



October 27, 2022

INFORMATION ACTION

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA HEALTH INTERVIEW SURVEY

Strategic Plan Priority Area: Child Health

Goal: All children thrive by achieving optimal health prenatal through age 5.

RECOMMENDATION

First 5 California (F5CA) staff recommends the Commission approve funding of \$1,708,429 to continue fiscal support to the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) over a two-year period.

SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE

Since 2001, CHIS data has been a statewide source of respected, reliable, and comprehensive health and social indicators. The University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Center for Health Policy Research conducts CHIS as a comprehensive population-based survey of California households on a two-year cycle. While primarily a health survey, CHIS also includes important information on the development of children ages 0 to 5. Information on survey methodology, topics, questionnaire tools, reports, and research are available at

<https://healthpolicy.ucla.edu/chis/design/Pages/overview.aspx>.

Data developed by CHIS is critical to identifying, monitoring, and addressing the needs of young children and their families. CHIS data and research are widely disseminated and freely available to the public via the internet. CHIS data has been critical to First 5 county commissions, state agencies, advocates, and researchers for activities such as needs assessment, program development, public health surveillance, policymaking, and research. Additionally, F5CA uses CHIS information to determine coverage and effectiveness of media campaigns and messaging.

CHIS represents collaboration among a variety of public and philanthropic organizations, including UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, California Department of Public Health, California Department of Health Care Services, Covered California, the California Endowment, Kaiser Permanente, and many others. CHIS is

governed by Dr. Ninez A. Ponce as Principal Investigator, and content is coordinated with input from an Advisory Board chaired by Dr. Mark Ghaly, Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency. Other Advisory Board members represent a broad array of organizations with a vested interest in public health, including F5CA.

Ongoing funding provided by F5CA provides the opportunity to include statewide information about California's youngest children, with specific questions related to:

- Positive parenting activities
- Health status and conditions
- Medical care needs, access, and challenges
- Breastfeeding practice
- Awareness and exposure to F5CA-funded media campaign
- Parental involvement in school readiness activities
- Receipt and use of the *Kit for New Parents*
- Developmental screening and referral
- Child care and preschool participation and perception
- Emotional health and counseling
- Adverse Childhood Experiences screening
- Oral health care
- Diet
- Child and parent demographics, including adverse and positive childhood experiences of parents
- Languages spoken at home

F5CA funding to CHIS supports the following tasks:

- Project management and oversight for CHIS
- F5CA influence on the content of the Child Questionnaire
- Increased probability of selection of households with young children ages 0 to 5 in the survey
- Co-development of briefs relevant to child and family well-being

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Since 2001, F5CA has funded CHIS to collect data related to California's diverse population of children ages 0 to 5.

Previous CHIS Survey Cycles	F5CA Funding
2001	\$2,100,000
2005	\$1,000,000
2007	\$1,500,000
2009	\$1,500,000
2011–12	\$1,500,000
2013–14	\$1,500,000
2015–16	\$1,700,000
2017–18	\$1,600,000
2019–20	\$1,700,000
2021–22	\$1,700,000

FISCAL DETAIL

Fiscal Year	Research and Development Fund Source Amount
2023–24	\$854,214.50
2024–25	\$854,214.50
Total	\$1,708,429

ATTACHMENTS

None.