

Reflections on FY20-21
**End of Year
Report**





First 5 shows up to strengthen, integrate, and sustain the early childhood system.

All of the adults in a child's life make up what we call the **early childhood system.**



3,687

families served through services, programs

2,869

families served by resource distribution (supplies, books)



1,817

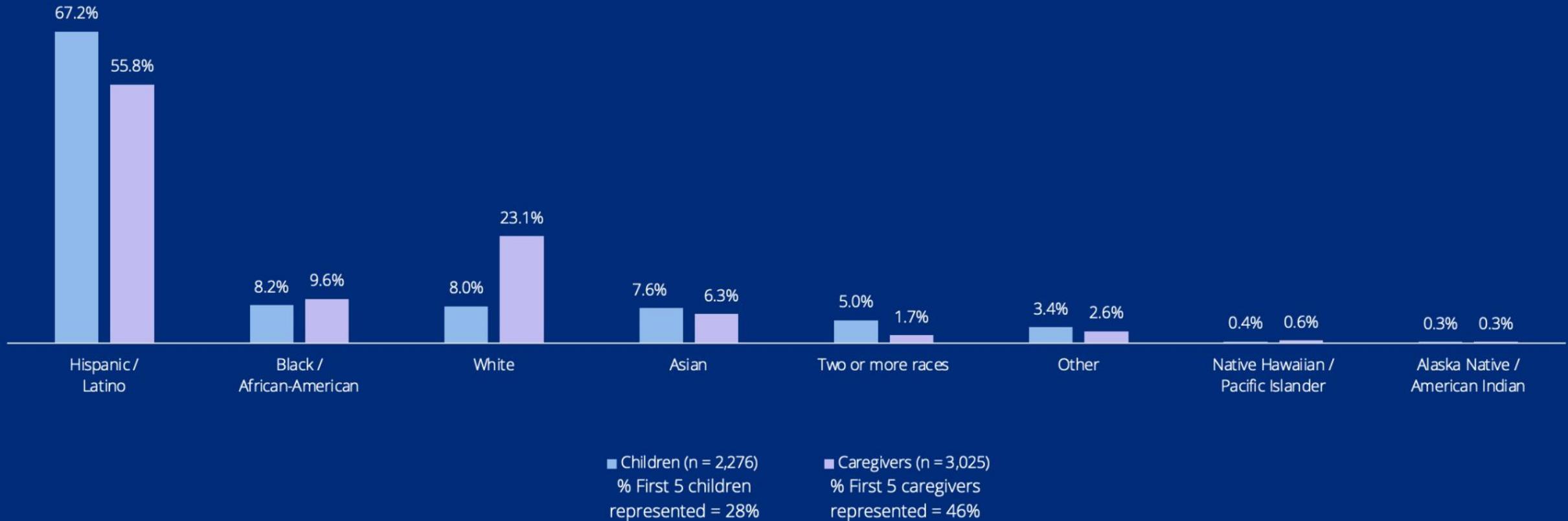
providers served through services, programs

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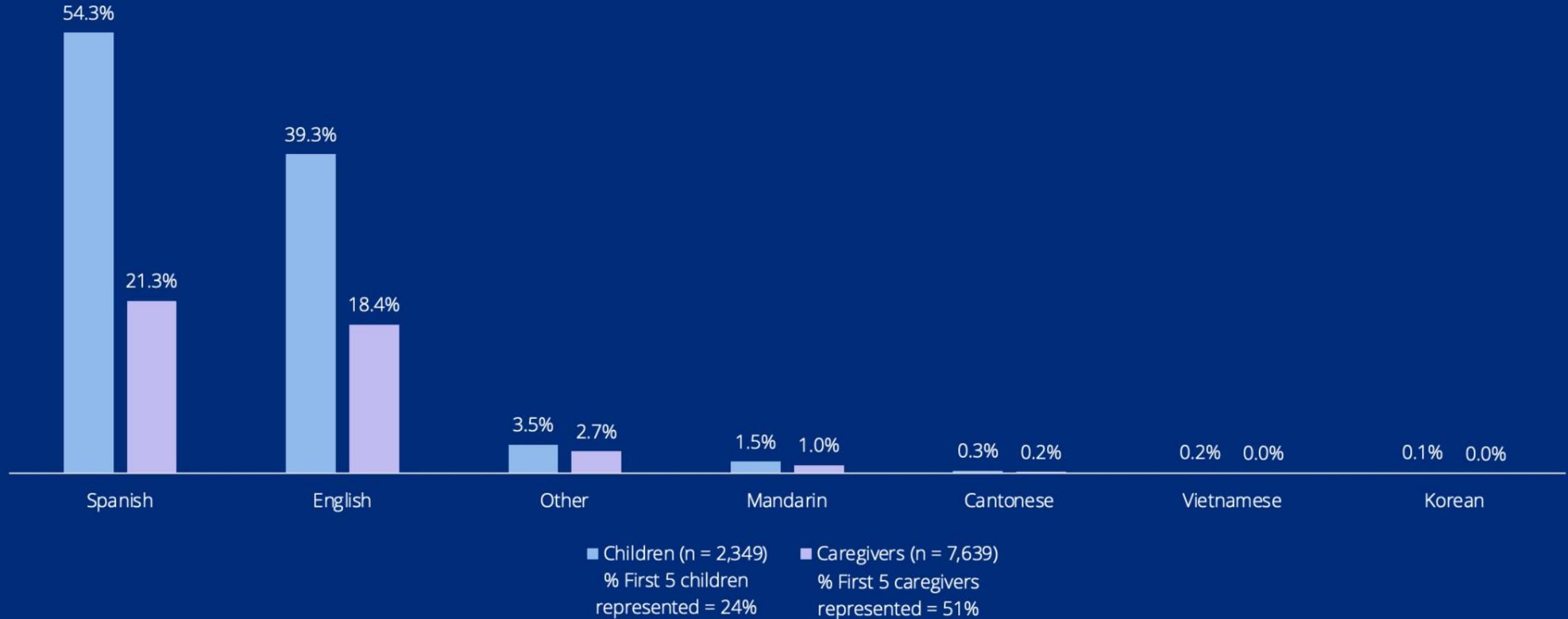
providers served through resource distributions (PPE)



Population Served by Race/Ethnicity

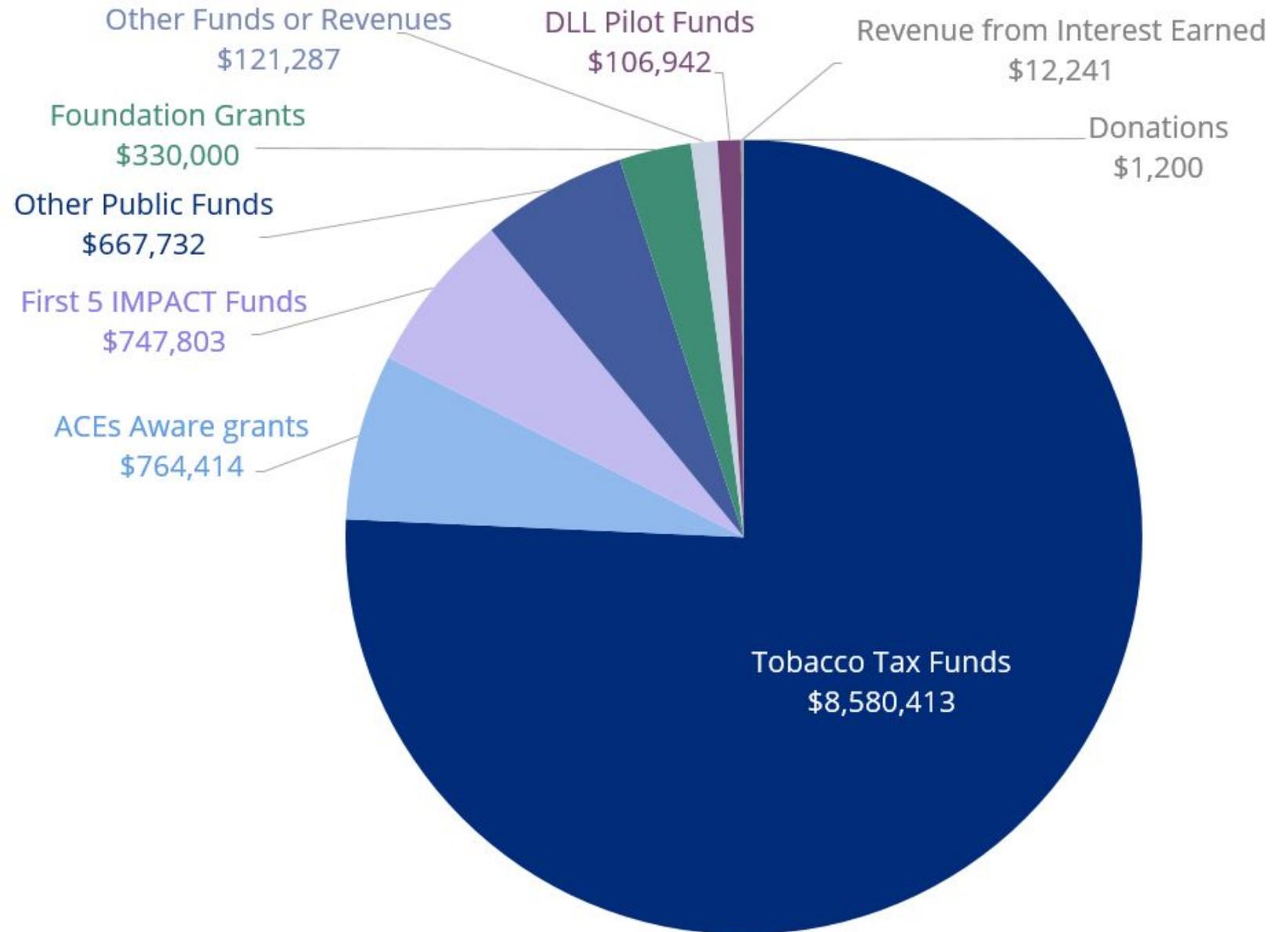


Population Served by Primary Language Spoken



Funding Sources

FY20-21



Funded Programs

Providing support for programs and activities that help children grow up healthy and ready to learn.

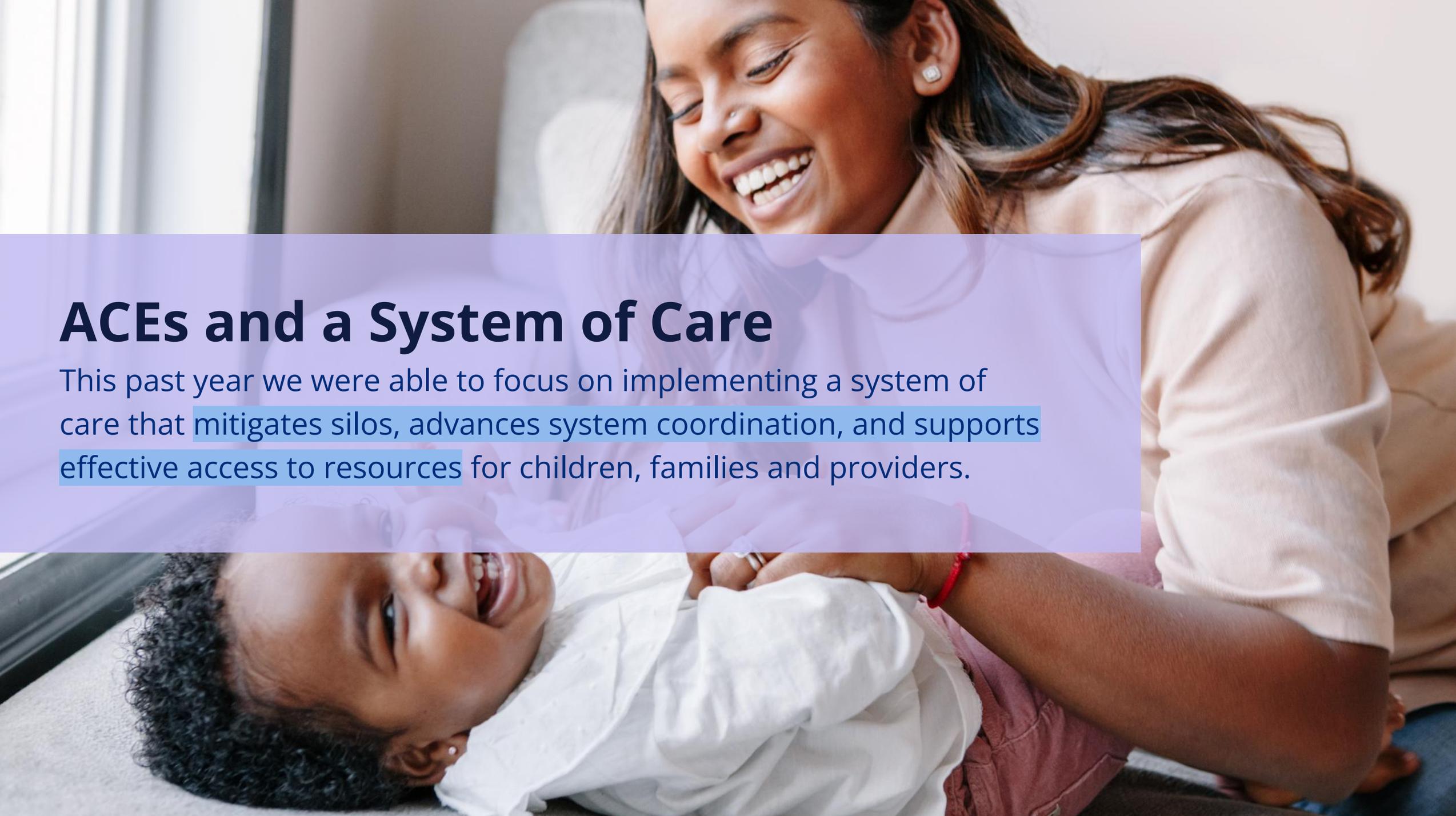


as well as First 5 Centers (Aspiranet/BACR),
Welcome Home Baby (Aspiranet), and
Adult Education (Contra Costa, Diablo Valley, Los Medaños)

Early Intervention

Wanda Davis
Early Intervention Program Officer



A photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a light-colored top, smiling warmly as she holds a baby. The baby is lying on its back, wearing a white shirt, and is also smiling. The scene is set indoors, likely in a home or a care facility, with a window visible in the background. A semi-transparent purple box is overlaid on the image, containing text.

ACEs and a System of Care

This past year we were able to focus on implementing a system of care that mitigates silos, advances system coordination, and supports effective access to resources for children, families and providers.



ACEs Aware Grant 1

Cultivating a community of care to better serve families.

139

Providers convened in
Spring & Fall

113

Providers in a 6-month
series on trauma-
informed leadership

Over half of providers report that they feel better connected to other providers and would make changes to their collaboration and referral processes with other partners.



Help Me Grow and ACEs

Streamlining a referral system to help families and providers—a collaboration with 211 and La Clínica.



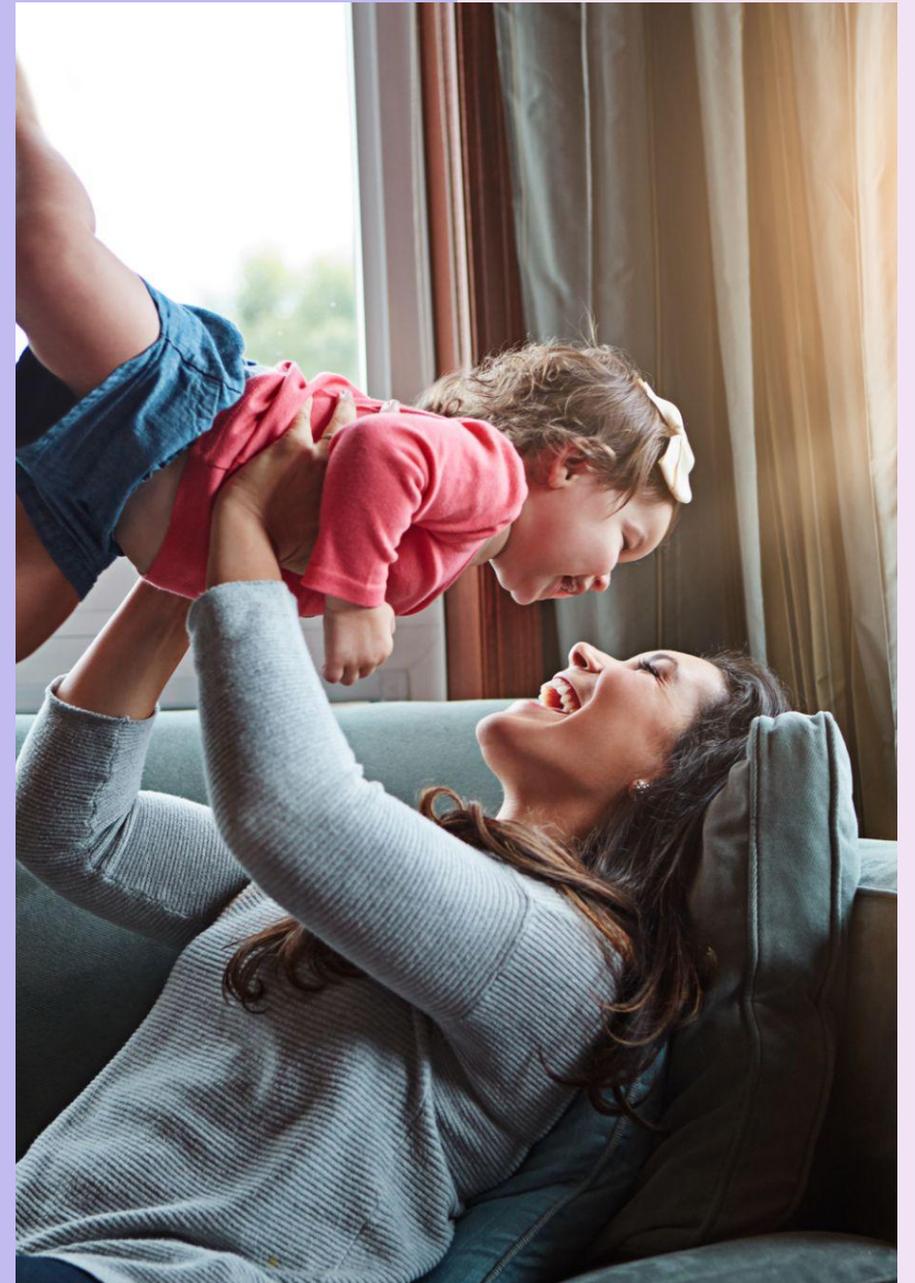
Resources



Referrals

What's ahead?

- Build on our current effective practices
- Continue to support parents in partnership with county mental health as an important community resource
- Advocate for early intervention practices and policy
- Strengthening system focus on prevention



Special Projects & Coalitions

Fran Biderman
Special Projects Coordinator





A strong voice in the local policy advocacy space.

We're more powerful when we're working together with other community-based organizations, advocates, and residents on issues that affect young children and their families.



Coalitions are foundational to our ability to build power and advocate for policies that will advance the well being of young children and families.

Examples of Coalitions
(organizations represented):

7

Early Learning
Leadership Group (ELLG)

35

Budget Justice
Coalition

60

Family Economic Security
Partnership (FESP)

62*

Collaborative Advocacy
Power Partnership (CAPP)

*members



Showing up at Measure X tables to ensure children and families are a priority.



As a result of our partnership with allies and our advocacy, the Board of Supervisors will be meeting early in 2022 to decide how to spend at least **\$12 million** in unallocated funds with specific expressed interest in children's services.

What's ahead?

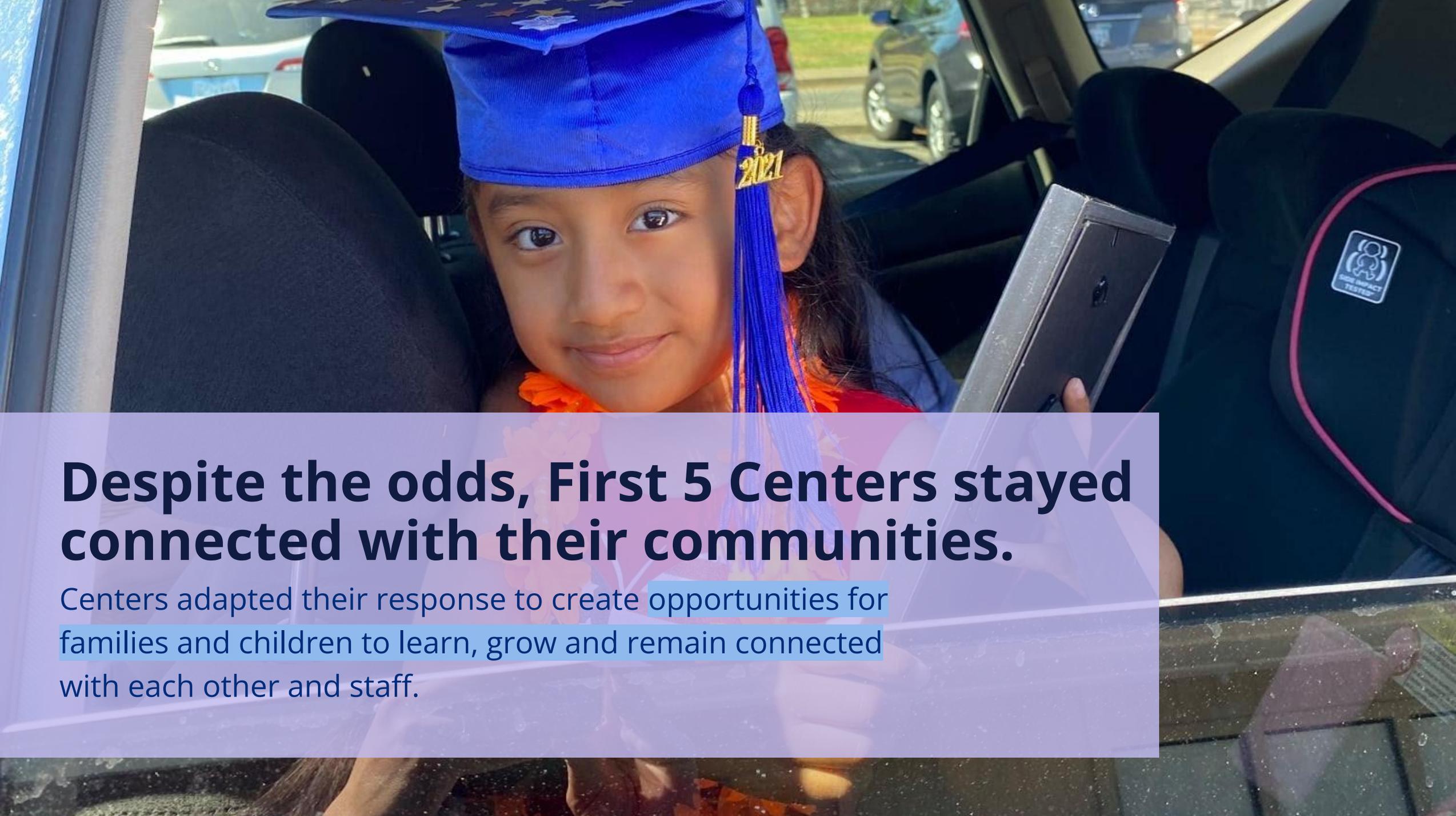
- Readiness to spring into action and mobilize our partners when the moment presents
- Keep early childhood front and center and continue to be responsive to the community
- Strengthen initiatives and coalitions—strive towards a place where children have what they need to grow and thrive



Family Support

Camilla Rand, on behalf of Lisa Korb
Family Support Program Officer





Despite the odds, First 5 Centers stayed connected with their communities.

Centers adapted their response to create opportunities for families and children to learn, grow and remain connected with each other and staff.

Staying Connected

1729

families participated
in classes*

559

classes offered across
all First 5 Centers*

*either virtual or in-person



Resilient & Responsive



Identifying Emerging
Needs



Center Distribution
Events



What's ahead?

- Cultivate a sense of community that straddles in-person and online
- Continue to have open dialogue about what is integral to engaging with families long-term
- Deepen our collective understanding about the role of First 5 Centers in families' lives

Early Childhood Education

Melissa Cunningham
Early Childhood Education Program Officer





Creating ideal learning environments for young children.

This past year, we pushed ourselves to think and work more expansively when it came to defining those environments.



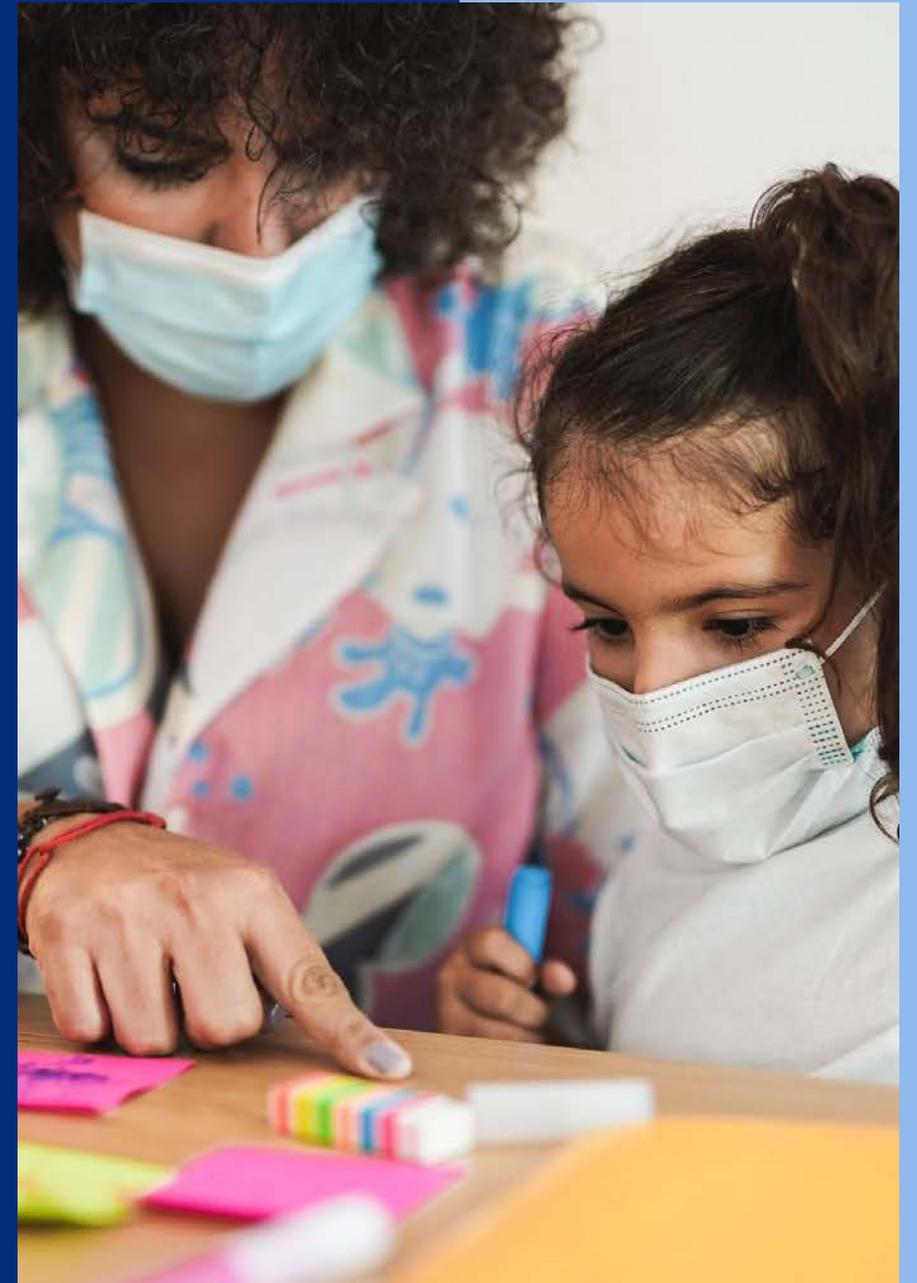
Physical environment:
making classrooms safe
for children



**The ecology of early
childhood education:** new
ideas about how we can
collaborate across sectors



Workforce environment:
the push and pull between
childcare affordability and
the desperately underpaid
childcare workforce





What's ahead?

- Addressing the realities of the workforce environment
- Continue to consider the conditions surrounding our children: physical space, ecological dynamics, and workforce realities

Community Engagement and Advocacy

Rhea Elina Laughlin
Community Engagement Program Officer





Strengthening parent leadership and the voice of underrepresented families.

Striving to create a countywide, powerful base of advocates that champion young children and is led by those most harmed by inequity.

Support and Partnership: a tailored, leadership curriculum towards a shared vision for a diverse and inclusive community



Technical assistance: advocacy, research, and strategic planning



1:1 coaching: building concrete skills to move folks to action



Broader political education: the systems and history that have shaped communities and impacted young children



Advocacy: community-based approach with focus on root causes and structural inequities



Housing: engaged **over 2,500** residents in advocacy—including Antioch CHANGE housing assessment



Parks: two more park renovations, totaling **\$10.7 million** invested for park renovations



Informing Public Policy: including **3 local housing and park policies** and 1 statewide policy





2021 Community Engagement Accomplishments Video



What's ahead?

- Parent-led advocacy and leadership
- Continue housing advocacy
- Engage parents of young children in the 2022 local elections
- Support families most impacted by inequity, to mobilize their power and shape their communities

We're in this together,
moving forward through
collaboration and
partnership to realize a
shared vision for Contra
Costa's young children.

Thank You.

