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FIRST 5 BUTTE COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$1.2 MILLION IN AVAILABLE FUNDING TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHILDREN

Deadline to apply is May 7

(Oroville) – Building on their commitment to provide quality services to all children prenatal to age 5, First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission recently announced the availability of more than \$1.2 million in funding to help support community-driven programs to help children prepare for school and beyond.

“First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission believes community members have a strong understanding of local needs,” said Jill Blake, Executive Director of First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission. “These investments will improve local services and help ensure our county’s children get the best start in life.”

Local organizations and individuals that serve children under age five will receive funding to create new programs or expand existing services for up to three years. Last year, funding provided by First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission benefited local children and families through projects ranging from oral health and medical screenings to parent education classes and support.

Those interested in applying for funding must submit a letter of intent to First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission by no later than May 7 at 4 p.m. The Commission will request formal applications after reviewing letters of intent. For more information and guidelines, please call First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission at 538-7964 or visit 202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Research shows that a child’s brain develops most dramatically in the first five years and what parents and caregivers do during these years to support their child’s growth will have a meaningful impact throughout life. Based on this research, California voters passed Proposition 10 in 1998, adding a 50 cents-per-pack tax on cigarettes to support programs for expectant parents and children ages 0 to 5.

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