

First 5 Merced County Funded Programs List

Agency Name	Program Name	Approved Amount	First Name	Last Name	Phone	Program Description
Atwater Elementary School District	Atwater School Readiness Program	\$ 87,000.00	Patti	Kishi	(209) 357-6100	The Atwater School Readiness (ASR) Program is a parent support program that utilizes the Parent as Teachers curriculum for home visitation, and provides parent trainings, workshops, and advisory meetings. In addition, ASR provides professional development support to preschool teachers to increase their skills and competency levels in the Atwater Elementary School District.
California Health Collaborative	Community Network for Tobacco Relief Project	\$ 55,694.00	Evi	Hernandez	(559) 244-4527	Community Network for Tobacco Relief (CØNTRØL) will provide culturally and linguistically appropriate tobacco cessation services. The program will also work with service providers to develop cessation sustainability plans that can be integrated into their services.
Community Social Model Advocates, Inc.	The Rose Julia Riordan Tranquility Village	\$ 47,357.00	Lori	Newman	(209) 357-5261	The Rose Julia Riordan Tranquility Village Program will provide early identification, screening, assessments and treatment of children with their mothers for developmental, emotional, and/or other health related issues. The program will provide children with developmentally appropriate services, including, parenting skills and child development services where age-appropriate activities will aid in the cognitive, physical, emotional, and social development of the children.
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center, Inc.	L.E.A.D. the Way to Success	\$ 25,000.00	Michelle	Bronson	(559) 225-3323	This program provides services to improve communication in the home for families with deaf and hard of hearing children, thereby strengthening familial relationships and supporting optimal development of children 0-5 years and their families.
Delhi Unified School District	Early Intervention Program (EIP)	\$ 116,836.21	Martha	Varela	(209) 656-2023	EIP is a parent support program that utilizes the Parent as Teachers curriculum for home visitation, and provides parent trainings, workshops, and advisory meetings. In addition, EIP provides professional development support to preschool teachers to increase their skills and competency levels in the Delhi Unified School District.
Dos Palos Oro-Loma Joint Unified School District	Family Achieving Readiness (FAR)	\$ 82,500.00	Dwight	Thompson	(209) 392-2151	Dos Palos School District Families Achieving Readiness (FAR) is a school readiness program that includes the following: Parents as Teachers home visitation, parent training/workshops, developmental and health screening services and referral to identified needs.
Emily Lindsey, BSPsy, IBCLC	Merced B.E.S.T.	\$ 28,708.00	Emily	Lindsey	(209) 631-8511	Breastfeeding Education, Support & Technical Assistance (BEST) provides breastfeeding education, resources, training and support to medical and childcare providers. Breastfeeding classes to new and expecting mothers are also provided.

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Golden Valley Health Center	Reach Out and Read (ROR)	\$ 49,828.13	Cesar	Garcia	(209) 385-5412	ROR provides books to children during the well-child visits and dental exams and trains medical and dental providers in the methodology to be effective in promoting literacy and reading with families as they provide each book.
Livingston Union School District	Bright Beginnings	\$ 45,000.00	Robin	Hopper	(209) 394-5431	Bright Beginnings is a parent support program that utilizes the Parent as Teachers curriculum for home visitation, and provides parent trainings, workshops, and advisory meetings. In addition, Bright Beginnings provides professional development support to preschool teachers to increase their skills and competency levels in the Livingston Union School District.
Los Banos Unified School District	BRIDGES Project	\$ 168,948.00	Margie	Terranova	(209) 826-2241	The BRIDGES project will provide coaching and modeling to preschool teachers on the Westside of the county, as well as professional development opportunities, to increase teacher competencies and to improve skills in curriculum development, teaching strategies and classroom management.
Merced City School District	Families and Children Support Program	\$ 234,000.00	Melanie	Cole	2093856619	The FCSP provides a Positive Behavior Support specialist to support teachers by conducting health, social-emotional, and cognitive screenings; special services for identified children; and family workshops. In addition, home visits are conducted utilizing the Parents as Teachers curriculum for identified children in the Merced City School District.
Merced City School District	Teacher Support Program	\$ 125,000.00	Melanie	Cole	2093856619	TSP is designed to complement the MCSD Family and Children Support Program by providing on-going training to improve teacher skills and coaching to provide modeling and continuous monitoring and feedback for preschool teachers in the Merced City School District.
Merced City School District	PAT Coordinator	\$ 38,991.00	Melanie	Cole	2093856619	The Parents as Teachers Coordinator provides technical assistance and coordination of the PAT program to seven sites throughout the county. In addition, the coordinator identifies opportunities for professional development and fosters peer support across all program sites.
Merced College Child Development Center	Raising Early-Intervention Awareness for Children's Health (REACH)	\$ 106,435.00	Donnell	Smith	(209) 381-6572	In collaboration with Nursing and Child Development faculty, Raising Early-Intervention Awareness for Children's Health (REACH) will develop a curriculum to educate nursing and child development students about the importance of health and developmental screenings, service referral and early intervention services.
Merced County Community Action Agency	No Preschooler Left Behind	\$ 62,000.00	Rosanne	Pitz	(209) 722-7129	No Preschooler Left Behind provides preschool teachers within their program professional development opportunities and coaching support in order to increase teacher competency skills.
Merced County Department of Public Health	Ready, Set, Go!	\$ 184,868.00	Cindy	Valencia	(209) 381-1266	Nursing and Public Health staff will provide child health resource information and health consultation services in preschool and childcare settings, including health screenings and interpreting screening results.

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Merced County Department of Public Health	Children's Health Initiative (CHI)	\$ 211,000.00	Cindy	Valencia	(209) 381-1266	This program enrolls children in public health insurance programs based on eligibility, including: Medi-Cal, Healthy Families and Merced Healthy Kids. Merced Healthy Kids enrollees also receive assistance in establishing a medical home.
Merced County Department of Public Health	Universal Developmental Screening for Merced County	\$ 88,299.00	Cindy	Valencia	(209) 381-1266	Universal Developmental Screening program provides support to medical and mental health providers in the use of a universal developmental screening tool (Countywide). Providers are also made aware of current developmental information and available early intervention services.
Merced County Department of Public Health	Comprehensive Children's Injury Prevention Program (CCIPP)	\$ 80,000.00	Cindy	Valencia	(209) 381-1266	Comprehensive Children's Injury Prevention Program (CCIPP) will increase health care agencies' ability to provide pediatric injury prevention services. The program will also provide car seat safety classes and car seat safety checks to community families.
Merced County Human Services Agency	Parenting Education Program	\$ 200,000.00	Cesar	Vera	(209) 385-3000	The Parenting Education Program provides educational parenting workshops and trainings for parents with children birth to 5 years old, utilizing the Positive Discipline Program and the Fatherhood Program.
Merced County Office of Education	Caring Kids	\$ 141,666.00	Monica	Adrian	(209) 261-4194	Caring Kids provides behavioral and social-emotional screening and early intervention services to children in the home and in educational settings. Trainings and strategies are also shared with the parents and providers in support of the child.
Merced County Office of Education	Infant/Toddler PoP Bridge Program	\$ 35,000.00	Linda	Kaercher	(209) 381-5170	The HEAd Start Infant/Toddler BRIDGE program provides mentor and coaching supports for teachers working with infants and toddlers. This coaching support consists of monthly observations of teachers working with infants and toddlers, annual environmental assessments, monthly staff development activities, and the implementation of best practices for Infant/Toddlers program wide.
Merced County Office of Education	BEAM-First 5 Preschool To Productivity Campaign	\$ 69,904.00	Carol	Greenberg	(209) 201-2590	The BEAM Program works to increase awareness, advocacy and action in support of quality early care and education strategies and programs to business, government, and community organization executives in Merced County to recognize and articulate that providing quality early care and education programs is an investment with long term returns for children, families, communities and the economy.
Merced County Office of Education	Early Quality Improvement Project (EQuIP)	\$ 305,747.00	Rosa	Barragan	(209) 722-3804	EQuIP is designed to train and coach licensed and license-exempt family child care providers by adopting a bilingual ECE Permit Curriculum, assessing their environment utilizing the Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale, provide peer mentoring and operate a home visitation program in order to provide resources and trainings.

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Merced County Office of Education	Workforce Recruitment and Advancement project	\$ 247,538.00	Andrea	Cruthird	(209) 722-3804	WRAP serves licensed and license-exempt family child care providers, and child care center staff to increase educational and professional growth through educational planning, advising, coaching and financial support.
Merced Lao Family Community, Inc.	Hmong PAT Home Visiting Program	\$ 60,978.00	Joua	Lee	(209) 384-7384	Utilizing the Parents as Teachers, Born to Learn prenatal to 3 years curriculum provide home visitation to Southeast Asian families with children ages 0-3 years old.
Planada Elementary School District	Readiness Is The Answer	\$ 83,763.00	Richard	Lopez	2093820272	The Planada RITA program provides home visits to families of children 0-3 years of age utilizing the Parents as Teachers, Born to Learn prenatal to 3 years curriculum.
Sierra Vista Children and Family Services	Early Mental Health Support Services for Children, Families, and Providers	\$ 151,144.00	Samantha	Segars	(209) 525-5238	This program provides a continuum of community-based mental health serves for children 0-5 years of age and their family including outreach and engagements, assessment and service planning, counseling and intervention, parent education and support, group support services for children, and case management and referral services.
VIA Adventures, Inc.	Going Places	\$ 140,000.00	Gaye	Riggs	(209) 384-1315	Going Places provides transportation to specialty medical care for children and pregnant women. Bilingual and bicultural interpretation services are also provided to improve communication between families and providers.