverse needs and interest of San Leandro residents. Our goals are to provide the community with an abundance of books, magazines, DVDs and other materials; support the community's educational goals; and build community through programs for children, teens, and adults. Additionally, it assists in maintaining the city's rich historical heritage as well as promoting cultural arts.

We provide materials in many languages and format and we offer resources and services online through our digital branch. We offer hundreds of programs each year, including story times, book clubs, computer classes, cultural celebrations, informational workshops, and much more.

The recreation division is responsible for providing programs and services that bring people together, foster human development, promote health and wellness, increase cultural unity, and provide recreational experiences for people of all ages.

## Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

The City of San Leandro's Public Library and Recreation Department will partner to increase the number of free, language-appropriate early literacy and school-readiness opportunities for children ages 0 to 5 and their families in two targeted neighborhoods.

## Through the Looking Glass (Targeted Grant)

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### Organization Description:

Through the Looking Glass grew out of the civil rights movement for people with disabilities and is the most experienced disability culture-based organization providing early intervention to enhance the potential of children and families with disabilities. Through the Looking Glass has been nationally and internationally recognized for its pioneering services, resources, and research in support of families with a disability in parent or child.

Since its founding in 1982, Through the Looking Glass has blended infant mental health, family therapy/support, and parent education approaches with disability solutions and adaptations, serving families when a baby, child, parent, or parenting grandparent has a disability, medical, or developmental issue.

Since 1982, Through the Looking Glass has provided developmental assessment and guidance as part of its infant mental health services, adding Regional Center's vendorized early developmental intervention programs beginning in 1990.

Since 1993, Through the Looking Glass has been federally funded as the only national center for parents with disabilities and their children, offering national and international training, technical assistance, publications, conducting research, and supporting public policy change.

In 2010, Through the Looking Glass was funded as an Early Head Start program specializing in Alameda County families with disabilities. Through the Looking Glass and its Early Head Start are part of the Ed Roberts Campus, a "one stop shop" multi-agency environment for individuals with disabilities and their families.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Providing home-based infant/early childhood preventive mental health, family support and parenting education, developmental services, and disability adaptations/resources for children (0-5) and families with disability, medical, or developmental issues throughout Alameda County who are "falling through the cracks" of the intervention system.

# Tibetan Association of Northern California

## (Community Support)

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### Organization Description:

Tibetan Association of Northern California was started with the mission to preserve Tibetan culture and to serve the various needs and aspirations of the community. With growing numbers of community members, there are various social, economic, psychological, and physical health concerns. In recent years, Tibetan Association of Northern California initiated various programs to mitigate some of these concerns with the formation of committees to oversee the programs.

Children and Youth are the key focus of the community. To this end, Tibetan Sunday school has played a key role in educating young children with a strong understanding of their culture while promoting healthy integration with mainstream American culture.

Over the last few years, we have expanded our 0-5 programs at the Tibetan Sunday school, which has received wide admiration for benefitting our young children and their parents. Our programs are more structured and enrollments have increased.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Tibetan Association of Northern California would like sustain and expand the existing programs and offer quality early childhood Tibetan language classes for Tibetan and Himalayan children 0-5 every Sunday. We teach songs, arts, music, and tell stories to the children. We will continue to engage parents in their children's learning process and support the existing parent support group.



## Tri-Valley Haven for Women (Community Support)

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### Organization Description:

Tri-Valley Haven is in its 36th year of service, having begun operating a crisis line and shelter out of a Board member's home in 1977. Since then services have greatly expanded. We now include providing domestic violence, homeless, and sexual assault services. Domestic violence services include 24-hour crisis line; Shiloh, a 30-bed confidential shelter; individual and group counseling; restraining order assistance; and community outreach and education.

Our Rape Crisis Center opened in 1981 and offers sexual assault services to residents of the Tri-Valley area. These services include crisis response, advocacy, individual counseling, support groups, community outreach, and education.

Haven homeless services began in 2002 and currently include Sojourner House, a homeless shelter, and a food pantry. Sojourner House is the only shelter in the area that will accept single dads and teen boys. Life Skills groups offered at Sojourner House make the program a huge success since they equip our clients with skills that they have never had before, and are critical for returning or entering the life without homelessness.

The Haven offers several other support services to its clients to provide a more comprehensive approach towards healing and self-sufficiency.

### Description of First 5 Alameda County funded services:

Parents-Creating-Change program will provide parenting classes for parents of children ages 0 to 5 at our Domestic Violence and Homeless Shelters and individual sessions for the community. Classes will include topics on nutrition, scheduling and the importance of play, the dangers of secondhand smoke, children's development, and creating/maintaining healthy boundaries.

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