

A close-up photograph of a woman and a young boy. The boy is in the foreground, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and holding a green magnifying glass over his eye. He is looking intently at a small, clear, rectangular object held by the woman. The woman is in the background, leaning over him, looking down at the object with a gentle smile. The background is slightly blurred, showing a warm, indoor setting.

# COMMUNITY ANNUAL REPORT

Childhood doesn't last forever, but the experience lasts a lifetime.

A graphic consisting of two overlapping circles. The top circle is blue and the bottom circle is green. The year "2014" is written in white inside the blue circle, and "2015" is written in white inside the green circle, separated by a horizontal line.

2014  
2015



41%

Parenting  
Programs



35%

Child Care Quality  
Programs



24%

Mental Health & Child  
Well Being Programs

Our investments in local programs are based in the understanding that **family and relationships** are central to the healthy development of young children ages 0 to 5. Our funding to community based agencies supports a spectrum of programs that encourage positive interactions to foster young children's growth in **social, emotional, physical, language, and thinking skills**. First 5 Monterey County is the organization responsible for distributing Proposition 10 funds in Monterey County.

Sources: 2014/2015 Client Level Data Report and 2014/2015 Audited Financials

# \$7.1M

INVESTED

# 40,558

YOUNG CHILDREN, PARENTS, CAREGIVERS,  
AND EDUCATORS SUPPORTED

Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Total Expenditures	\$7,059,827
Programs and Services	\$5,946,373
Evaluation	\$438,874
Administration	\$674,580

# SUPPORTING PARENTS

as their Child's First and Most Important Teacher

A parent's knowledge, confidence, and abilities in supporting their child's development help lay the foundation for a child's success in school and life. Parents participating in First 5 Monterey County programs who received parenting, mental health, and child well being services saw large improvements in parenting skills.

"Before, we thought that to show love to our children, we needed to purchase everything: juices, candies, junk food, or anything else. But we learned we were spending too much money on things that were hurting their health. Thanks to Abriendo Puertas, we have been able to reduce all this. We have also learned that even though our children are small, we need to sing or read to them in our own language. This is what we are planting in our family."  
— PARENT

## IMPROVING CHILD CARE QUALITY

Quality child care settings create an environment where children can thrive with educators who understand how to nurture healthy development. Quality child care has positive and lasting impacts on children.

Through Technical Assistance to Centers and the Child Signature Program (CSP), selected classrooms worked with an on-site consultant trained in early childhood education who helped to bridge theory and best practice information to the day-to-day requirements and activities of a child care center. CSP's impact included:

- High levels of teacher satisfaction with trainings and seminars.
- Improved teachers' understanding of children's interests and needs, shifting from teacher-directed to child-initiated work.

"CSP has improved interactions teachers have [with children] and the activities are based on child needs and interests. I walked in and children were measuring an insect and a child started asking questions about why it had so many legs, prompting other children [to] observe that other animals had this many legs... Teachers were able to take the child's interest and use it to [promote] math, measuring, and drawing, and it kept the conversation going."

— CENTER ADMINISTRATOR, CSP PARTICIPANT

Data sources for PARENTING: Parenting Ladder Study and Pessimony April 2015 Centro Binacional Report  
Data source for CHILD CARE QUALITY: Child Signature Program Evaluation Report

66%

Parents showed an increase in confidence



81%

Parents showed an increase in knowledge

Positive day to day interactions with their parents like reading, talking, and playing help children develop the skills they need to succeed. After participating in First 5 Monterey County programs, parents more frequently engaged in these activities with their children.

70%

Parents showed an increase in literacy activities like reading, singing, and counting games.

64%

Parents showed an increase in daily activities like playing, talking, and preparing a meal together.



# WE INVESTED IN THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5.

## PARENTING

### Playgroups

Alisal Union School District  
City of Salinas — Salinas Public Library  
King City Union School District  
Kinship Center — A Member of the Seneca Family of Agencies  
Monterey Peninsula Unified School District  
North Monterey County Unified School District  
Pajaro Valley Unified School District  
Soledad Adult School

### Parenting Classes

Alisal Union School District  
Binational Center for the Development of Oaxacan Indigenous Communities  
Kinship Center— A Member of the Seneca Family of Agencies  
Mexican American Opportunity Foundation  
Monterey County Office of Education  
Monterey Peninsula Unified School District  
North Monterey County Unified School District  
Pajaro Valley Unified School District

### Home Visiting

Action Council of Monterey County  
Easter Seals Central California  
King City Union School District  
Monterey County Health Department, Public Health  
North Monterey County Unified School District

## CHILD CARE QUALITY

### Caring for Children in the Home / Apoyando a Los Niños en su Casa

GoKids

### CARES

Hartnell College and Hartnell College Foundation  
Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) and MPC Foundation

### Technical Assistance to Centers and Child Signature Program

Child Development Incorporated  
Chualar Union School District  
Community Action Partnerships of San Luis Obispo  
Gonzales Unified School District  
Greenfield Unified School District  
Mexican American Opportunity Foundation  
North Monterey County Unified School District

## MENTAL HEALTH & CHILD WELL BEING

### Counseling

Door to Hope  
Kinship Center—A Member of the Seneca Family of Agencies  
Monterey County Health Department, Behavioral Health  
Monterey County Probation Department  
Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance, Inc.

### Special Needs Initiative, New Possibilities/ Nuevas Posibilidades

GoKids and Collaborative Partners

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