History of Recent Updates to Annual Reporting Guidelines

First 5 California (F5CA) Annual Report Guidelines provide instructions to First 5 county commissions for data reporting. Periodic updates to the Guidelines have been developed in collaboration between F5CA and the First 5 Association so that data accurately describe the scope of services provided with fiscal, demographic, and evaluation data.

Key revisions to the Guidelines in recent prior fiscal year periods included:

- **FY 2017–18**: Revisions with the addition of Grantee Type and Program Model for each Result Area in the AR-1 form, and the corresponding counts of population served (children, parents, and providers). In the AR-2 form, demographic information (age group, race/ethnicity, language) were collected at the county level instead of service category level.
- FY 2018–19: Technical amendments included updates to revenue streams, clarifying service category definitions, and providing an updated list of Program Models. To improve data for the emerging policy area of home visiting, two service categories and definitions were updated (Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting, and Prenatal and Infant/Toddler Pediatric Support, both under Result Area 3, Improved Child Health).
- FY 2020–21: Revisions included the addition of two new service categories: Family Literacy and Book Programs (under Result Area 1, Improved Family Functioning), and Emergency and Disaster Relief (under Result Area 4, Improved Systems Support). These two categories reflected interest by the Newsom Administration in literacy and book programs as well as the role of First 5 county commissions in addressing community emergencies such as natural disasters and the coronavirus pandemic.
- FY 2021–22: Revisions included the removal of expenditure detail for county commissions receiving Small Population County Funding Augmentation (SPCFA). Comprehensive SPCFA expenditure data will be reported separately from the Annual Report Data System. Program Model options were updated in Result Area 3, Improved Child Health, in the Perinatal and Early Childhood Home Visiting service category.