



Community Report

2022-2023



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Anna Bauer

I am pleased to share with you the incredible journey of the First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission over the past year. Our vision remains steadfast - to ensure that every child in our community has the opportunity for a resilient, thriving future through a nurturing, supportive network of families, caregivers, and their community. Despite facing the challenges of a substantial decline in tobacco tax revenue, First 5 Butte County continued to uphold its commitment to our strategic plan.

One of the key highlights of this year was the release of \$500,000 in Strategic Investment multi-year funds. These funds have been allocated to support various initiatives that align with our core values. Among these investments, we have allocated resources to fund a child advocate position dedicated to families living in transitional housing. This initiative aims to provide crucial support to families in need, ensuring that their children have a brighter future.

First 5 Butte County has provided valuable support to our partners. We have facilitated maternal mental health training, family strengthening training, grant writing training, and technical assistance. Additionally, we have offered executive coaching and board development, along with non-profit leadership training to empower our partners and aid in their growth and sustainability. In our commitment to supporting the Help Me Grow Butte (HMGB) system, we have received funds from Connecticut Children's Hospital to develop pediatric physician champions and infuse the Healthy Outcomes of Positive Experiences framework into the pediatric ecosystem in Butte County. Staff have been diligently working to provide outreach and training to 716 partners and community members. In a significant expansion, HMGB now encompasses maternal mental health information and care coordination. Additionally, our dedicated First 5 staff have taken on the role of the local coordinator for Postpartum Support International (PSI). These collective efforts have culminated in the establishment of a single point of entry for home visiting referrals, developmental screening, early intervention, and maternal mental health navigation.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our community partners, caregivers, and families for their unwavering support. Together, we are making a lasting impact on the lives of children and families in Butte County. As we look to the future, we are excited about the possibilities and remain dedicated to our mission of ensuring a brighter, more resilient future for all our children.

Sincerely,

Anna Bauer
Executive Director
First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission

BUTTE COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

DATA DASHBOARD

14,726

0-5 children living in Butte County (2022)¹

	BUTTE COUNTY	CALIFORNIA
Pregnant women who received prenatal care in their first trimester ² 	79% (2020)	86% (2020)
Children (0-5) living below the federal poverty level threshold ³ 	22% (2022)	17% (2022)
Children in working families for whom a licensed child care space was available ² 	15% (2021)	25% (2021)
Children (0-17) living in food insecure households ⁴ 	19% (2019)	14% (2019)
Child (0-5) maltreatment substantiation rates ¹ 	11.4 PER 1,000 (2022)	8.7 PER 1,000 (2022)
Children (0-5) with entries to foster care ¹ 	6.2 PER 1,000 (2022)	3.7 PER 1,000 (2022)

¹CCWIP reports. Retrieved Feb 04, 2022 from University of California at Berkeley California Child Welfare Indicators Project website. URL: <https://ccwip.berkeley.edu>
²2021 California County Scorecard of Children's Well-being. Retrieved Dec 16, 2021 from Children Now website. URL: <https://scorecard.childrennow.org>
³American Community Survey (ACS, US Census), Retrieved Feb 04, 2022 from <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs>
⁴Kids Data reports. Retrieved Dec 16, 2021 from <https://kidsdata.org>

FIRST 5 BUTTE COUNTY: FISCAL YEAR 2022/23

First 5 Butte County invested **\$1,207,489** in supporting Butte County families during Fiscal Year 2022/23.

\$299,178 for improved child health
\$648,614 for improved family functioning
\$225,148 for improved systems of care
\$34,549 for improved child development

The First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission serves children, families, and service providers 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. **Systems Strengthening** investments create and enhance systems that support families and providers.

2,331 CHILDREN and **3,703** PRIMARY CAREGIVERS were served through:



Improved Family Function

675 Children
1,569 Caregivers



Improved Child Development

725 Children
808 Caregivers



Improved Child Health

551 Children
628 Caregivers

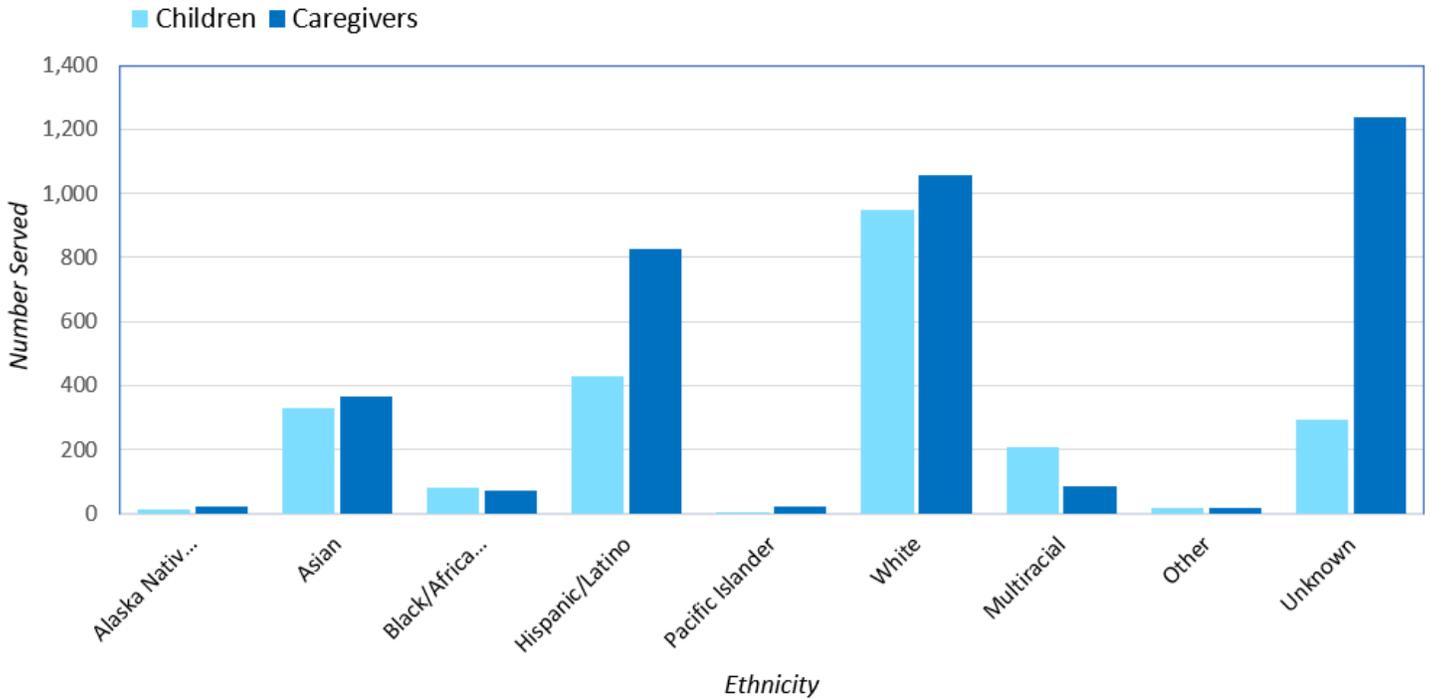


Improved Systems of Care

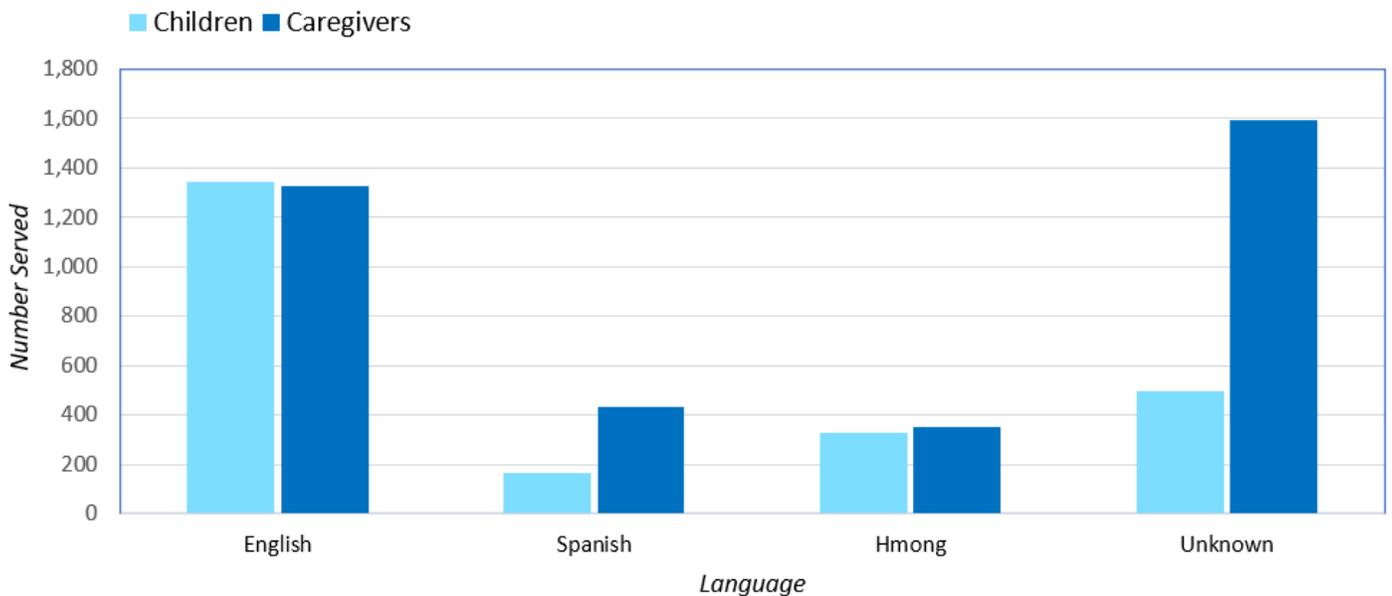
380 Children
698 Caregivers

FIRST 5 BUTTE COUNTY: FISCAL YEAR 2022/23

Ethnicity of Children and Primary Caregivers Served



Primary Language Spoken at Home of Children and Primary Caregivers Served



PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES



Targeted, Intensive Programs

Tu Tus Menyuum Program, or “Raising the Child,” provides family strengthening services including case management, parent education and community connections for Hmong families with young children.

319 0-5 Year Old’s Served

985 Caregivers and Family Members Served

36 Menyuum Family Circle Events

“We’re so happy. It’s because of the support Hmong Cultural Center provided that our son can start to hear sounds with the cochlear implants.

(RTC program staff connected this family to UC Davis and UC San Francisco to help their child get the cochlear implants they needed.)

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Butte Baby Steps offers parent support through home visits with family support workers and referrals to services in their communities

1422 Home Visits

184 Families Served

102 Children Received Developmental Screenings

149 Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Screeners Completed

“In my position I come across many young mothers who are trying to manage substance use disorders along with learning how to be a mother. I am always quick to refer my clients to Butte Baby Steps as I know every time I do that they will receive the assistance needed in understanding how to help care for a new baby and how to keep them safe in their care. Butte Baby Steps has helped my clients know what to expect as their child grows, along with providing them with emotional support in dealing with the stresses of motherhood, and helping them obtain provisions that they might need. I have always been able to maintain open and honest communication with staff and get solace in knowing that they go above and beyond and truly care about our parent’s success.

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Nature ABC's

provides space and free family engagement opportunities through animal visits, story times, singing and dancing, art projects, and nature walks in Bidwell Park.

672 0-5 Year Old's Served

772 Caregivers and Family Members Served

54 Nature ABC's Classes Offered

Attending Nature ABC sessions were always an accessible way to learn while connecting with science and nature, and we're so thankful for Ellen and the team for such a valuable program in our community.



Child Advocate Program

works to improve the economic security and well-being of low-income families by supporting parents by counseling them to establish positive parenting, self-sufficiency, and increase the parent-child bond.

50 Children Served

29 Families Served

16 Children Received Developmental Screenings

4 Crisis Interventions Provided

The funding received from First 5 allowed us to recruit, hire, and train an exceptional Child Advocate who was able to begin contributing to our mission immediately.

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES



Systems Strengthening

Maternal Mental Health 101 Community Training

presented by Maternal Mental Health Now, this training provided an overview of perinatal mood and anxiety disorders. Day one was geared towards community service providers and professionals that serve pregnant, postpartum, and birthing families. Day two took a deeper dive into the topic and addressed identification, screening, and assessment techniques for clinical and behavioral health professionals. This training was funded by First 5 Butte with support from its partners the Butte County Office of Education, Butte County Behavioral Health, and Butte County Public Health.

Grant Writing Cohort & Grant Writing Assistance

is a standing meeting where community partners can come together to discuss funding opportunities, get feedback from their peers on application approaches, and learn from those with extensive grant writing experience. First 5 Butte holds a contract with an experienced grant writer, Hilary Triccerri, whose services are available to all community partners upon request, this includes but is not limited to support understanding grant requirements, developing a proposal, and document review.

Trainings Offered to Community Providers

on Help Me Grow Butte's services, the HOPE Model, and brain development.

Help Me Grow Butte

connects young children and families to developmental and behavioral services, promotes regular developmental screening for children, and coordinates connection to local home visiting programs.

103 Attendees

12 RN's Received Continuing Education Units

17 Mental Health Clinicians Received Continuing Education Units

27 Community Partners Attended

5 Agencies Received Grant Writing Assistance

22 Trainings Offered

18 Providers & Agencies Served

361 Children 0-5 Served

473 Caregivers Served

97% Of Caregivers reported their needs were met

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