At First 5 Humboldt, we support kids to be healthy, active learners who grow up in families and communities that nurture them. In 2017, we invested more than $1 million in services and systems for 7,000 + county families with children ages 0 to 5.

With our partners, we are seeing results:

- **83%** of young kids are read to every day
- **89%** of mothers in our Paso a Paso Program receive prenatal care in the first trimester
- **79%** of kids in playgroup are ready for kindergarten, compared to 69% who don’t attend and 75% who attend preschool
- **23%** of kids live in poverty
- **76%** of families need licensed child care but it is unavailable
- **11%** of kids 1–2 are reported for abuse or neglect
- **40%** of kids 3–5 are not enrolled in preschool or kindergarten
- **60%** of third graders do not read at grade level
- **14% fewer** infant deaths since 2002

Across the state, First 5 county programs are not at scale and funding keeps declining... from $261 to $135 per child statewide.

FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT SUPPORTS FAMILIES THROUGH PROGRAMS AND SYSTEMS LIKE:
- **HOME VISITING**, which provides voluntary, in-home support to pregnant moms and their young children.
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** and resources for **EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH** and **CHILD CARE PROFESSIONALS AND PROGRAMS** to support high-quality services.
- **PLAYGROUPS**, which provide free parent education, opportunities to connect with other families, and access early childhood mental health services.

Let’s put California’s money where our heart is.

Prioritize funding for early childhood, so all of California’s kids can thrive.