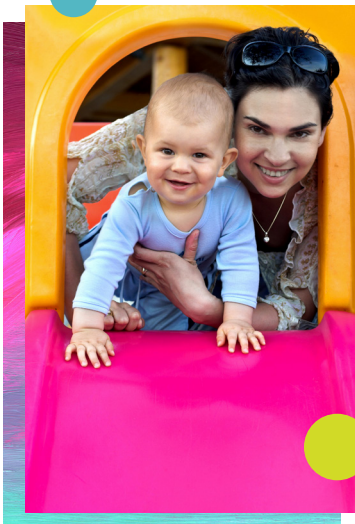
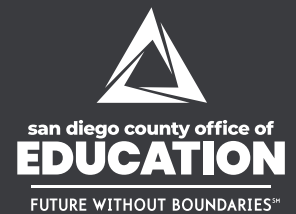


# Community Support for Child Care During COVID-19

FUNDING HELPS ESSENTIAL WORKERS AT CRITICAL TIME



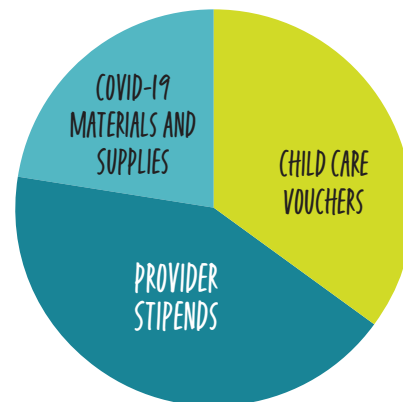
**First 5 San Diego** provided the financial means to support essential workers with access to child care and to protect San Diego's workforce infrastructure during the COVID-19 pandemic by allocating more than \$1,159,000, distributed in partnership with the San Diego County Office of Education and the YMCA Child Resource Services, to early learning and care providers, and to families of children ages birth to 5 in need of child care due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Early learning and care providers received nearly \$500,000 in personal stipends and more than \$260,000 for materials, cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment to compensate staff at centers that remained open and to support additional operating costs of implementing health and contagion prevention strategies at their sites.

An additional \$500,000 was allocated to provide First 5-funded child care vouchers for 339 children of essential workers. Final payments totaling \$408,061 allowed 275 families to access child care, at no cost, at 212 different child care settings of their choice.

## Total First 5 funding to support COVID-19 = \$1,159,000

- \$408,061 - child care vouchers (35%)
- \$491,282 - provider stipends (43%)
- \$260,335 - COVID-19 materials and supplies (22%)



## A closer look at the children and families supported via vouchers:

76%

of families earn below the 85% SMI



56%

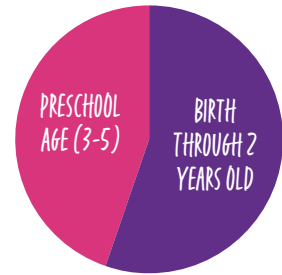
are single-parent households



## A closer look at the children and families supported via vouchers:

# 51%

of children are **birth through 2 years old** and the remaining **41%** are preschool age (3-5)



# 53%

**Hispanic/Latino** families received 53% of the stipends



**“I want to thank you for your dedication** and all your hard work you have done for us child care providers during these unprecedented times. We are so grateful for the incentives...as it will significantly help the children we are presently serving in our homes and their parents who are essential workers at this time. All of these parents are very appreciative that we are open for their children.”

FAMILY CHILD CARE SITE LEADER

In order for parents to access early child care programs with child care vouchers funded by First 5, they had to be considered “at-risk” or be part of California’s essential workforce, as defined by the state’s public health order.

## Nearly half of the 337 parents

who received assistance work in the **health care/ public health sector**. Food and agriculture and government operations and other community-based essential functions each represented 10% of this total.



## “Our teachers, Chef Teams and Site Support Teams are so thankful.

Many were reduced to tears as their loved ones have seen hours but or have been laid off altogether. Many are relying upon Food Drives or SNAP and EBT for the first time in their lives. So sad but also inspiring as they have not skipped a beat in their work with children and families.”

AGENCY OWNER



### \*Type of providers that accepted First 5 COVID-19 child care vouchers:

Family Child Care Home: **47.1%**

Child Care Center: **35.4%**

License Exempt Provider: **17.5%**

### \*Total First 5 COVID-19 child care voucher payments issued by provider type

Family Child Care Home: **\$173,932.09**

Child Care Center: **\$196,367.05**

License Exempt Provider: **\$37,762.54**

### \*Stipend numbers to add for those who received COVID-19 dollars from First 5:

- Dollars allocated for stipends: \$362,145.27
- **273 child care workforce members received a stipend in the amount: \$1326.54**
- Agencies with multiple centers
- Single site centers
- FCCs