

January 24, 2006

STAFF REPORT

MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION
FROM: DEB COULTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW RESEARCH AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK FOR SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAMS

BACKGROUND: Beginning in March 2005 First 5 California Children and Families Commission staff and County Commission representatives met as an Evaluation Workgroup to collaboratively develop a new Research and Evaluation Framework that would reflect the increased complex city of First 5 programs. The new Research and Evaluation Framework was designed to better address stakeholder questions, simplify and standardize data reporting for consistency and validity, define clear roles for State and Counties, and create a system and dedicated resources for evaluation and research.

Each County Commission is required to complete the Certification Form to transition all School readiness Programs to the new Research and Evaluation framework effective July 1, 2006.

CURRENT PROPOSAL: SCCFC Commissions approval to submit Certification Form to the State Commission that indicates SCCFC will participate in the new research and evaluation framework commencing July 1, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of the Executive Director to approve and sign the Certification Form to the State Commission

IMPACT ON COMMISSION RESOURCES: NONE

POLICY ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of this request.

Attachment: Letter from First 5 California

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