California Strong Start Index in Action
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The California Strong Start Index is being received as a valuable tool for equitably allocating resources within communities. Specifically, it is being used to:

- Generate information related to racial / ethnic disparities (California Governor’s Office)
- Facilitate the identification of “Communities of Need” for the statewide California Home Visiting needs assessment (California Department of Public Health)
- Estimate number of slots for a universal, but also tailored Home Visiting program (First 5 LA, First 5 CA, California State Budget – May Revise)
- Act as an anchor point for First 5 California’s statewide Home Visiting Workforce Study (RFP CFF 7554)
- Identify communities faring better on the EDI than what would be ‘predicted’ using the CASSi (First 5 OC)
- Inform Impact Framework Monitoring Measures (First 5 LA)
- Augment and validate other local-level information (First 5 LA, First 5 Sonoma, First 5 Fresno, First 5 San Mateo, etc.)
- Inform community needs assessments (First 5 LA, First 5 Sonoma, First 5 Fresno, First 5 San Mateo, etc.)
- Inform strategic plans (First 5 LA)
- Enhance other datasets through overlays
  - Early Childhood in Westlake and Silver Lake (KCET)
  - Neighborhood Data for Social Change platform (NDSC)
- Potentially augment the statewide Whole Child Equity Index (Advancement Project)

In addition, we have been invited to present the CASSi at many state and national convenings, including:

- First 5 LA (Los Angeles, CA)
- First 5 Bay Area Counties (e.g., Marin, Napa, Sonoma, Alameda, etc.) (Marin, CA)
- First 5 Association Webinar (Web)
- Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) (Baltimore, MD)
- California Child Welfare Council Data Linkage Subcommittee (Sacramento, CA)
- Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy (AISP) Early Care and Education (ECE) Webinar (Web)
- Community Indicators Consortium (CIC) (Denver, CO)
- Community Information Exchange (CIE) Summit (San Diego)
- Bay Area Rise Together (San Jose, CA)
- Social Innovation Summit (Los Angeles, CA)
- National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) (Chicago, IL)
- Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) (Washington, DC)