



FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 HIGHLIGHTS

First 5 San Luis Obispo County committed \$25,000 to the local Community Foundation Disaster Support Fund to provide relief to families that were already struggling post Pandemic, then were further impacted by storms, flooding, rockslides, and associated damage in our area. Our Health Access Training Project held 7 workshops designed to increase non-profit and government agency leaders' knowledge of what trauma-informed care looks like in both concept and practice at the individual, organizational, and community level. We celebrated a great show of support for "Mental Health in the Context of Early Childhood," the focus of our Pediatric Town Hall that took a deeper dive into Support & Referrals for Young Children & Families; more than 90 people turned out for this combined presentation, panel discussion and resource fair centered around early identification and intervention gaps— with the goal of creating more efficient, cohesive systems of care. The SLO County Public Health Home Visiting Coordination project organized 3 "Lunch & Learn" events, attended by 117 participants from 14 local agencies. These gatherings addressed topics such as networking, programmatic knowledge, homelessness, and mental health— with the objective of enhancing service delivery and enabling home visitors to expand their networks, gain insights into other programs and advance their professional development. A growing number of local employers aligned with the Family-Friendly Workplaces Program, established in partnership with the County of SLO and SLO Chamber of Commerce— and born out of the universally-felt child care crisis. The initiative is a point of pride and promising example of the power of relationship building and cross-sector, local collaboration in strengthening the community commitment to supporting children and families.