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First 5 Napa County Supports Local Families with \$30,000 Contribution

3/26/2025 – Napa, CA First 5 Napa County is announcing its latest support for local families: a \$30,000 contribution to *Napa Valley Together* through Napa Valley Community Foundation to support an immigrant rights train-the-trainer education series.

With the contribution, First 5 Napa expands its partnership with community organizations helping families with young children obtain information about their rights and how to access services.

The training series is open to all Napa County Family Resource Centers (FRCs). Once trained, staff from the centers can then provide that support to other local community-based organizations, expanding their capacity to serve Napa's most vulnerable residents.

"We see this contribution as impactful in terms of the direct services provided and also for supporting multiple community-based organizations in coordination of this work," said Ashley Walker, Executive Director of First 5 Napa County.

Training will be conducted by representatives from Napa Valley Together, the local coalition of immigrant-serving organizations working to coordinate services and provide educational resources to the community; Napa Valley Community Foundation will administer First 5's \$30k contribution.

The Family Resource Centers are ideal hosts for the train-the-trainer series. The centers offer a range of programs, including parenting education, early childhood development resources, financial literacy training, workforce development, and access to health and social services.

"We think the long-term impact of supporting the work of Napa Valley Together and the Family Resource Center network across the county extends beyond individual families, improving overall community health and wellbeing," said Juan Cisneros, First 5 Napa County Commission Chair. "Their work contributes to stronger, more resilient communities."

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About First 5 Napa County:

In November 1998, voters passed a statewide ballot initiative – California Children and Families Act (Proposition 10) – creating a 50 cent per pack tobacco tax in support of a comprehensive, integrated system of early childhood development services. The following year, the Napa County Board of Supervisors established the Napa County Children and Families Commission (now First 5 Napa County) to distribute funding from California Proposition 10 and provide resources to support a system of services that ensures children ages prenatal to 5 in Napa County enter school healthy and ready to learn. More information is available at: www.first5napa.org.