



April 8, 2010

**Power of Preschool Bridge for Fiscal Year 2010/11
Request for Funding Application**

Dear Power of Preschool Executive Directors:

At the January 2010 meeting, the First 5 California Children and Families Commission approved an extension of the Power of Preschool (PoP) program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010/11. The Commission approved a one-year extension of the PoP program to existing PoP counties with up to \$19 million in bridge funding including the expansion of service to infants and toddlers. Enclosed with this letter are the PoP Bridge Funding Terms and Conditions and the Funding Application.

The First 5 California Commission authorized the current PoP program from July 2003 through June 2010, with actual program administration starting in FY 2005/06. The current PoP program funding authorization will cease and all fiscal obligations will end on June 30, 2010. The PoP Bridge funding extends authorization to operate from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.

As a condition of receiving funding, the PoP Bridge counties must conform to the enclosed Funding Terms and Conditions, which clarify and enhance the provisions of the June and November 2005 PoP Request for Applications, and provide the requirements for serving infants and toddlers. In addition, the PoP Bridge must conform to the county's approved FY 2005/06 PoP application and any approved amendments, if applicable.

If your county would like to receive extension funding for the PoP Bridge, the county must submit a Request for Funding (RFF) Application. This request and the Funding Terms and Conditions are posted on First 5 California's Web site:

<http://www.cfc.ca.gov/commission/funding.asp>

Instructions and timelines are included in the RFF. The county must return one electronic copy of the RFF, along with three print copies with original signatures no later than May 6, 2010. Please send the electronic copy to Forms@First5CA.gov, and mail the print copies to First 5 California, 2389 Gateway Oaks, Suite 260, Sacramento, CA 95833, Attn: First 5 Forms.

If you have any fiscal-related questions, please contact Javier Cardenas, Fiscal Analyst, at jcardenas@ccfc.ca.gov or at 916-263-1046. For program-related questions, please contact Carmen Padilla, Child Development Consultant, at cpadilla@ccfc.ca.gov or at 916-263-1026.

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Thank you for your continued commitment to meeting the needs of California's youngest children. The PoP Bridge provides critical services to children and families and I look forward to our continuing partnership.

Sincerely,

Kris Perry

Executive Director, First 5 California

Enclosures: Funding Terms and Conditions
Request for Funding Application