



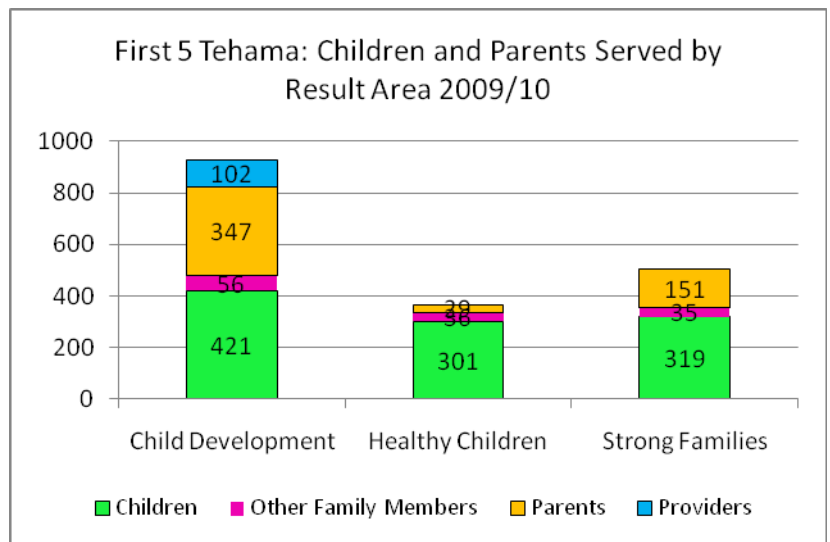
Executive Summary 2009/10 Annual Report

The First 5 Tehama Strategic Plan has four desired results and six objectives:

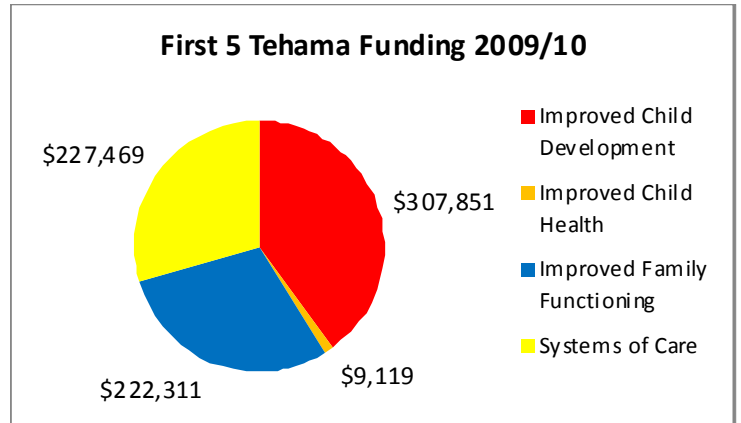
- (1) Strong families: parents will receive support to increase their knowledge of child rearing, family relationships and community resources.
- (2) Children learning and ready for school:
 - Increase availability of programs that meet and maintain quality standards for child care both in slots and available hours of operation.
 - Increase access to voluntary structured programs of quality early care and education that integrate cognitive, social and emotional development for all three and four year old children.
- (3) Healthy children: increase health access to prevention and primary health care services for pregnant women and children birth to age 5.
- (4) Improved systems of care for families:
 - Families from all cultural backgrounds are easily able to access multiple services and resources through an integrated system;
 - Comprehensive integrated services: increase administrative capability and organizational sustainability.

Children and Parents Served

In 2009/10, programs funded by First 5 Tehama served: 329 children ages 0 to 3, 711 children ages 3 to 5, 527 parents, 127 other family members and 102 child care providers. Programs in the result area Child Development served the most parents (347), children (421) and child care providers (102). These programs included School Readiness projects in Los Molinos, Gerber and Corning, and the Partners for Quality Child Care. The Mobile Dental Clinic provided oral health services to 301 children and 29 pregnant women. The programs in the result area Strong Families served 319 children, 35 other family members, and 151 parents. These projects included the DADs program, the Perinatal Substance Abuse Program, the Family Start home visitation program and the Northern Valley Catholic Social Services Family Resource Centers in Corning and Red Bluff.



In 2009/10, First 5 Tehama distributed \$766,750 in project grant awards. The largest area of investment for First 5 Tehama in 2009/10 was Children Ready for School, with 40% of the funds, followed by Strong Families (30%), and Healthy Children (1%) and Improved Systems of Care (30%).



Services

Programs funded in the area of Children Ready to Learn included the School Readiness Project and Partners for Quality Child Care. School Readiness implemented Families and Schools Together program, parenting classes, KinderCamp programs for children with no prior early care experience, home visits and developmental screenings. Partners for Quality Child Care served 61 licensed family child care providers and 41 Family Friend and Neighbor informal care providers with home visits and workshops. The Mobile Dental Clinic served 301 children by providing prevention services, including 339 exams and 533 xrays, 255 cleanings, 38 sealants, 244 fluoride varnish treatments. The MDC provided oral health treatment, including 155 fillings, 8 extractions, 6 root canals, and 53 space maintainers. MDC staff provided oral health education to 252 children and parents and referred 20 children to a hospital or a higher level of oral health care. The Mobile Dental Clinic is a partnership with Northern Valley Indian Health, First 5 Butte and First 5 Glenn. The clinic bills insurance plans (including MediCal) and collects fees on a sliding scale from families.

Funded programs in the area of Strong Families provided multiple individual and group services to parents. The Perinatal Substance Abuse Program served 82 mothers with home visits and in person consultations. The DADS program served 41 men with 47 family activities for men with their children, offered 97 treatment groups and 47 life skills and parenting classes. The Family Start intensive home visiting program for pregnant women and children 0 to 5 conducted 450 home visits and 7 classes. Northern Valley Catholic Social Services provided classes and other services for 180 children in their Corning and Red Bluff Family Resource Centers.

First 5 Tehama Funded Programs 2009/10					
	Home Visits	Classes	In person services	Treatment groups	Other
School Readiness	592	99	72		130
Partners for Quality Child Care	269	63			34 stipends
Mobile Dental Clinic			1,883		
DADS		47		97	47 Family activities
Perinatal Substance Abuse Program PSAP	187		72		
Family Start	450	9			

To measure improved systems of care for families, all grantees report on systems change activities for families (joint case management) as appropriate, and for programs. Shared training, shared outreach, shared planning and leveraged funding activities are reported quarterly. Quarterly grantee meetings provide opportunities for program staff to network, share ideas, collaboratively plan new approaches and discuss systems changes. First 5 Tehama County gathers information on improved systems of care at three levels: at the individual level, programs co-serve families in joint case management, at the program level, agencies engage in shared planning, shared outreach, shared activities and leveraged funding. At the county level, the Commission encourages strong linkages with other organizations that serve children in the county such as the Local Child Care Planning Council and the Child Welfare Redesign effort. Commission staff advocate for holistic, integrated services at the Tehama County Health Partnership collaborative.

Outcomes

According to surveys of parents registering their children for kindergarten in the target area of the School Readiness Project, children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2010 had greater access to health care, dental care and early care and education programs than in previous years.

- In Corning, between 2007/08 and 2009/10, the proportion of entering kindergarten students with health insurance grew from 70% to 91%, students with a physical exam grew from 81% to 93%, and students with an oral health exam grew from 73% to 93%.
- In Los Molinos and Gerber, 89% of entering Kindergarten students in the fall of 2010 had health insurance, 95% had a physical exam and 93% had an oral health exam. Access to oral health care increased from 69% to 93% of entering kindergarteners.
- Also, 98% of entering Kindergarten students in Los Molinos and Gerber in 2010 had some form of prior early care before entering school: 85% attended a formal early care program, 12% attended KinderCamp and 2% had no prior early care.
- In Corning, 92% of entering K students in 2010 had prior early care: 83% attended a formal program and 9% attended KinderCamp, 8% had no prior early care experience.

Participants in the PSAP and DADS program showed reduced risk for child abuse and neglect based on pre and post assessments using the Adult Adolescent Parenting Inventory. The Perinatal Substance Abuse Program serving pregnant and post partum women with substance abuse issues:

- 10 women in the PSAP program successfully completed treatment
- 9 women remained clean and sober for 6 months following treatment
- 15 children 0 to 5 were reunified with their mothers after PSAP participation

The DADS program serves men who have been referred by Probation, Parole, Child Welfare Services and other agencies. Outcomes for 2009/10 include:

- 10 men in the DADS program successfully completed treatment
- 7 men were re-unified with their children
- 7 men remained clean and sober for 6 months following treatment
- 5 men transferred to evening treatment after securing employment

ACTIONS TAKEN BASED ON EVALUATION FINDINGS

First 5 Tehama is confronting a major reduction in revenue due to the close out of the state school readiness matching funds in June of 2011 and the termination of its administrative augmentation from First 5 California. The Commission engaged in an in-depth examination of current programs and funding priorities, in part by developing a set of criteria and definitions for critical aspects of funded programs. Definitions for types of services (whether prevention, early intervention, or treatment), intensity of services based on the number of contacts with families (high, medium and low), collaboration (whether low, medium or high), and sustainability (high, medium and low) were developed. The Commission as a whole voted on funding priorities, with a preference for early intervention and prevention, medium to high intensity, medium sustainability and high levels of collaboration. A committee of the Commission reviewed an assessment of current funded programs against those criteria. Based on these criteria, the Committee recommended that the School Readiness Project and the Mobile Dental Clinic project be continued as resources diminish.

Based on the positive outcomes for the School Readiness Project, the First 5 Tehama Commission adopted the program as its “flagship project”, and the foundation for its System of Care for children 0 to 5. The project has been expanded from the original two communities of Los Molinos and Gerber, to Corning, a high need community with a large concentration of families with young children.