

# FIRST 5 IS THE LARGEST FUNDER OF HOME VISITING IN CALIFORNIA



**NUMBER OF CALIFORNIA COUNTIES INVESTING IN HOME VISITING: 45**

**TOTAL ANNUAL INVESTMENT: \$87,500,000**

**TOTAL LEVERAGED FUNDS: \$28,000,000**

**TOTAL FAMILIES SERVED: 37,000**

## 5 FACTS ABOUT HOME VISITING

### 1) Home visiting includes an array of programs and services

There are many different proven, evidence-based home visiting models that help families and young children. Programs vary to best meet the needs of specific families. For example, certain programs focus on health by using nurse home visitors, while others rely on social workers to refer families to services.

### 2) Home visiting is always voluntary

A family must invite a home visiting professional into their home to receive the services and supports.

### 3) Effectiveness of home visiting is well studied

Economists and social scientists have documented the immediate and long-term benefits of home visiting for families and society. Such outcomes include: improved parenting practices, reduced child maltreatment, family resiliency and self-sufficiency, better birth outcomes, and increased school readiness.

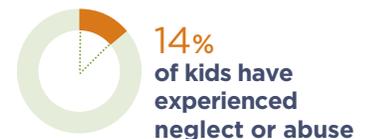
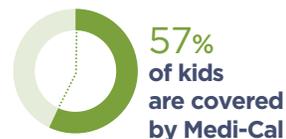
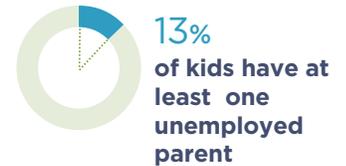
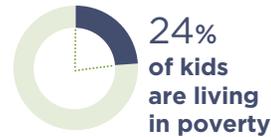
### 4) First 5 is the largest funder of home visiting in CA

California does not invest General Fund dollars in home visiting programs. Instead, First 5 county commissions are the largest investors in home visiting in the state, many times using matched and leveraged funds to expand programs.

### 5) The unmet need across CA is great

Despite multiple funding streams and the recent federal reauthorization of the Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program, home visiting is only offered to approximately 10% of families who would benefit from home visiting.

## CA'S YOUNGEST CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BENEFIT FROM HOME VISITING:



## KEY HOME VISITING POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

### INCREASE COORDINATION

Better state-local coordination across home visiting programs ensures that programs reach the highest need communities, refer families to services, and share data on program success.

### MAXIMIZE RESOURCES

Home visiting is supported through multiple revenue streams, including First 5 funding. Due to declining funding, First 5 investments in home visiting are not sustainable. State investments are needed to sustain home visiting programs throughout California.

### PROMOTE SYSTEMS

Home visiting can reach more families in need when the programs are integrated across existing family support systems. First 5 supports the newly proposed **CalWORKS Home Visiting Initiative** to offer voluntary home visiting to CalWORKs families.

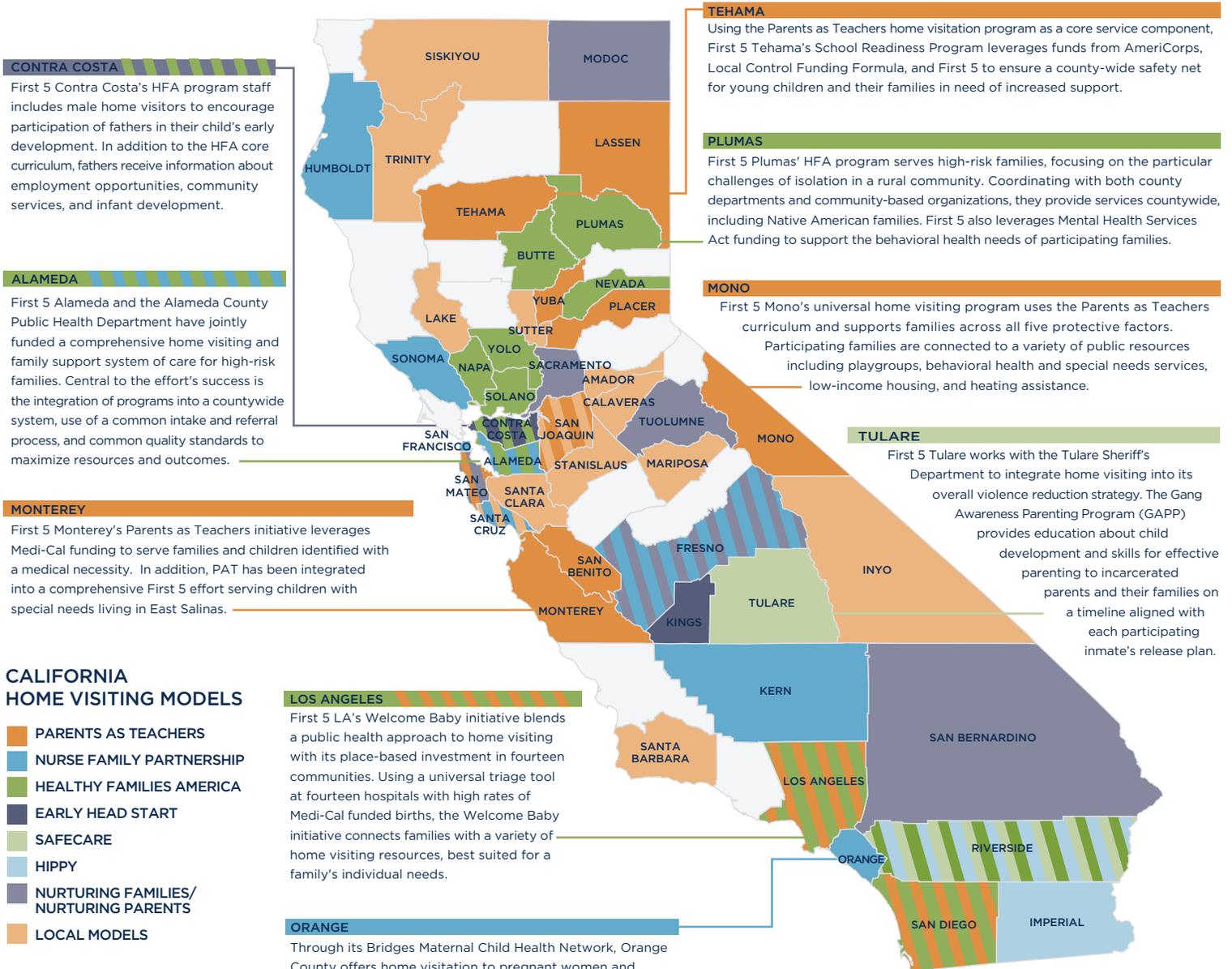
## HOME VISITING IS OFFERED IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES:



# HOW IS FIRST 5 SUPPORTING HOME VISITING ACROSS CALIFORNIA?

First 5 programs help parents facing social, economic or health challenges who need additional supports. Home visiting is a proven intervention that strengthens families, helps break the cycle of poverty and ensures children the best possible start in life.

## WHAT DO FIRST 5 INVESTMENTS LOOK LIKE IN CALIFORNIA?



### CALIFORNIA HOME VISITING MODELS

- PARENTS AS TEACHERS
- NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP
- HEALTHY FAMILIES AMERICA
- EARLY HEAD START
- SAFECARE
- HIPPY
- NURTURING FAMILIES/ NURTURING PARENTS
- LOCAL MODELS

