

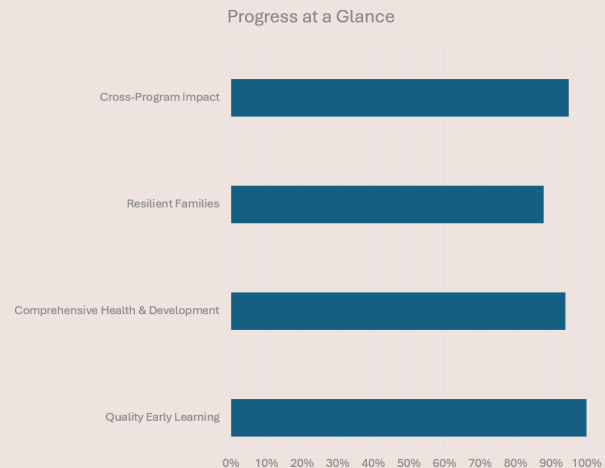
First 5 Riverside County 2023-2025 Strategic Plan Accomplishments

Since 2023, we've measured success not just by services delivered, but by how each investment shifts systems. Our Strategic Plan organizes this into four outcomes:

- ★ Increased Access
- ★ Increased Quality
- ★ Increased Coordination
- ★ Increased Consumer & Community Capacity

The following highlights show how we've advanced these outcomes across Riverside County.

Goal Area	Completed	Total	% Complete
Quality Early Learning	13	13	100%
Comprehensive Health & Development	17	18	94%
Resilient Families	6	7	88%
Cross-Program Impact	18	19	95%



By the Numbers - Impact Highlights

Goal 1 - Quality Early Learning

From “classroom supports” to long-term infrastructure for educators.

- ★ 1,407 RHAP scholarships expanded child care options for families of special populations.
- ★ 153 new infant/toddler child care spaces created.
- ★ \$23M pandemic relief stabilized 3,100+ early childhood education workforce members.
- ★ 3,136 wage enhancement stipends to strengthen workforce retention.

Goal 2 - Comprehensive Health and Development

Scaling integrated care models that link pediatric, behavioral, and public health.

- ★ 21,670 developmental screenings across HealthySteps sites (FY 23/24 & FY 24/25).
 - ★ HMGIE screened 3,294 in FY 23/24. FY 24/25 data not yet available.
 - ★ Note: Some duplication occurs between RUHS and HMGIE counts because screenings are documented in shared systems.
- ★ 485 dental screenings delivered via home visitors.
- ★ 5,657 swim lesson scholarships awarded over two years, provider network expanded from 5 to 11.
- ★ 2,561 CalWORKs HVP visits (FY 23/24); 4,524 (FY 24/25).

Goal 3 - Resilient Families

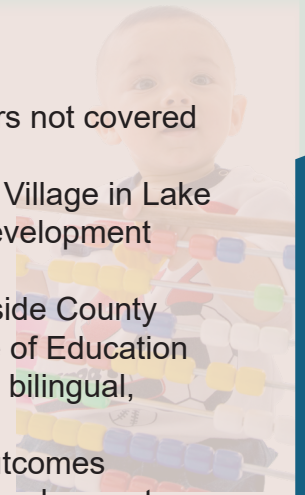
FRCs have become trusted prevention hubs, not just service sites.

- ★ Expanded Family Resource Center network into prevention hubs.
- ★ 13,828 individuals and 2,234 families served since 2023.
- ★ 779+ Whole Person Health Score Assessments conducted.
- ★ Safe-home outcomes: 96% at 6 months; 95% at one year after child welfare case closure.

Goal-by-Goal Progress

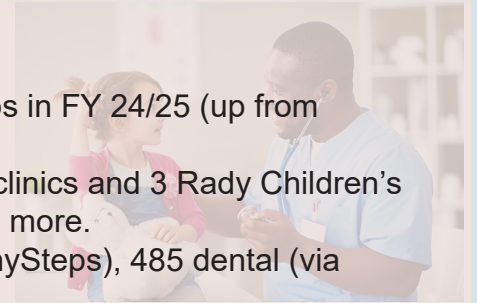
Goal 1 - Quality Early Learning

- ★ Expanded affordable early learning access for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers not covered by subsidies, with rapid enrollment in underserved areas like Blythe.
- ★ Invested Prop 10 and ARPA funds to expand infant/toddler facilities at Lakeland Village in Lake Elsinore, French Valley Child Care Center in Winchester, Jan Peterson Child Development Center in Moreno Valley, and Desert Rose in Ripley.
- ★ Strengthened the professional development system through Quality Start Riverside County (QSRC), First 5 CA/ First 5 RivCo IMPACT Legacy, and Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) partnerships, linking training to Quality Improvement Plans and offering bilingual, multi-modal delivery.
- ★ Retained early learning workforce through wage enhancement stipends, with outcomes evaluated in partnership with UC Berkeley, Center for the Study of Child Care Employment.
- ★ Promoted parent awareness of quality care selection through resources distributed via RCOE and Family Resource Centers.
- ★ Aligned early learning strategies by convening cross-sector partnerships, including QSRC governance and the Local Planning Council.



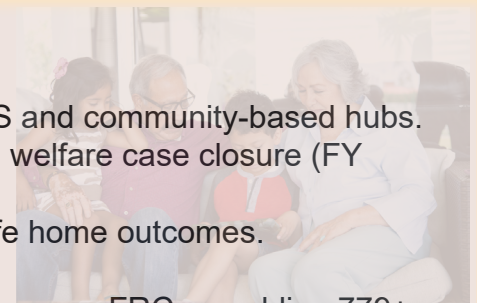
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- ★ Expanded water safety access with 2,762 swim lesson scholarships in FY 24/25 (up from 2,895 in FY 23/24) and grew the provider network from 5 to 11.
- ★ Embedded HealthySteps in 4 Riverside University Health System clinics and 3 Rady Children's Hospital sites; secured Inland Empire Health Plan funding to add 4 more.
- ★ Delivered integrated screenings: 21,670 developmental (via HealthySteps), 485 dental (via home visitors), plus behavioral health and maternal health checks.
- ★ Help Me Grow Inland Empire (HMGIE) screened 3,294 children in FY 23/24; FY 24/25 totals pending. Some duplication occurs with RUHS HealthySteps counts since both systems use EPIC.
- ★ Added specialized Maternal Fetal Medicine capacity through HeRCare—now sustained without First 5 funding.
- ★ Upgraded telehealth infrastructure with 2 ultrasound machines and expanded EPIC workflows.
- ★ Strengthened regional health partnerships with First 5 San Bernardino and Local Dental Pilot Project-Iland Empire; engaged Medi-Cal managed care plans in a shared MOU.



Goal 3 - Resilient Families

- ★ Expanded the Family Resource Center (FRC) network with DPSS and community-based hubs.
 - ★ 96% of children remained safely at home six months after child welfare case closure (FY 22/23–present) - safe home outcomes.
 - ★ 95% remained safely at home one year after case closure - safe home outcomes.
 - ★ 13,828 individuals and 2,234 families served since 2023-7/25.
- ★ Standardized Whole Person Health Score (WPHS) assessments across FRCs, enabling 779+ assessments to track protective factors and system performance.



- ★ Linked home visiting referral pathways directly with FRC access points, providing wraparound supports to improve outreach, enrollment, and engagement.
- ★ Advanced policy alignment by embedding family-centered priorities into countywide crisis response and housing stability strategies (through RivCoONE councils, DPSS prevention fund coordination, and integrated referral pathways).
- ★ Strengthened social supports and provider capacity through peer-led parent cafés, embedded FRC Network Specialists, and training 18 FRC staff as Certified Community Health Workers—expanding the reach of the county’s safety net.
- ★ Partnered with RivCoONE to roll out an integrated service model at FRCs, ensuring families experience “no wrong door” access across the county.

Goal 4 - Cross-Program Impact

Goal-by-Goal Progress

- ★ Shared training and resources across platforms, producing family-friendly education materials that broadened reach.
- ★ Improved planning and decision making by integrating GIS (mapping tools) and story maps to visualize service reach and gaps.
- ★ Advocated for sustainability by supporting tobacco regulation and identifying new prevention-focused funding streams.
- ★ Collaborated with RivCoONE, Riverside County’s cross-department prevention initiative, by actively participating in the Operations Council and Strategy Council—helping align early childhood priorities with broader county health and human services.
- ★ Partnered with LEAN systems change experts, Simpler, to develop and implement First 5’s Process Improvement Team.
- ★ Trained 18 FRC staff as Certified Community Health Workers.



Forward Momentum - Next Steps in Systems

- ★ Early Development Index (EDI) – Evaluating the potential application of EDI in Riverside County by reviewing other counties’ models, identifying partnership pathways, and assessing local readiness. No current investment; evaluation stage only.
- ★ HMGIE & HealthySteps – Continuing technical assistance, integration support, and sustainability coaching with the expectation that ongoing operational funding transitions to implementing agencies as First 5 sunsets direct financial support.
- ★ Quality Start Riverside County - Adopting a flexible quality improvement initiative that pivots with evolving funding, builds sustainable provider capacity for quality care, and leverages data to inform policy and stakeholder advocacy.
- ★ Public Health & Early Development Campaigns – Co-developing large-scale, evidence-based campaigns with partners to increase public awareness and drive community engagement.
- ★ Parent–Provider Engagement – Scaling and refining engagement strategies beyond pilots for broader system adoption that focus on building provider capacity to authentically engage families, supporting children’s social and emotional well-being, and promoting the impact of family engagement.
- ★ Integrated Data Alignment – Advancing multi-agency collaboration to align and connect priority data systems through shared frameworks, phased integration points, and agreed-upon use cases.