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**FIRST 5 CONTRA COSTA OFFERING GRANTS
FOR PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT YOUNG CHILDREN**

(Contra Costa, CA – February 8, 2010) – First 5 Contra Costa is offering Family-Friendly Community Grants up to \$10,000 for local community improvement, health, and literacy projects that benefit children five and younger.

Funds support neighborhood clean-ups, new or improved playgrounds, parent education and training, health fairs, and projects that promote child health and literacy. Family-Friendly Community Grants are available for nonprofit organizations, small community groups, city agencies, public adult schools, and public libraries. A total of \$200,000 is available.

Applicants **must** attend a mandatory Information Workshop in order to apply:

February 25, 2010: 6:30 PM

First 5 Contra Costa
1485 Enea Court, Suite 1200, Concord

March 11, 2010: 6:30 PM

Church of Christ, 1020 East Tregallas Road, Antioch

March 24, 2010: 6:30 PM

West County First 5 Center, 2707 Dover Avenue, San Pablo

Make-Up Sessions

March 30, 2010: 1:00 p.m.

April 1, 2010: 10:00 a.m.

First 5 Contra Costa
1485 Enea Court, Suite 1200, Concord

Spanish translation and child care will be offered at all workshops. Please RSVP for workshops: (925) 771-7343. Visit www.firstfivecc.org to download an application or call (925) 771-7343.

About First 5 Contra Costa

First 5 Contra Costa makes a difference in the lives of children from the prenatal stage through age 5 — when a child’s brain development is so critical, and the most important time to establish healthy relationships with parents and caregivers. For nearly a decade, First 5 Contra Costa has used tobacco tax funds to help children from the prenatal stage to age five grow up healthy, learning, and supported in safe, nurturing families and communities. Last year, First 5 Contra Costa invested \$10.9 million to help our county’s children get the best possible start.

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