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TO: Executive Directors of Power of Preschool (PoP) Sites and PoP Program Coordinators

FROM: Kris Perry, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Clarification of Data Collection Requirements for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-2007

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the data collection requirements for FY 2006-2007 that were distributed on July 12, 2006. Over the past several months, PoP county and State staff have met to discuss the implementation of those data collection requirements. The most recent PoP Networking Meeting occurred on September 20. As a result of the discussions at that meeting, First 5 California has prepared the responses below to address many of the issues raised by participating counties. The following information guides reporting for FY 2006-2007 only.

- 1. Clarification of questions 1 through 6 from the July 12, 2006 memorandum on data collection requirements:** First 5 California has accepted the recommendations of the PoP counties on the details of questions 1 through 6. Please see Attachment A: "Evaluation Questions and Data Collection Plan for Year 1 Power of Preschool Sites," dated November 30, 2006, which describes the final decisions on the required core measures for questions 1 through 6. Counties may choose to collect data on the optional measures as well.
- 2. Clarification of questions 7 through 10 from the July 12, 2006 memorandum on data collection requirements:** Since PoP programs are in various stages of implementation, First 5 California acknowledges that the reporting of Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) data may not be possible for all sites for FY 2006-2007. Therefore, for this fiscal year, counties should report **any and all** available DRDP data that they do have. Specifically, counties are requested to report any available DRDP data as described in the Core Measures column for questions 7-10 on Attachment A: "Evaluation Questions and Data Collection Plan for Year 1 Power of Preschool Sites," dated November 30, 2006. Counties may choose to collect and report data on the optional measures as well. It is important that First 5 California receives as much data as possible in order to provide information to various stakeholders.

If counties are not able to report some or all of the DRDP core data for FY 2006-2007, counties should include an explanation of the reasons that they are not

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reporting such data for questions 7 through 10. Note that although the requirement in FY 2006-2007 is to report aggregate data, counties will need to collect individual child-level data to calculate the aggregate numbers. Furthermore, individual data that have been collected by the counties for some or all participating children may be requested in the future by the state's evaluation contractor(s) when the contractor(s) conduct a longitudinal or special study commissioned by the Center for Results.

Regardless of their ability to report data for questions 7 through 10, all counties are required to report accountability data for the statewide evaluation on the Result/Service Worksheet, Attachment B: "Part 2, Appendix C of the County Commission Annual Report Submittal," pursuant to the requirements of the Statewide Research and Evaluation Framework.

First 5 California expects that all sites will report DRDP data beginning in FY 2007-2008.

3. **Definition of "outside raters" for ECERS:** An individual or team that is not a current or former employee (within the past 12 months) of the program/provider being rated. Such individuals should have demonstrated inter-rater reliability.
4. **Use of previous ECERS scores:** If a program has an ECERS rating within the past two years, that rating can be used for the PoP evaluation.
5. **Scantron forms:** Although a Scantron process cannot be implemented for this fiscal year, First 5 California is exploring the feasibility of developing a Scantron form for collecting DRDP data in the future.

In addition to answering the attached ten evaluation questions and submitting the above-mentioned accountability data (all due to the state on November 1, 2007), counties are also required to participate in PoP longitudinal and special studies as they are developed by the Center for Results, pursuant to the Statewide Research and Evaluation Framework. For more details about the framework, please refer to the First 5 Association website, <http://www.f5ac.org/>.

If you have any questions about the PoP evaluation requirements, please contact Tina Fitzgerald at (916) 263-1304 or tfitzgerald@ccfc.ca.gov.

Attachments: "Evaluation Questions and Data Collection Plan for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Power of Preschool Sites"
"Part 2 Appendix C County Commission Annual Report Submittal: Part 2 Result/Service Worksheet"