

First 5 Merced County Funded Programs List - FY 2014/15

Agency Name	Program Name	Approved Amount	First Name	Last Name	Phone	Program Description
Community Social Model Advocates, Inc.	Family Services	\$74,830.00	Lori	Newman	(209) 357-5261	Family Services Program will provide family services that foster the growth, health, and wellbeing of children ages 0-5 through nurturing relationships with their parents; and to provide family services that assist parents in developing appropriate skills to strengthen and support healthy relationships with their children.
Merced County Human Services Agency	Parenting Center	\$142,000.00	Cesar	Vera	(209) 385-3000	The Parenting Center offers a full range of parenting training and resources to Merced County parents of children zero to age five. This program will support providing a variety of parenting training options to serve 3,095 parents. Programs continuing from the previous grant cycle are Nurturing Parenting/Positive Discipline, Boot Camp for New Dads, Celebration of Fathers and Salute to Mothers. Additional programs are Boot Camp for New Moms, Man Plays with Food, I Am Moving I Am Learning, Survival Skills for Healthy Families, and Leadership for Life.
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center, Inc.	L.E.A.D. the Way to Success	\$25,000.00	Michelle	Bronson	(559) 225-3323	This program provides services to many families with deaf and hard of hearing children who are in need of assistance in bridging the communication gap caused, in part, by parents not having the opportunity to learn American Sign Language. This program will aim to serve 20 families per year by: Offering ASL classes in several cities within Merced County; Offering ASL storytelling events; Offering Early Intervention services – services provided in the home or school if requested, including but not limited to, positive parenting training, communication reinforcement, and advocacy at IEP meetings.
Merced Lao Family Community, Inc.	Parent Empowerment Program	\$74,436.00	Houa	Vang	(209) 384-7384	Merced Lao Family Community, Inc. will implement a Parent Empowerment Program targeting 105 Southeast Asian parents with children 0-5. The goal of this program is to provide Southeast Asian parents the opportunity to develop their roles as their child's first teachers and strengthen these families by promoting healthy and positive parenting in a safe, nurturing environment. The interventions will include Parenting Education/Support Groups utilizing curriculum from the Nurturing Parenting Program, individualized home visiting services, and community resource awareness.
Merced County Office of Education	Abriendo Puertas (Opening Doors) in Merced County	\$132,670.00	Monica	Adrian	(209) 261-4194	Merced County Office of Education will increase parent engagement in their children's educational experiences by introducing the evidence based comprehensive training program for Latino parents with children 0-5, Abriendo Puertas (AP). The goal of this program is to improve the current systems within school districts to engage and involve parents (particularly of Latino heritage) before their children enter elementary school. This plan will train either staff members and/or parent volunteers within each district in Merced County, to continue to use AP as a way to help parents help their children to succeed in school.
Merced County Office of Education	Caring Kids	\$145,007.00	Monica	Adrian	(209) 261-4194	Caring Kids Program promotes the social-emotional development of children ages 0-5 by providing services to children and to those who care for them including parents, child care providers, and teachers. This program helps children learn appropriate social skills and helps parents and caregivers learn the best approaches to nurture positive social-emotional development. By identifying and providing systematic early intervention to children with "at risk" behaviors, children will be better prepared for entering kindergarten 'ready for school' and less likely to require special education or mental health services.
Merced County Office of Education	Early Quality Improvement Project (EQuIP)	\$150,233.80	Rosa	Barragan	(209) 722-3804	The Early Quality Improvement Project (EQuIP) is designed to systematically identify, train and coach licensed child care providers and private center staff to improve the quality of child care that is provided to children ages 0-5 who are served in these out-of-home settings. Primary emphasis and most resources will be dedicated to child care providers and environments serving infants and toddlers, implement a Child Care Coaching Program. This program would be guided by child care experts to build a capacity in licensed child care homes and private centers. EQuIP will also implement a peer-mentoring quality improvement model. EQuIP participants, family child care providers, Local Child Care and Development Council, the Business Education Alliance of Merced County and other advocates will work together to raise the community's awareness of what quality out-of-home family child care looks like and ensure children in Merced County are cared for in these quality environments.
Golden Valley Health Center	Children First Program	\$123,933.55	Cesar	Garcia	(209) 385-5412	Children First is a new program encompassing several diverse interventions aimed at improving the health and developmental outcomes of children receiving health care at Golden Valley Health Center (GVHC). This effort is aimed at addressing the needs identified in the provision of health care services to patients 0-5 years of age. The implementation of Children First would take place at the seven medical GVHC sites in Merced County. The main population to benefit from this program will include patients 0-5 years and their families, who come to GVHC for diverse appointment types including: well-child checks, behavioral health sessions, health education sessions, program enrollment appointments, and parents' appointments. This program pursues the utilization of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire 3 (ASQ-3) with the 0-5 patient population; "reading circles" supplemented with health/nutrition education; and provide training to all new GVHC medical and dental providers on the anticipatory guidance that will enable parents to engage in activities that promote literacy and other developmental skills with their children as well as the available services provided by collaborating agencies through referrals in the community.

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Merced College Child Development Center	Family Services and Community Education Program	\$118,637.40	Donnell	Smith	(209) 381-6572	The Merced College Child Development Center (MCCDC) will provide services for early screening, referral, assessment and services for children with developmental, health, social, emotional, behavioral and other special needs. The proposed Family Service and Community Education Program will partner with Family Service Workers of Merced County to build a coalition that supports this field. By continuing the efforts of health and developmental screenings for children 0-5, the MCCDC can continue to offer high quality care to the children served, and bring personal experience regarding community resources, referral processes, assessments and case management to this new collaborative team. This program will also provide parent education, community resources and support in the early childhood field.
Sierra Vista Children and Family Services	Early Mental Health Education for Providers, Children, and Families	\$ 143,474.39	Jeff	Anderson	(209) 523-4573	Sierra Vista Child & Family Services is an Early Mental Health Support Program for children 0-5, their families, and care providers. The program would provide a continuum of community based mental health services for children and their families including outreach and engagement, assessment and service planning, counseling and intervention, parent education and support, group support services for children, and case management, referral services. The project would also provide mental health consultation and provider training and support for Preschools and Day Care Providers; and addresses parent education/support with an emphasis on social emotional child development, enhancing the parent-child relationship, and reducing parental and family risk factors. The focus of intervention will be children 0-5 and their families to improve parenting strategies and promote positive social emotional development.
Delhi Unified School District	Child Signature Program	\$75,445.64	Maria	Salazar	(209) 656-2023	Delhi Unified School District is a participant of the Child Signature Program (CSP) that enhances quality in early learning programs for children ages 0-5. CSP program elements include Instructional Strategies and Teacher-Child Interactions, Social Emotional Development and Parent Involvement and Support. Family Support Specialists and Early Education Experts are essential staff that support quality enhancement.
Livingston Union School District	Child Signature Program	\$30,000.00			(209) 394-5431	Livingston Union School District is a participant of the Child Signature Program (CSP) that enhances quality in early learning programs for children ages 0-5. CSP program elements include Instructional Strategies and Teacher-Child Interactions, Social Emotional Development and Parent Involvement and Support. Coaching and staff development is provided to teachers to support program elements.
Merced City School District	Child Signature Program	\$256,000.00	Melanie	Cole	(209) 385-6619	Merced City School District is a participant of the Child Signature Program (CSP) that enhances quality in early learning programs for children ages 0-5. CSP program elements include Instructional Strategies and Teacher-Child Interactions, Social Emotional Development and Parent Involvement and Support. Family Support Specialists and Early Education Experts are essential staff that support quality enhancement.
Merced County Community Action Agency	Child Signature Program	\$120,500.00	Rosanne	Pitz	(209) 722-7129	Merced County Community Action Agency is a participant of the Child Signature Program (CSP) that enhances quality in early learning programs for children ages 0-5. CSP program elements include Instructional Strategies and Teacher-Child Interactions, Social Emotional Development and Parent Involvement and Support. Family Support Specialists and Early Education Experts are essential staff that support quality enhancement.
Atwater Elementary School District	Child Signature Program	\$136,000.00	Patti	Kishi	(209) 357-6100	Atwater Elementary School District is a participant of the Child Signature Program (CSP) that enhances quality in early learning programs for children ages 0-5. CSP program elements include Instructional Strategies and Teacher-Child Interactions, Social Emotional Development and Parent Involvement and Support. Family Support Specialists and Early Education Experts are essential staff that support quality enhancement.
Dos Palos Oro-Loma Joint Unified School District	Child Signature Program	\$82,928.37	Huerta	Shelby	(209) 392-2151	Dos Palos Oro Loma Unified School District is a participant of the Child Signature Program (CSP) that enhances quality in early learning programs for children ages 0-5. CSP program elements include Instructional Strategies and Teacher-Child Interactions, Social Emotional Development and Parent Involvement and Support. Family Support Specialists and Early Education Experts are essential staff that support quality enhancement.
Merced County Office of Education	Child Signature Program	\$22,500.00	Linda	Kaercher	(209) 381-5170	Merced County Early Head Start Infant/Toddler program is a participant of the Child Signature Program (CSP) that enhances quality in early learning programs for children ages 0-5. CSP program elements include Instructional Strategies and Teacher-Child Interactions, Social Emotional Development and Parent Involvement and Support. Family Support Specialists and Early Education Experts are essential staff that support quality enhancement.
Los Banos Unified School District	Child Signature Program	\$75,500.00	Min	Yuan	(209) 827-0120	Los Banos Unified School District is a participant of the Child Signature Program (CSP) that enhances quality in early learning programs for children ages 0-5. CSP program elements include Instructional Strategies and Teacher-Child Interactions, Social Emotional Development and Parent Involvement and Support. A Community Aide provides support to families and coaching and staff development is provided to teachers to support the program elements.
Merced County Office of Education	EEE CSP 1	\$85,261.00	Christie	Hendricks	(209) 383-7147	The Early Education Expert (EEE) provides on-going coaching support to Child Signature Program (CSP) participating quality enrichment (QE) classroom teachers.
Merced County Office of Education	ELSS CSP 2	\$36,500.00	Christie	Hendricks	(209) 383-7147	The Early Learning Systems Specialist assesses Child Signature Program #2 (CSP) participating classrooms using First 5 California's Readiness Assessment and provides on-going training, technical assistance, and coaching support to classroom staff.

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Merced County Office of Education	CARES Plus	\$322,143.20	Andrea	Cruthird	(209) 381-6787	Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (CARES) Plus program will provide professional development opportunities for licensed family child care providers and child care center staff through trainings, higher education access and incentives/stipends.
Livingston Community Health Services	Universal Developmental Screening	\$70,000.00	Leslie	McGowan	(209) 394-7913	Livingston Community Health Services develops a project aimed at improving the health and developmental outcomes of children ages 0-5 who access their clinics.
Regents of the UC Merced	Improving the Community Infrastructure	\$135,797.00	Renu	Nandkishore	(209) 228-4055	The UC Merced Health Sciences Research Institute and the UC Merced Blum Center develop a project to address children at risk for disabilities and learning difficulties.
Merced County Human Services	Early Connections	\$202,396.00	Alexandra	Pierce	(209) 385-3000, 5753	The Merced County Human Services Agency partner with the Merced County Office of Education to provide developmental screening services to children ages 0-to 5 years old who are referred to Child Welfare Services (CWS) and allegations of abuse or neglect are not substantiated.