**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](https://www.kcet.org/shows/city-rising/early-childhood-in-westlake-and-silver-lake) (KCET)
  + [Neighborhood Data for Social Change platform](http://la.myneighborhooddata.org/) (NDSC)
* Potentially augment the statewide Whole Child Equity Index (Advancement Project)
* Identify areas of highest priority for early care and education investments by pairing Local Funding Priorities with Strong Start Index scores (L.A. County Child Care Planning Committee)

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

* Child Care Planning Committee (Los Angeles, CA)
* [First 5 LA](https://www.first5la.org/) (Los Angeles, CA)
* First 5 Bay Area Counties (e.g., Marin, Napa, Sonoma, Alameda, etc.) (Marin, CA)
* [First 5 Association](http://first5association.org/) Webinar (Web)
* [Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)](https://www.srcd.org/) (Baltimore, MD)
* [California Child Welfare Council Data Linkage Subcommittee](https://www.chhs.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/DLIS-Committee-Agenda-June-5-2019.pdf) (Sacramento, CA)
* [Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy (AISP)](https://www.aisp.upenn.edu/) Early Care and Education (ECE) Webinar (Web)
* [Community Indicators Consortium (CIC)](https://communityindicators.net/2019-impact-summit/) (Denver, CO)
* [Community Information Exchange (CIE) Summit](https://ciesandiego.org/ciesummit2019/) (San Diego, CA)
* [Bay Area Rise Together](https://www.risetogetherbayarea.org/events) (San Jose, CA)
* [Social Innovation Summit](https://socialinnovation.usc.edu/event/2019-social-innovation-summit/) (Los Angeles, CA)
* [National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP)](https://nashp.org/) (Chicago, IL)
* [Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)](https://secure.sswr.org/) (Washington, DC)