Butte County has experienced more than its share of struggles, and Fiscal Year 2020/21 was undoubtedly challenging for all of us, most notably for families and their young children. The First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission continues to stand committed to providing and funding flexible and responsive supports for families through direct programs and community partners.

The vision of the Commission, that every child deserves the opportunity of a resilient, thriving future through a nurturing, supportive network of families, caregivers, and their community, guides all our interests. Through investments in Help Me Grow Butte, Mothers Strong, Reach Out and Read, and community celebrations and playgroups, the Commission prioritizes expanding the capacity of family-serving systems to provide high quality opportunities that are accessible for all families.

During times of crisis, the Commission was honored to join with dozens of community partners to support families, and early care and education providers, with distribution of supplies and direct relief funds for both Covid-19 and the catastrophic North Complex Fire.

The Commission adopted its 2021-2026 Strategic plan, re-committing to actively addressing the challenges of racism, equity, diversity and inclusion, as well as understanding and responding to the ongoing cycles of trauma that our communities have experienced. There is much to be done. We look forward to deepening our relationships with our partners and believe that together there is no limit to what we can achieve.

Sincerely,
Anna Bauer
Director, First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission
# BUTTE COUNTY OVERVIEW

## 13,396

0-5 CHILDREN LIVING IN BUTTE COUNTY (2020)\(^1\)

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<th>BUTTE COUNTY</th>
<th>CALIFORNIA</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pregnant women who received prenatal care in their first trimester(^2)</td>
<td>77% (2018)</td>
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<td>Children in working families for whom a licensed child care space was available(^2)</td>
<td>24% (2019)</td>
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<td>Children (0-5) living below the federal poverty threshold(^1,3)</td>
<td>16% (2019)</td>
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<td>Children (0-17) living in food insecure households(^4)</td>
<td>19% (2019)</td>
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<td>Child (0-5) maltreatment substantiation rates(^1)</td>
<td>13.1 per 1,000 (2020)</td>
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<td>Children (0-5) with entries to foster care(^1)</td>
<td>5.6 per 1,000 (2020)</td>
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1. CCWIP reports. Retrieved Feb 04, 2022 from University of California at Berkeley California Child Welfare Indicators Project website. URL: https://ccwip.berkeley.edu
First 5 Butte County invests $1,067,038 in supporting Butte County families during Fiscal Year 2020/21.

- $765,846 for improved child health
- $218,444 for improved family functioning
- $79,291 for improved systems of care
- $3,457 for child development

First 5 Butte County serves children, families and family-serving professionals via programs and initiatives in four categories. **Targeted, Intensive Programs** provide families with a high level of support for several months or years. These programs strengthen parenting skills and help caregivers identify and receive supportive community referrals. **Concrete Supports** provide supplies to families and childcare providers. **Systems Strengthening** investments create and enhance systems that support families and family-serving professionals. **Family Bonding Events** provide opportunities for families to come together and foster community connection.

2,237 children and 1,907 primary caregivers were served through:

- 183 Children 301 Primary Caregivers - Targeted, Intensive Programs
- 1,725 Children 1,255 Primary Caregivers - Concrete Supports
- 227 Children 228 Primary Caregivers - Systems Strengthening
- 102 Children 123 Primary Caregivers - Family Bonding Events
Race/Ethnicity of Children and Primary Caregivers Served

- **White**: 1,360 children, 886 primary caregivers
- **Hispanic/Latino**: 402 children, 280 primary caregivers
- **Asian**: 143 children, 299 primary caregivers
- **Black/African American**: 83 children, 101 primary caregivers
- **Alaska Native/American Indian**: 41 children, 38 primary caregivers
- **Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander**: 10 children, 16 primary caregivers
- **Two or more**: 118 children, 73 primary caregivers
- **Unknown**: 214 children, 80 primary caregivers

Primary Language Spoken at Home of Children and Primary Caregivers Served

- **English**: 1,719 children, 1,199 primary caregivers
- **Spanish**: 327 children, 337 primary caregivers
- **Hmong**: 111 children, 275 primary caregivers
- **Unknown**: 80 children, 96 primary caregivers
We are very thankful and glad to have your program to support our needs through this pandemic. It’s hard going out to the stores and clinics and not knowing enough English. Some workers aren’t patient with us when they can’t understand us. That makes us feel low and degraded when they ignore us because they can’t understand us. I feel more at ease that Hmong Culture Center have a program to stand behind us uneducated individuals and help us learn to improve our English and daily life.

My home visitor helped detect a delay in my child’s development and connected us with Far Northern Regional Center. Since my daughter began services 6 months ago, her vocabulary has doubled and she is continuing to show progress in her development.

*Butte Baby Steps is funded by First 5 Butte County and Butte County Public Health Department/California Department of Public Health. Information presented in this report only reflects First 5 Butte County funding.*
Reach Out and Read provides supplies and other necessities to families and childcare providers during unexpected and challenging events. In Fiscal Year 2020/21, supplies were provided in response to wildfires and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Reach Out and Read distributes books to young children through pediatricians’ offices throughout Butte County.

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<td>Hand Sanitizers/Soap</td>
<td>2,152</td>
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<td>Children’s Books</td>
<td>3,720</td>
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<td>Diapers</td>
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<td>Baby Wipes</td>
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<td>Disposable Gloves</td>
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<td>Face Masks</td>
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<td>Cleaning/Disinfectant Products</td>
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Mothers Strong is a coalition of maternal and child health advocates who are dedicated to raising awareness of and supporting families impacted by maternal mental health challenges. Mothers Strong is committed to ensuring that all mothers can be connected to supportive services and that mental health professionals and paraprofessionals are well trained. The coalition meets regularly to identify solutions to gaps in services and support local training needs.

Help Me Grow Butte connects young children and families to developmental and behavioral services and promotes regular developmental screening for children. Help Me Grow is a newer initiative in Butte County. A key goal for Fiscal Year 2020/21 was to increase community awareness of Help Me Grow and the importance of developmental screenings and early intervention.

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<td>Butte WIC staff formally trained</td>
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<td>Books about maternal mental health provided to therapists, healthcare providers, and local libraries</td>
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<td>Outreach activities including developmental screening trainings, mailings, health resource fairs, and newsletters</td>
<td>126</td>
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<td>Unique visitors to Help Me Grow website</td>
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