



Annual Report AR-3

Plumas County Evaluation Summary and Highlights

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

County Evaluation Summary

Evaluation Activities Completed, Findings, and Policy Impact

Evaluation Activities Completed In 2024-25, First 5 Plumas County worked to complete the following evaluation efforts: Home visitors collected data and Public Health data manager entered data into database for reporting purposes; Quarterly meetings with programs to identify shared clients and offer an opportunity to provide feedback about data collection and gaps; First 5 Plumas developed both mid-term and annual evaluation reports that included information on home visiting, group supports, and systems building activities. Conducted a strategic planning process. Completed First 5 California Annual Reporting Requirements. Evaluation Findings Reported: First 5 Plumas works closely with county agencies and community-based partners, leveraging local resources to increase the value of its investments. Primary investments of the Commission are home visiting services which include group supports, and support for a county-wide family services navigation. Highlights of evaluation findings: Between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, a total of 42 families were provided with home visiting services, 263 home visits took place, and a total of 1,958 services were provided. 48 developmental screening were completed. Early Intervention provided 22 families with assessments, and 14 eligible children with 186 early intervention services. First 5 Plumas provided a total of 48 children and 27 adult parents and caregivers with 336 service contacts during groups support activities including playgroups and breastfeeding groups in Quincy, Portola, and Chester. Additionally, Roundhouse Council provided 163 service contacts, serving 6 native children and their families. First 5 Plumas' Imagination Library enrollments increased to 360, with 3453 books provided to Plumas County children in 2024-25. 7763 books have been provided to 469 children since the program started in 2020. The First 5 Plumas, Inclusive Early Education Workgroup met monthly, collaborated with 14 organizations and 29 participants, to develop the Inclusive Early Education Action Plan. Accomplishments include improvements to intake and referrals including increasing referrals, Child Find assessments, collaboration on advocacy documents, and updates to partner website content developed by First 5 Plumas. Help Me Grow Referrals: Family Service Coordinator provided parent coaching and resources to 28 families with 416 text messages and 158 personal check-ins, 4 close-looped referrals, and 18 low incident home visits, with 129 resources provided. Policy Impact of Evaluation Results: Development of low- incident services, meaning less than 4 home visits, based on family needs, improve coordination of groups support offerings by home visiting programs, improve outreach efforts to ensure families who need services can access them. The Commission should continue to focus on developmental screenings and child find activities, systems improvements that increase referrals and access to services including health and dental, expand services that ensure all children in Plumas County receive the supports they need.

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First 5 Plumas' mission is to cultivate safe, nurturing, healthy environments for children, prenatal to age 5, and their families through inclusive and accessible services and support. First 5 Plumas supports home visiting programs that provide regular, voluntary home visits to expectant and new parents and offer guidance, risk assessment, and referrals to other services offered in the community. While home visits are the primary investments of the First 5 Plumas Commission in 2024-25, we also provide direct services that support home visits including group supports and county-wide family service navigation. Highlights for 2024-25 include: A total of 64 families were provided with home visiting services with a total of 449 home visits. 48 children and 27 parent/caregivers were provided with 336 playgroup and breastfeeding group direct service contacts in Chester, Portola, and Quincy. Additionally, Roundhouse Council provided playgroups several times a week in Greenville with 163 service contacts, serving 6 native children and their families. In 2024-25, there were 3453 Imagination Library books provided to 360 children in Plumas County. One collaboration that was particularly effective was the Inclusive Early Education Workgroup, which meets monthly and collaborated with 14 organizations and 29 participants, to develop the Inclusive Early Education Action Plan. This plan is a response to gaps in services and significant deficiencies found in the Early Intervention referral and intake system and a lack of Early Inclusion coordination. The group has already implemented many of the improvements outlined in the plan. First 5 Plumas Systems Improvement work also included collaborating with county partners to improve oral health access, child abuse prevention activities, parent education, and Help Me Grow Plumas.

SPCFA Performance Report

Summarize SPCFA Specific Program Accomplishments

A total of 42 families were provided with home visiting services between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. 263 home visits took place, 506 service contacts, and a total of 1,958 service types were provided with parenting support and child development being the most common service types. 48 developmental screenings were completed. Early Intervention provided 22 families with assessments, and 14 eligible children with 186 early intervention services. First 5 Plumas provided a total of 48 children and 27 adult parents and caregivers with 336 service contacts during group support activities including playgroups and breastfeeding groups in Quincy, Portola, and Chester. Additionally, Roundhouse Council provided 163 service contacts, serving 6 native children and their families. 151 referrals to other community services with the most referrals going to First 5 Plumas home visiting supports (e.g. playgroups, fatherhood group, parent conference), library programs, the local pools, and summer programs. Strengthening Families Protective Factors surveys noted impact include improved relationships, confidence in parenting, and knowing where to seek help. There was a 22% increase in Medi-Cal insured children. Upon intake, 50% of children had 0 visits or there was no answer. In follow up data, 100% of children had at least two well-child visits in the last year. 50% of children had dental insurance based on intake (4 families did not answer), but 100% of parents indicated that they have insurance for their child on the follow up data. 88% of children did not have a dental home upon intake, or parents answered that they did not know if they had a dental home, but 100% have a dental home in the follow-up data. The majority of Family Satisfaction surveys indicate that families either strongly agreed or agreed that they were satisfied with their home visiting programs and that they benefited from the services provided.

How SPCFA Funding Was Used To Assist With Recovery From The Effects Of COVID-19

First 5 Plumas identified services gaps in early intervention and inclusion, oral health access, child care access, and mental health. First 5 Plumas is updating their strategic plan and are working on systems improvements and developing partnerships which address deficiencies. COVID-19, in addition to the Dixie Fire, continued to impact our home visiting programs which include long travel times (traffic control on roadways as part of the fire recovery activities), loss of clients (as communities burned), and staffing issues. Roundhouse Council has expanded services in 2024-25, since moving into their new building (Roundhouse Council facilities burned down in the Dixie Fire in 2021).

How SPCFA Funded Projects Align With Other State And Locally Funded Efforts

First 5 Plumas has collaborated with Family First, Early Intervention, and Roundhouse Council home visiting programs to improve access to group supports including playgroups, breastfeeding groups, parent trainings and coaching, service navigation, and closed-loop referrals. This project work aligns with the Home Visitation - Regional Technical Assistance funding and has supported systems improvement and Help Me Grow. The Inclusive Early Education workgroup has developed an action plan and has seen progress with implementation. Collaboration with Plumas STARS has supported expanded use of developmental screenings with family child care providers and child development centers, outreach to FNN providers, and supports inclusive early education.

