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## **First 5 California Executive Director Camille Maben Applauds Governor Newsom's May Revise Budget**

**SACRAMENTO** – “Today, Governor Newsom announced a historic investment in California’s greatest resource: our children,” said Camille Maben, Executive Director of First 5 California, the state’s early childhood Commission. “All our children deserve a strong start in life, and this Budget’s strong start investment will pay off in shared prosperity for our state for decades to come.”

“Like the state’s key investments in water, highway, and higher education infrastructure during California’s previous Golden Age, Governor Newsom and our Legislative leadership understand that the future of a strong California is built on the foundation of thriving children who are healthy, ready to learn, and succeed in life.”

The May Revision Budget proposal outlines the following robust “Parent Agenda” to build a strong start foundation for all California’s children:

- Lengthens paid family leave to a combined 5 ½ months for the parents of California newborns
- Creates a \$1,000 Child Tax Credit in the Earned Income Tax Credit program
- Expands child care and preschool services for working families
- Supports teaching excellence, in our public schools and child care programs
- Establishes a robust parent support system through home visiting, for CalWORKS and vulnerable families
- Stabilizes California’s early developmental delay system with increased delay screening and treatment
- Pilots Child Savings Accounts to start college planning on day one of a child’s life
- Moves public schools toward a full-day kindergarten model

Notably, the May Revision also supports child care and after school access through the first use of Proposition 64 marijuana tax revenues. This new funding stream will allow for stable expansion of affordable child care for working families.

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### ***About First 5 California***

First 5 California was established in 1998 when voters passed Proposition 10, which taxes tobacco products to fund services for children ages 0 to 5 and their families. First 5 California programs and resources are designed to educate and support teachers, parents, and caregivers in the critical role they play during a child’s first five years – to help California kids receive the best possible start in life and thrive. For more information, please visit [www.cffc.ca.gov](http://www.cffc.ca.gov).