

Welcome to First 5 California's Research and Evaluation Site

My staff and I welcome you to our updated evaluation Web site focused on providing First 5 county commissions with research and evaluation information. In addition to a new look; the site consolidates forms, resources and reference information pertaining to PEDS and evaluation issues.

Over the next few months, my staff and I will focus on implementing the Center for Results, using this space to provide you with progress updates. Rather than using one contractor for all our research and evaluation needs, we have separated the Center for Results into functional areas and will contract with providers for services related to each function. This gives us more flexibility on how we implement the Center for Results and allows for greater control over contractors conducting discrete research functions. We anticipate Department of General Services' approval of our Annual Report contractor in mid-July. This is the first contract related to the Center for Results. Over the next couple of months, we will be soliciting your input regarding your local research and evaluation needs and incorporating that input into the Center for Results to ensure its success.

I encourage you to join the Research and Evaluation Team on our monthly Technical Assistance conference calls. This month's call is on July 23, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

I look forward to continuing to meet First 5 county staff and working with all of you to serve the children of California.

Sincerely,

Stacie Sormano, Deputy Director

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