

You can help!

First 5 would like to learn more about how families, communities, and the public can help every child begin school ready to learn and succeed.



By sharing information about your family with First 5, we can make a difference in the lives of California's young children.



First 5 California and First 5 San Mateo County fund education, health and child care programs for families with young children.

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(650) 372-9500

Watch Me Grow!



You can help children in San Mateo County & California Succeed in School!

Here's how...



How can I help children in San Mateo County?

You can provide information about your family to First 5 California. Your information will guide decisions about how to help children be ready to learn and do well in school. It will answer the following important questions:

- ❖ Which activities, services, and information are useful to children and families?
- ❖ How can we make programs better?
- ❖ Do First 5 programs help children and families?
- ❖ Which programs and services work best, and for which children and families?
- ❖ Which programs and services should be funded in the future?

How will my information be protected?

- ❖ It is against the law to share your information without your written approval.
- ❖ No report will ever include information that identifies you or your children.
- ❖ Only the program that is providing you with services will see your identifying information, such as name, address, and phone number.
- ❖ We will not share your information with government agencies unless the law requires it. (This might be required if we believe someone is in danger.)
- ❖ We will protect your information with very advanced technology.



What are my rights in sharing information?

- ❖ You do not have to share your information if you do not want to.
- ❖ You and your children will receive services even if you do not share information.
- ❖ If you provide information, you always can change your mind and have your information removed.
- ❖ To remove someone's information, a person who works for First 5 San Mateo County will need to see it briefly but by law can not share it with anyone.
- ❖ You will receive a copy of your written approval to share information for your own records



If you have questions about sharing information, please call:

(650) 372-9500