

We insist on putting little kids first.

The First 5 Center for Children's Policy researches, then promotes, policies and best practices to strengthen systems for children ages 0 to 5 in California.

Drawing from the assets, experiences, and expertise of the 58 First 5 commissions around the state and the First 5 Association, the Center offers:

- **A unique research voice** with real connections to on-the-ground experience in family strengthening, healthy development, early intervention, early learning, and more
- **Expertise in communicating** complex ideas to policymakers, thought leaders, and the general public
- **Statewide convenings** with experts inside and outside the early childhood space to brainstorm and plan for policy and systems change

CURRENT PROJECTS



- » California's lead for the Pritzker Children's Initiative, a national effort to identify solutions to support the health and development of at-risk infants and toddlers
- » All Together Now: A statewide communications campaign to encourage government leaders to prioritize young kids in policy and budget decisions

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