



"One day the success of Lake County will be measured by the well-being of its youngest children."

Date: June 25, 2021

To: Members of the County of Lake Board of Supervisors and CAO, Carol Huchingson

Re: **Five percent set-aside of American Rescue Plan funding to mitigate impact of COVID-19 on the healthy development and wellbeing of children prenatally to age 5**

First 5 Lake County stands ready to partner with you to ensure the successful implementation and execution of the American Rescue Plan funding and to assure that the unique needs of children 0-5 are not overlooked. On behalf of children and families, we urge you to set aside five percent of the ARP (\$625,000) for the first five years and help us Build Back Better for the future.

Proposed Strategies:

Strategy	Description	Funding Amount	Funding Mechanism
Establish a Lake County Diaper Bank	During family and community emergencies (such as pandemics and wildfires) diapers and wipes are in high demand and low supply, and family resources are reduced. Neighboring counties have met this need through diaper banks.	\$25,000	County Transfer to First 5 Lake. First 5 will provide direct funding to CBO that can meet the need and collect data on its usage.
Help Me Grow Developmental Supports & Safety-Net Navigation	Cross-sector data system (and training) for monitoring children's developmental milestones and service referrals to combat delays caused or worsened by COVID-19 impacts.	\$50,000	County Transfer to First 5 Lake. First 5 will provide direct funding to CBO that can meet the need.
Home Visiting & Child Development Services for New Parents	Up to 4 home visits to new Lake County parents who gave birth shortly before or have given/will give birth during the pandemic, and an investment in needed Early Head Start (or like program) expansion prep in Clearlake to mitigate impacts of COVID-19.	\$550,000	County Transfer to First 5 Lake. First 5 will provide direct funding to CBO that can meet the need, such as Lake Family Resource Center.