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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

In 2009-10 we continued to sustain a broad funding portfolio that had far-reaching impacts. **We invested over \$23 million in 247 programs that reached approximately 15,000 providers, parents/caregivers, and children. Participating families reflected the ethnic and linguistic diversity of the city's population and resided primarily in low-income and under-served communities.** With all strategies outlined in our Strategic Plan fully implemented, 2009-10 was also year of strengthening efforts, ensuring meaningful change for participants, and deepening our work with community partners. Below are just a few highlights of this work.

**Services are reaching more families than ever before while the quality of programming continues to improve.**

- 116 Preschool for All sites ensured that over 2,800 four-year-olds had access to *low-cost, high-quality* preschool.
- 24 Family Resource Center grants provided more than 11,000 parents, caregivers, and children access to parent education, community resources, parent support groups, and interactive activities for the entire family.
- 75% of Family Resource Centers and 90% of Preschool for All sites utilized an approved evidence-based curriculum.

**Participants in First 5 San Francisco programs are achieving measurable success.**

- Over 14,000 hearing, vision, dental, and developmental screenings were performed in 2009-10; follow-up data indicates that approximately 70% of children with identified concerns were linked to treatment services.
- Parents attending a Family Resource Center parent education class series showed statistically significant decreases between pre- and post-assessment in the use of *ineffective* discipline styles (Laxness, Over-reactivity, and Verbosity).
- Preschool teachers participating in the Institute for Intentional Teaching improved their instructional practices as indicated by the Classroom Assessment Scoring System.

**Students are entering kindergarten with higher levels of preschool experience and improved school readiness.**

- Entering kindergartners' overall school readiness scores increased from 3.26 in 2007 to 3.31 in 2009. During that same time, the percent of kindergarten students with preschool experience increased by 15%.

**First 5 San Francisco seeks to achieve success through strong partnerships and collaboration.**

- 32% of programs were jointly funded with other city departments and/or private foundations and 95% of surveyed stakeholders agreed that First 5 San Francisco has been a valuable partner.

As in previous years, we are grateful to all who have helped to contribute to these milestones for San Francisco's youngest children and their families. Please read on to learn more about our work as a Commission and the accomplishments of our funded programs.

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