



## COMMISSIONERS

Anna Domek – District 1  
Barbara Boehler – District 4  
Dr. Aimee Sisson – County of Yolo Health Officer

Sally Brown – District 2  
Melissa Roberts – District 5  
Lucas Frerichs, Chair – Board of Supervisors  
Sheila Allen, Alternate Chair – Board of Supervisors

Jenn Rexroad – District 3  
Garth Lewis – YCOE  
Nichole Arnold – Children with Special Needs

## COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

January 14, 2026  
3:00 – 5:00 PM  
International House  
10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616

This meeting will also be held remotely via Zoom

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## ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. Chair Call to Order
2. Chair Roll Call
3. Chair Consider Approval of the Agenda
4. Chair Opportunity for Commissioners to State Conflict and Recusal
5. Public Public Comment
6. Chair Meeting Dedication to First 5 Founding Leader, Rob Reiner

## CONSENT AGENDA

Chief Executive Officer recommends approval of Consent Agenda Items 7-12

General Administrative Function

7.	Chair	Approve First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting Minutes from 10/29/2025
8.	Chair	Approve First 5 Yolo Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from 12/01/2025
9.	Chair	Approve First 5 Yolo Special Commission Meeting Minutes from 12/04/2025
10.	Chair	Accept Health and Safety Fiscal Half Year 2 2024-2025 Program Performance Measure Progress Report
11.	Chair	Authorize Contract with Yolo Crisis Nursery to Provide Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience In-Clinic Navigation Services for the Period January 15, 2026-June 30, 2027, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$223,000 Across the Initial Term of the Agreement
12.	Chair	Receive Sponsorship Fund Allocation Report (Yolo County Caregivers Collective Wee Winter Wonderland Series; Empower Yolo Human Trafficking Awareness Month)

REGULAR AGENDA Presentation/Discussion/Possible Action

13.	Chief Executive Officer	Adopt First 5 Yolo 2026 Policy Priorities	10 minutes
14.	Chief Executive Officer	Receive Report on Proposed Ballot Measure for Early Childhood and Childcare Services and Consider Available Options	15 minutes
15.	Management Services Officer	<b>Hold Public Hearing:</b> Receive First 5 Yolo Annual Local Evaluation Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25	15 minutes
16.	Chief Executive Officer	Adopt First 5 Yolo Annual Local Evaluation Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25	5 minutes
17.	Deputy Director	Accept Quarter 1 Fiscal Year 2025-26 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report	10 minutes
18.	Chief Executive Officer	Chief Executive Officer Report	10 minutes

19.	Commissioners	Commissioners Report	15 minutes
20.	Chair	Adjournment	

Next meeting scheduled:  
Commission Meeting  
March 11, 2026  
International House  
10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616

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- 1) On the bulletin board at the East entrance of the Erwin Meier Administration Center, 625 Court Street, Woodland, California 95695
- 2) At [www.first5yolo.org](http://www.first5yolo.org) the website for First 5 Yolo, 2779 Del Rio Place, Unit A, Davis, CA 95618

Chelsea Tracy  
Executive Assistant, First 5 Yolo

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**First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission  
Agenda Item Cover Sheet**

*Attachments*

**Agenda Item- Approve First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting Minutes from  
10/29/2025**

***Background***

Final Minutes from the First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting on 10/29/2025 for approval by First 5 Yolo Commission.

***Chief Executive Officer Overview***

First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on October 29, 2025, at International House-Davis, 10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616 from 3:30-5:00 pm.

***Additional Information and Attachments***

Draft Meeting Minutes from the October Commission Meeting are attached to this item as **Attachment A**.

The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting will be held March 11, 2026, at International House-Davis, 10 College Park, Davis 95616 from 3:00-5:00 PM.

***Action Requested***

Approve First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting Minutes from 10/29/2025 as submitted or propose edits.

The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025 at International House, 10 College Park, Davis 95616.

**Commissioners in attendance:** Sally Brown, Barbara Boehler, Aimee Sisson, Anna Domek (remote), Lucas Frerichs, Nichole Arnold (remote), Garth Lewis

**Staff in attendance:** Gina Daleiden, Victoria Zimmerle

**Public in attendance:** N/A

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

### **Item #1: Call to order**

L. Frerichs called meeting to order at 3:08pm

### **Item # 2: Roll Call**

L. Frerichs took a voice roll call.

**Absent:** J. Rexroad, M. Roberts

**Late:** G Lewis (arrived at 3:33pm)

### **Item #3: Consider approval of the agenda**

#### ***Approve Meeting Agenda***

**Motion:** S. Brown      **Second:** A. Sission  
Motion carried unanimously

### **Item #4: Opportunity for Commissioners to State Conflict and Recusal**

None.

### **Item # 5: Public Comment**

No public comment.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Executive Director recommends approval of Consent Agenda Item 6.

### **Item #6: Approve First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting Minutes from 09/10/25**

#### ***Approve Consent Agenda Item 6***

**Motion:** A. Sission

**Second:** G. Lewis

Motion carried unanimously

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Item #7: Receive Report for Early Learning Fiscal Year 2024-25**

V. Zimmerle reviewed the Early Learning Fiscal Year 2024-2025 report. She highlighted outcomes from IMPACT Legacy, First 5 Yolo's component of the County's Quality Counts California effort, activities which included 382 providers participating in the IMPACT Legacy network, countywide, during the fiscal year; 97 providers receiving direct supports in the second half of the Fiscal Year; and 100% Community of Practice Participants reporting they use the strategies learned in their work with children.

Commissioners discussed participation trends, noting that approximately one-quarter of providers participating in the network participated in direct IMPACT Legacy activities, with some returning for multiple years depending on their interests and availability. V. Zimmerle explained the importance of the shorter direct service timeframes, which allows providers to engage over a manageable three-month period. She also explained the value of connection provided by the program, particularly for small providers who often work in isolation, emphasizing that opportunities for professional community are a key factor in program satisfaction and retention.

G. Daleiden confirmed the program is funded for the current fiscal year, and it is expected to be funded for the next fiscal year.

### **Item #8: Accept Revised Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Year End Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report**

V. Zimmerle noted that since the Commission's acceptance of the Year End Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report for FY2024-2025, the Commission's 90-day period of availability has closed. At the close of the period of availability, the Commission had one outstanding receivable related to the Q4 IMPACT Legacy payment from El Dorado County Office of Education. Because the funds were received after September 30, this payment must be recognized in Fiscal Year 2025-26 and as such, the Year End Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report has been updated to reflect this change.

### ***Accept Revised Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Year-End Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report***

**Motion:** S. Brown    **Second:** A. Sission

Motion carried unanimously

### **Item #9: Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 First 5 Yolo Annual Report to the Legislature and First 5 CA**

***Public Hearing Open: 3:51pm***

No public comment.

***Public Hearing Close: 3:51pm***

**Item #10: Accept Fiscal Year 2024-2025 First 5 Yolo Annual Report to the Legislature and First 5 CA**

G. Daleiden reviewed the Annual Report, which summarizes First 5 Yolo's programs and outcomes for the fiscal year and provides required data and narrative to First 5 California. She noted that this year's report continues to emphasize local sustainability efforts and collaboration with state partners to identify long-term funding solutions. Commissioners discussed alignment with other early childhood initiatives and the importance of sustained investment.

***Accept Fiscal Year 2024-2025 First 5 Yolo Annual Report to the Legislature and First 5 CA***

**Motion:** G. Lewis      **Second:** S. Brown

Motion carried unanimously

**Item # 11: Chief Executive Officer Report**

G. Daleiden provided the following updates:

The ongoing federal budget impasse could impact the timing of rollover approvals from the Office of Child Abuse Prevention, although no current contracts are expected to be interrupted. F5Y was also informed of a significant CalWORKs allocation reduction of approximately 27%, which was unexpected given full program enrollment. G. Daleiden reported that the First 5 Association and County partners are seeking clarification from the California Department of Social Services.

She also shared that she will be presenting findings from the Children's Services and Sustainability Survey to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on November 18. The presentation will summarize results from research conducted by FM3 on early childhood and childcare needs and will help inform future funding discussions.

Daleiden provided an update on MHSA funding, noting a 25% reduction this fiscal year. She stated that First 5 Yolo has begun implementing Medi-Cal billing for Help Me Grow services to ensure sustainability and that the organization remains in compliance with early intervention funding guidelines. L. Frerichs gave context around anticipated funding changes under the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) following the passage of Proposition 1 last year. Commissioners discussed the statewide reduction in prevention funding and the delineation between prevention and early intervention, with agreement that prevention eliminates more severe problems from emerging in the future.

**Item #12: Commissioner Reports**



No Commissioner Reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 pm

Next meeting scheduled:  
Commission Meeting  
**January 14, 2026**  
International House  
10 College Park, Davis, CA 95616

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**First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission  
Agenda Item Cover Sheet**

*Attachments*

**Agenda Item- Approve First 5 Yolo Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from 12/1/2025**

***Background***

Final Minutes from the First 5 Yolo Finance Committee Meeting.

***Chief Executive Officer Overview***

The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission Finance Committee held a meeting on 12/1/2025 at 12:30pm at the First 5 Yolo office (2779 Del Rio PI, Unit A, Davis CA 95618).

***Additional Information and Attachments***

Draft Meeting Minutes are attached to this item as **Attachment A**.

***Action Requested***

Approve First 5 Yolo Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from 12/01/2025 as submitted or propose edits.

## Finance Committee Meeting Agenda

December 1, 2025

The First 5 Yolo Finance Committee met on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2025 at 12:30pm at the First 5 Yolo Office, 2779 Del Rio Pl, Unit A, Davis, CA 95618

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Sally Brown, Jenn Rexroad

**Staff in Attendance:** Victoria Zimmerle, Gina Daleiden (remote)

**I. Call to Order**

S. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:35pm.

**II. Public Comment**

None.

**III. Review and Approve Draft Independent Financial Audit for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025, for approval by full Commission**

V. Zimmerle reviewed the Draft Independent Financial Audit noting that the report, which is typically brought to the Commission in October, was delayed to allow Yolo County Department of Financial Services additional time to implement a new GASB Standard (101-Compensated Absences) and compile the associated reports which were needed to finalize First 5 Yolo's Financial Statements. First 5 Yolo requested an extension from the State Controllers Office and First 5 California, which was subsequently approved, and the report is now due December 5, 2025.

V. Zimmerle also noted that the Auditors issued an unmodified/"clean" opinion on the Financial Statements and an unmodified/"clean" opinion on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (as part of the Single Audit). Additionally, the Auditors confirmed that, "in their opinion, First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements," of both the California Children and Families Program (First 5 Compliance Audit) and its federal awards (Single Audit).

***Approve Draft Independent Financial Audit for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025.***

Motion: **J. Rexroad**      Second: **S. Brown**

Motion carries unanimously

**IV. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:53

***Finance Committee Responsibilities - The work of the Finance Committee includes the following:***

- Work with the Executive Director to develop the annual budget, and bring the budget to the Commission for action
- Make categorical recommendations, i.e., recommendations on individual line items within the budget
- Oversee spending and compliance with the budget as a whole, working with staff
- Participate in developing the financial portions of the annual report and the reports required by the annual audit
- Work with the Executive Director to develop policies and procedures related to fiscal matters for submission to the Commission for action

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Posted in accordance with the Brown Act on or before November 28, 2025 12:30PM at:

- The First 5 Yolo Website ([www.first5yolo.org](http://www.first5yolo.org)) and the First 5 Yolo Offices: 2779 Del Rio PI, Unit A; Davis, CA 95618
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**Agenda Item- Approve First 5 Yolo Special Commission Meeting Minutes  
from 12/04/2025**

***Background***

Final Minutes from the First 5 Yolo Special Commission Meeting on 12/04/2025 for approval by First 5 Yolo Commission.

***Chief Executive Officer Overview***

First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission held a Special Commission Meeting on December 4, 2025, at the First 5 Yolo Office, 2779 Del Rio Place, Unit A, Davis, CA 95618 from 8:45 – 9:00 AM.

***Additional Information and Attachments***

Draft meeting minutes from the December Special Commission Meeting are attached to this item as **Attachment A**.

***Action Requested***

Approve First 5 Yolo Special Commission Meeting Minutes from 12/04/2025 as submitted or propose edits.

The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission met on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025 at F5Y Office, 2779 Del Rio Place, Unit A, Davis, CA 95618.

**Commissioners in attendance:** Anna Domek, Sally Brown, Jenn Rexroad, Garth Lewis, Aimee Sisson, Nichole Arnold

**Staff in attendance:** Gina Daleiden (remote), Victoria Zimmerle

**Public in attendance:** N/A

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

### **Item #1: Call to order**

Vice Chair N. Arnold called meeting to order at 8:46am

### **Item # 2: Roll Call**

N. Arnold took a voice roll call.

**Absent:** Lucas Frerichs, Barbara Boehler, Melissa Roberts

### **Item #3: Consider approval of the agenda**

#### ***Approve meeting agenda***

**Motion:** J. Rexroad      **Second:** S. Brown

Motion carried unanimously

### **Item #4: Opportunity for Commissioners to State Conflict and Recusal**

None

### **Item # 5: Public Comment**

No public comment

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Item #6: Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Independent Financial Audit**

V. Zimmerle presented the Audited Financial Statements and auditor opinions, noting the following from First 5 Yolo's auditors:

- "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and general fund of the Commission, as of June 30, 2025 and the respective changes in financial position

thereof for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

- "In our opinion, First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the California Children and Families Program for the year ended June 30, 2025."
- "In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material aspects, in relation to the basis financial statements as a whole."
- "In our opinion, the Commission complied, in all materials respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2025."

This year's Financial Statements include a restatement of opening net position as a new GASB Standard was implemented related to compensated absences which required a restatement of the opening balance. Related to the implementation of this new GASB Standard, County of Yolo Department of Financial Services needed additional time to finalize the requisite reports needed to complete the Financial Statements. Given this, First 5 Yolo requested and subsequently received an extension from the State Controllers Office and First 5 California to submit its final audit by December 5, 2025.

The Finance Committee reviewed the Draft Audited Financial Statements at the December 1, 2025, Finance Committee meeting where they recommended adoption of the report by the full Commission.

**Public Hearing Open: 8:48am**

No public comment.

**Public Hearing Close: 8:48am**

Item #07: Approve and Adopt Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Independent Financial Audit

**Approve and Adopt Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Independent Financial Audit**

**Motion:** J. Rexroad      **Second:** A. Domek

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 am

Next meeting scheduled:  
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**First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission  
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**Agenda Item- Accept Health and Safety Fiscal Half Year 2 2024-2025 Program Performance Measure Progress Report**

***Background***

First 5 Yolo funded partners are required to submit demographic data quarterly, and performance measure data twice yearly, in January (Q2) and July (Q4).

First 5 Yolo Staff verifies that funded partners are making satisfactory progress in Q2, and then payments are released. The Commission receives a brief summary report after Q2 reporting and staff review is complete. First 5 Yolo's programs are categorized under Health, Safety, and Early Learning, and reports to the Commission are occasionally delivered across meetings to highlight work in each goal area. Annually, per First 5 procedures, a more formal First 5 Yolo Local Evaluation Report is reviewed and adopted by the Commission and shared with the community.

Regularly, First 5 Yolo provides "touch-up training" on reporting for partners. First 5 Yolo also provides regular collaboration with funded partners on continuous quality improvement, including a focus on using data for program performance and iteration. Funded partners analyze data and reports using Friedman Results Based Accountability (RBA) with three data or performance metric categories: PM 1—"how much", PM 2—"how well," and PM 3—"to what extent is the target population 'better' off" (program outcomes).

***Chief Executive Officer Overview***

First 5 Yolo's Health and Safety Program in Fiscal Year 2024-25 included Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience, Help Me Grow, Attachment & Biobehavioral Catch-Up, and Mobile Client Navigation. Funded partners working in these programs made satisfactory progress at end of year reporting and Q4 payments were distributed.

Summary infographics for Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience and Help Me Grow and summary performance measures for Attachment & Biobehavioral Catch-Up and Mobile Client Navigation are included as attachments to this item.

In Items 15 and 16, the Commission will receive a report on the First 5 Yolo Annual Local Evaluation Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25 which will include highlights from all programs.

At the March Commission meeting, the Commission will receive a presentation on the UC Davis Evaluation Report for Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience which will include additional metrics and outcomes for the program as well as analysis.

***Additional Information and Attachments***

The Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience Fiscal Year 2024-25 Infographic is included as **Attachment A** to this item.

The Help Me Grow Fiscal Year 2024-25 Infographic is included as **Attachment B** to this item.

Summary Performance Measures for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Attachment & Biobehavioral Catch-Up and Mobile Client Navigation are included as **Attachment C** to this item.

***Action Requested***

Accept Health and Safety Fiscal Half Year 2 2024-2025 Program Performance Measure Progress Report.

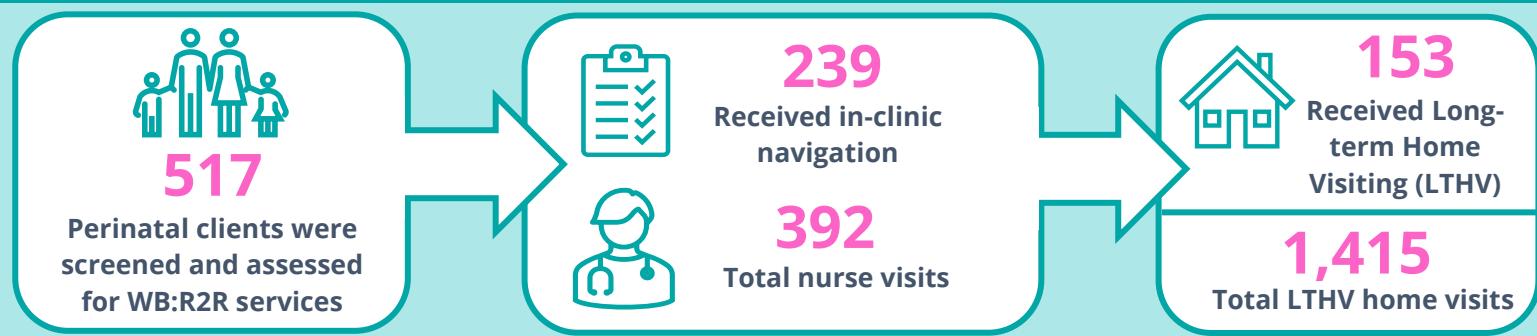
# WB:R2R Program Summary

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025



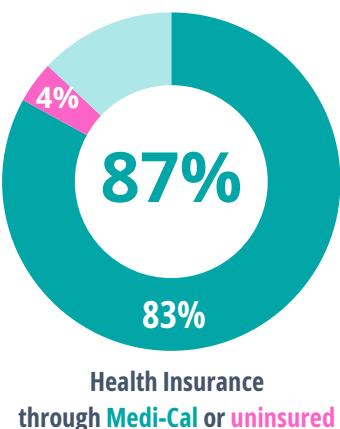
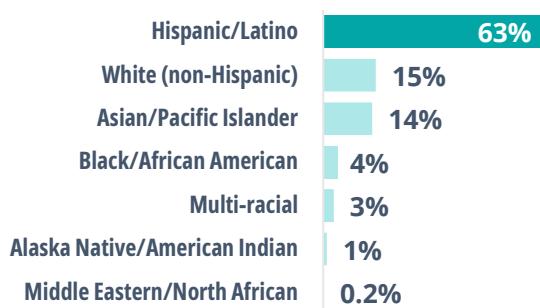
Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience (WB:R2R) provides vital, early services to families living in Yolo County with a child under the age of two. Families receive in-clinic resource navigation, a nurse home visit postpartum and follow-up, and, as needed, longer-term intensive home visiting services during pregnancy and the child's early years. WB:R2R's tailored, early approach enables timely identification and intervention to promote maternal and child health, prevent child maltreatment, and build a foundation for early learning and school readiness.

## HOW MUCH DID WE DO?

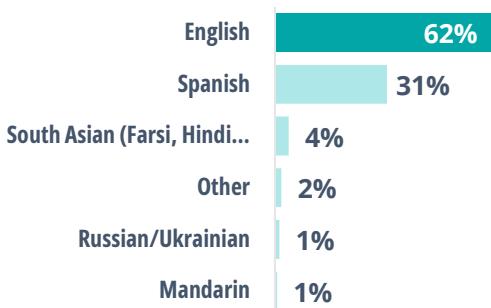


## WHOM DO WE SERVE?

### Race/Ethnicity



### Language



## HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?



## ARE CHILDREN BETTER OFF?



**98%**

Avoided the need to enter Child Welfare Services



**50%**

Exclusively Breastfeeding at 3 months

Higher than the Yolo County rate of 42%



**93%**

Up-to-date on well-child visits

Higher than the local clinic rate of 40% at 6 months



**79%**

Up-to-date on immunizations

Higher than the local clinic rate of 58% at 6 months

Preventing child welfare involvement breaks cycles of intergenerational trauma and builds stronger families.

## ARE PARENTS BETTER OFF?



**98%**

Received medical postpartum visits



**96%**

Showed improvement in parenting skills



**84%**

Reduced or did not use alcohol, drugs, and tobacco



**91%**

Of caregivers with initial depressive symptoms showed improvement after 6 or more months of home visiting.

Postpartum care is key to identifying depression and life-threatening complications.

## HOW DOES WB:R2R TRANSFORM SYSTEMS?

"The program is necessary for any mom, whether it's their first or second baby, because **every baby is so different** and a lot can happen in those first few days. **It is so important to have someone in your home to support you.**"

~ WB:R2R parent

"...I feel like I matter and that **I am genuinely cared for...**"

~ WB:R2R parent

"Thank you for going to this patient's home. You **possibly saved this baby's life.**"

~ Pediatrician, Medical Partner

WB:R2R is leading systems change by transforming how early family support is delivered across Yolo County. Through partnerships with 10 different medical systems, WB:R2R is embedding coordinated care into clinical settings, identifying and addressing systemic barriers, and ensuring families receive needed services to advance birth equity.



**Welcome Baby**  
ROAD TO RESILIENCE



**FIRST5**  
YOLO



# FIRST 5 YOLO'S HELP ME GROW

## Universal Early Childhood Mental Health Access and Linkage

### Uniting A Community Around Its Children

July 1-June 30, 2024-2025 Results & Population Trends



#### Children screened for development

**1101**

Validated tools used to identify children who need more practice and those needing a referral to a specialist for further evaluation



#### Children at risk connected to intervention

**72%**

Children linked to individualized service to address identified needs (Home visiting, Early intervention Part B/C)

**30%** of children with special healthcare needs 1-17, got early intervention or special education services in California



**330**

#### Children participated in developmental playgroups

Parents and children practiced core skills facilitated by a licensed therapist



#### Turned the curve together

**Improved screening rate**  
35.5% in 2015-16 (HMG launch year) to **70.2%** in 2021-22 countywide

**Collective impact**  
Yolo County was **3rd** place for screening in California

**Room to grow**  
Medi-Cal children experienced inequitable results with a 33-43% screening rate.



#### Caregivers connected to therapy

**23**

Those with barriers to care, accessed in-home mental health therapy services



#### Improved caregiver functioning

**93%**

reported reduced depression scores and improved functioning in daily activities after therapy

# SCREENING & EARLY INTERVENTION MATTERS



## 1 out of 5

(20%) children 0-5 in CA have Special Health Care Needs

These children also known as CSHCN have or are at increased risk for a chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional condition and require services beyond that required by children generally

**70%**  
of children with developmental or behavioral delays at kindergarten entry are identified late leading to costly special education services

**California is 1 of 6 states that can serve children at-risk even if they do not have an established delay or disability enabling us to act early**

**3.8%**  
of all infants and toddlers accessed Early intervention services (Part C) in Yolo

Statewide access ranges between 2.94%-9.54% among all regional centers despite 20% prevalence and broader eligibility

**REFERENCES:** CDC, Ages and Stages, Kids Data, First 5 Center for Children's Policy, Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center Supporting-Our-Youngest-Learners-What-We-Know-About-Equity-in-Early-Intervention-May-2021.pdf (edtrust.org)



**End of Fiscal Year Partner Performance Measure Reporting**  
**Child Health and Safety Programs**

First 5 Yolo's Child Health and Safety Programs in **Fiscal Year 2024-2025** include Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience, Help Me Grow, Yolo Crisis Nursery Mobile Client Navigator and Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-up. These programs are focused on children 0-5 and their families across the County with an emphasis on highest risk families and children ages prenatal-2. Services included a variety of levels of intensity, service duration, and focus areas (e.g., home visiting, child development, mental health, etc.). In FY 2024-25, the programs worked together to support a more coordinated system of care for our youngest children and families across the County.

**Yolo Crisis Nursery Intervention Services**

**Program Description:** Increase child safety and well-being in times of crisis, improve access to YCN services for victims of family violence in need of services and increase respite support for foster parents by providing trauma-informed, professional crisis and respite care for children 0-5 as well as appropriate and supportive case management.

**How Much?**

**103** families received case management

**How Well?** 100% families reported they were satisfied with services provided

**Anyone Better off?** 100% reported reduced stress at exit; 100% connected to at least one urgent basic need

**Notes:** YCN offers clients a variety of supports in-house including Emergency childcare which are critical to ensure parents/foster parents have respite and safe place for children.

**Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-up CWS Joint Project (Yolo Crisis Nursery)**

**Program Description:** Promote permanency by providing in-home services and training to child welfare-involved families, those families that are actively in family reunification services and transitioning to family maintenance services. Served families with children up to 48 months.

**How Much?**

**50** families served

**How Well?** On average, it took **14 weeks to complete** all 10 sessions of ABC. (Goal is within 16 weeks)  
**68%** completed the program (of families that had time to complete all sessions)

**Anyone Better off?** **91%** of families completing ABC and pre and post assessments showed increased sensitivity/responsiveness to their child; 100% of families avoided the need for re-entry or entry into CWS.

**Notes/Highlights:** Parental sensitivity is key to the development of brain architecture, self-regulatory capabilities, and secure, attachments for infants and young children. The evidence-based program includes ten 1-hour in-home videotaped sessions where parents are provided positive feedback using video clip review and comments.

**End of Fiscal Year Partner Performance Measure Reporting**  
**Child Health and Safety Programs**

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**Agenda Item- Authorize Contract with Yolo Crisis Nursery to Provide  
Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience In-Clinic Navigation Services for the  
Period January 15, 2026-June 30, 2027, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$223,000  
Across the Initial Term of the Agreement**

***Background***

Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience, as First 5 Yolo's largest initiative, provides a coordinated system of care for pregnant and newly post-partum families in Yolo County by integrating social services providers into medical settings to connect families to support at the earliest and most critical point of leverage in a child's life.

On November 19, 2025, First 5 Yolo released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify a Community Based Organization to provide In-Clinic Navigation as part of Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience in preparation for the sunset of those select services with another project partner to ensure continuity of services for the Community. The RFQ placed a focus on engaging the West Sacramento population and covered a 17.5 month period (January 15, 2025-June 30, 2027). The RFQ was shared broadly through a variety of channels and also shared directly with select service providers with an identified presence in West Sacramento.

The RFQ submission period closed on December 12, 2025 and the Commission received one response from Yolo Crisis Nursery. On December 17, 2025 the Commission convened an RFQ Review Committee which included representation from the West Sacramento community and others. Based on the application submitted, the Committee recommended the Commission award the contract to Yolo Crisis Nursery.

***Chief Executive Officer Overview***

Yolo Crisis Nursery has a long-standing record of serving families in the target population for Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience and is a current funded partner of First 5 Yolo offering services to vulnerable families. On December 19, 2025, First 5 Yolo notified Yolo Crisis Nursery of its Intent to Award the Contract pending Commission approval.

Under Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience, Yolo Crisis Nursery will provide In-Clinic Navigation primarily at the West Sacramento CommuniCare+Ole perinatal clinics

and will also provide program outreach with a focus on engagement in West Sacramento.

***Additional Information and Attachments***

***Action Requested***

Authorize Contract with Yolo Crisis Nursery to Provide Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience In-Clinic Navigation Services for the Period January 15, 2026-June 30, 2027, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$223,000 Across the Initial Term of the Agreement.

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**Agenda Item- Receive Sponsorship Fund Allocation Report (Yolo County Caregivers Collective Wee Winter Wonderland Series; Empower Yolo Human Trafficking Awareness Month)**

***Background***

The Sponsorship Fund, established in FY17/18, allows First 5 Yolo's continued involvement in community activities, public awareness of the mission of First 5 Yolo, and support of a variety of organizations with a limited cost in dollars and staff/commission time. In Fiscal Year 2024-25, the Commission amended the policy to increase the sponsorship amount from \$250 to \$500 per qualifying amount, not to exceed a total of \$5,000 per year.

Per the Sponsorship Policy adopted by the Commission on May 10, 2017, the Executive Director and staff review, approve, and process requests on a rolling basis throughout the year. All recent, approved allocations are submitted to the Commission on the Consent Calendar at each regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

***Chief Executive Officer Overview***

One Sponsorship has been approved since the start of Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The total allocation of Sponsorships for the 2025-2026 fiscal year-to-date is as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>			
<b>Event</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Allocated Amount</b>
Wee winter Wonderland Series	Yolo County Caregivers	12/7/25	\$250
Human Trafficking Awareness Month	Empower Yolo	1/28/26	\$500
		Total	\$750

***Additional Information and Attachments***

Sponsorships in **bold/highlighted** are new as of the last Commission meeting. Promotional flyers are submitted with the applications when available at the time of application.

***Action Requested***

Receive list of allocated sponsorships and ask questions or provide comments.

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**Agenda Item- Adopt First 5 Yolo 2026 Policy Priorities**

***Background***

Historically, First 5 Yolo's policy strategy has aligned with First 5 Statute, commissioner priorities as detailed in the First 5 Yolo Strategic Plan, and First 5 Association statewide policy priorities. First 5 Association provides the "backbone" support to county First 5's around state and federal policy advocacy, often assisted by the largest county First 5's with specific staff expertise. The First 5 Yolo Chief Executive Officer regularly interacts with policy development and advocacy at local and state levels and is a regional representative (Sacramento F5 Region) to the First 5 Association Policy Committee.

***Chief Executive Officer Overview***

The First 5 statewide executives have been discussing local iterations of policy priorities, and many commissions are publicly communicating these priorities in a simple 1-page policy document. The CEO recommends adoption of the 2026 First 5 Yolo Policy Priorities, as attached. These Priorities are aligned with First 5 Yolo's focus on sustainability and systems building, maternal-child health, early childhood mental health and EI, and quality early learning as well as First 5 Association 2026 Policy Priorities.

***Additional Information and Attachments***

First 5 2026 Policy Priorities document is included as **Attachment A**.

***Action Requested***

Adopt First 5 Yolo 2026 Policy Priorities.



# 2026 POLICY PRIORITIES

In alignment with its Strategic Plan, First 5 Yolo advocates for public policy that supports the health, safety, and early learning of children and families furthest from opportunity. Policy work is informed by local communities, data-driven and scientific evidence, and family voice. Our goal is to have public policies and investments that center prevention, equity, and systems improvement and coordination to build effective and integrated early childhood systems of care.



## Thriving System of Care

- Protect and leverage early childhood investments and remove barriers to accessing systems of care
- Seek and secure sustainable and expanded revenue sources to support First 5's statutory mandate to build and facilitate high-impact early childhood systems



## Health & Safety

- Focus on improving key maternal and infant health markers, particularly in families and communities furthest from opportunity
- Improve prevention, care coordination, and family support for children prenatal-5 to avoid the need for children to enter Child Welfare Services



## Early Mental Health

- Advocate for effective, data-driven early intervention investments for children 0-5
- Improve screening, access, and linkage to timely early childhood mental health and developmental services



## Early Learning

- Support the local childcare system, including expanded access to affordable, quality programs, with a focus on infant and toddler care
- Promote recruitment and retention of early educator and childcare workforce, together with early learning partners

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**Agenda Item- Review and Consider Options for Children's Ballot Measure Language**

***Background***

To help inform system sustainability efforts for early childhood/early learning, First 5 Yolo Commission contracted with FM3 Research for a public opinion research survey to better understand voter attitudes, knowledge, and perspectives regarding childcare and early childhood services in Yolo County. This research was designed to assess both the depth and breadth of public understanding of the needs facing children and families, as well as the potential level of community support for new funding measures and approaches.

From July 31-August 6, the dual-mode voter Survey was run via phone, text, and email contacts with 607 likely November 2026 Yolo County voters. For the full sample, the margin of error is  $\pm 4.0\%$  at the 95% confidence level. FM3 analyzed results and provided insights and analysis to First 5 Yolo.

**The principal conclusion from the survey results is that a sales tax measure to support childcare and early childhood services is viable (consistent support at 57%) through a voter signature initiative in Yolo County.** In California, such a measure requires only 50% plus 1 voter approval to pass. It would not be viable if placed on the ballot via County Board of Supervisors, as a specific, or dedicated tax, would require a far higher 2/3 voter approval threshold.

This research and its implications for preparing a measure for future ballot became part of a broader community discussion including many community leaders and partners who represent a voter-led coalition. The First 5 CEO also briefed the Yolo County Board of Supervisors at a public meeting of the Board on November 18, 2025.

***Chief Executive Officer Overview***

Consistent with allowable public agency activities and its statutory function and subject matter expertise, First 5 Yolo has worked Yolo County Office of Education to draft a final version of ballot language for a children's Measure, Yolo County Childcare and Early Childhood Initiative. Community members, leaders, and stakeholders informed the Draft. The formal Ordinance Language for a Yolo County

Childcare and Early Childhood Initiative, pending attorney review for finalization, is included as **Attachment A** to this Item.

Such a Measure would create a  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent sales tax countywide, with 70% of the revenue dedicated to childcare and 30% dedicated to early childhood programs (health, safety, early learning). As a bona fide public agency with aligned mission, First 5 Yolo would function as the administering agency as described.

Because First 5 Yolo cannot, itself, place a measure on a ballot, after reviewing the language, First 5 Yolo Commission may take one of two actions with the Draft:

1. Request that the Board of Supervisors place the Measure on a countywide ballot, which would require a 2/3 threshold to pass  
Or
2. Take no action, effectively leaving the Measure to be taken up by a voter-led effort

*Given the results of the FM3 Survey, the strong recommendation of the CEO is Option 2.*

#### ***Additional Information and Attachments***

Similar funding measures have been successful in other California counties, including San Francisco, Alameda, and Sonoma. Most recently, in November 2024, voters in Sonoma County approved a local sales tax measure dedicated to supporting childcare and children's services, demonstrating that these efforts can gain majority support in various communities. This effort was voter-led and required only 50% plus 1 approval.

The funding mechanism of voter initiative is also included in First 5 California's "Sustainability, Diversification, and Capacity Building," report for First 5 Commissions.

As a public agency, First 5 Yolo may inform and develop ballot language, and policy or program directions to bring a ballot measure forward. Once a measure is placed on a ballot, public agencies cannot participate in campaign (for or against) activities.

The FM3 Survey Results Summary Slide Deck is included as **Attachment B** for reference.

#### ***Action Requested***

Review and Consider Options for Children's Ballot Measure Language.

## **Yolo County Childcare and Early Childhood Initiative**

The people of the County of Yolo ordain as follows:

### **Section 1. Title.**

This Ordinance shall be known as the “Childcare and Early Childhood Initiative for Yolo County Families” (the “Ordinance”).

### **Section 2. Findings.**

1. The children of Yolo County are our future and will provide the leadership, creativity, and productivity necessary to strengthen and sustain the quality of life in the county.
2. Neuroscience research shows that nearly 90 percent of a child’s brain architecture develops during the first five years of life, making this period a critical window of opportunity to lay the foundation for all future learning, health, and well-being.
3. Yolo County must ensure that all children—especially the most vulnerable—are healthy, safe, and have the opportunity to succeed. Early care and education, along with health and developmental supports, are among the most important components in achieving this goal.
4. A child’s health, early mental health, development, and learning are essential and interconnected. Access to quality early learning and care, nurturing relationships, and reliable healthcare builds the foundation for healthy brain development. Conversely, instability or trauma—such as homelessness, chronic stress, abuse, or inconsistent medical care—can disrupt development and make early learning milestones harder to reach.
5. Each child in Yolo County deserves to be supported by qualified, caring adults in safe and nurturing environments. Research shows that warm, responsive adult-child interactions and positive early experiences lead to greater social competence, fewer behavioral challenges, and optimal long-term development.
6. The homeless population in Yolo County includes children and families who often face significant barriers to accessing quality childcare, early learning, and health and mental health services.
7. The need to increase the availability of affordable, reliable, and high-quality childcare was identified as the top priority in the 2024 Yolo County Roadmap to the Future for Children and Youth. Licensed childcare capacity in Yolo County falls short of working family needs by an estimated 9,600 slots, reflecting a system-wide shortage.
8. Attendance in quality early care and education is a primary factor in preparing children for kindergarten, which in turn is associated with higher educational attainment, increased lifetime earnings, and broader economic productivity and global competitiveness in the United States.

9. Research from the UC Berkeley Center for the Study of Child Care Employment (2022) found that the COVID-19 pandemic worsened an already widespread shortage of childcare providers across California and projected that, without public funding, the financial health of childcare providers will continue to deteriorate.
10. Access to affordable, quality childcare is essential for working parents and for the local economy to thrive. According to KidsData.org, licensed childcare capacity in Yolo County meets only 37.2 percent of demand among working families, leaving 62.8 percent of children without access—particularly infants and toddlers. This shortage significantly limits parents' ability, especially women's ability, to return to and remain in the workforce.
11. Childcare, preschool, and early education costs exceed the cost of college tuition. Average full-time infant care costs more per year than tuition at the University of California, Davis, and more than twice the annual tuition at California State University, Sacramento. Many families are forced to choose between maintaining employment and securing safe, quality care for their children.
12. Workforce compensation is the most effective guarantee of quality early care and education. A 2014 UC Berkeley study found that educator wages are among the strongest predictors of program quality.
13. Low compensation contributes to high turnover and difficulty attracting and retaining skilled educators, undermining the stable relationships essential to young children's optimal development. These impacts disproportionately affect low-income women, as the early childhood workforce is overwhelmingly female and includes many women of color, immigrants, first-generation college students, and mothers.
14. Economic research demonstrates that investments in early childhood education yield significant returns. Studies by James Heckman and others show that every dollar invested can generate up to \$13 in long-term public savings (Heckman, 2020). The UC Berkeley Labor Center (2019) found that every dollar spent in early childhood education generates up to \$1.88 in increased economic activity
15. Access to high-quality health, mental health, child abuse prevention, and developmental services is critical to ensuring children have the opportunity to succeed. Young children have unique physical, mental, behavioral, developmental, and therapeutic needs that warrant specialized early health care, including early childhood and perinatal mental health screening and treatment.
16. Yolo County's youngest children experience significantly higher rates of maltreatment than children statewide. While California saw declines in substantiated maltreatment among infants and toddlers between 2022 and 2024, Yolo County's rates increased during the same period (California Child Welfare Indicators Project, 2024).
17. Less than half (44 percent) of new mothers enrolled in Medi-Cal in Yolo County completed a postpartum visit within 84 days of delivery, compared to 63 percent

statewide (Partnership HealthPlan, 2022–2023).

18. Only 23 percent of Yolo County children enrolled in Medi-Cal completed their one-month well-child visit, and only 30 percent completed their two-month visit (Partnership HealthPlan, 2022–2023).
19. Maternal mental health and substance use disorder rates exceed statewide levels, and Yolo County experiences higher overall poverty, with child poverty rates above the state average. Early postpartum and early childhood support programs are essential to advancing health equity.
20. Local systems and community partners have developed and implemented proven approaches to strengthen early childhood health, safety, and development and to support the availability and quality of childcare. However, insufficient and unstable funding has limited the ability to sustain, expand, and ensure equitable access.
21. Significant funding reductions to local community-based services that promote optimal early childhood development are anticipated beginning in 2026 due to shrinking federal, state, and local funding, including the ongoing decline of Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenues.
22. Collectively, these findings demonstrate a clear need for additional, stable funding to sustain, expand, and ensure access to services that support young children and families.

### **Section 3. Purpose and Intent.**

It is the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to ensure that Yolo County children receive the high-quality early learning and care and the health and safety support they need to be successful adults, by:

1. Providing additional support for, and expanding access to, high-quality childcare and early education services for low-income and working families in Yolo County, especially those impacted by homelessness, child abuse, and other traumas;
2. Improving recruitment, retention, wages and compensation, and workforce development opportunities for childcare providers and early educators;
3. Promoting early childhood health and mental health, safety, optimal early development and learning, kindergarten readiness, and school success for children;
4. Providing additional support to maintain, protect, and expand the local children's health, safety, and mental health system of care, including the maintenance and expansion of specialized and effective services to screen, assess, and treat trauma, health risks, illnesses, prevent child abuse, and prevent other health issues for children, including perinatal mental health, without regard to insurance status or ability to pay; and

5. Establishing a countywide sales tax for the purpose of supporting and improving the local children's health and mental health system of care, including improving and expanding the connection between in-clinic, in-home and in-community care, preventing child abuse, and providing childcare and early learning and education services.

**Section 4. Yolo County Child Care and Early Childhood Initiative Tax.**

**Article VIII of Chapter 12 of the Yolo County Code of Ordinances is added as follows:**  
**Yolo County Child Care and Early Childhood Initiative.**

**Sec. 12-59. Title.**

- (a) There is strong evidence that a child's health, early learning, and long-term wellbeing are shaped by community conditions such as access to quality early learning, stable caregiving, and safe home environments. Expanding coordinated early childhood and family support services, including affordable, quality childcare and programs that strengthen parenting, increase family stability, and provide early intervention, is a proven strategy for improving health and education outcomes and for preventing child abuse and neglect in Yolo County. This article shall be known as the "Yolo County Child Care and Early Childhood Initiative" (the "Ordinance"). The tax described in this article shall be referred to as the "Yolo County Child Care and Children's Health Tax" (the "Tax").
- (b) This article shall be applicable throughout the incorporated and unincorporated territory of Yolo County, California (the "County").
- (c) The goals for expenditures from the proceeds of the Tax shall be:
  - (1) To ensure that Yolo County's children are healthy, live in stable, safe, and supported families and communities, and are prepared to succeed in Kindergarten and later in life.
  - (2) To establish Yolo County as a family-friendly county that supports children and families as an important part of the County's population and civic culture;
  - (3) To improve the quality and sustainability of the early learning and care sector, workforce, and providers who care for and educate our county's children and support the working parents of Yolo County that are vital to employers and our local economy;
  - (4) To adopt equity as a guiding principle in funding services under this Ordinance by prioritizing services to children with the highest needs, including those affected by homelessness, poverty, substance use, or have suffered trauma and abuse;
  - (5) To strengthen collaboration and partnership among Yolo County's public agencies, community-based organizations,

medical providers, and the private sector around shared commitment to positive outcomes for children and their families;

- (6) To improve program accessibility and administrative efficiency for parents and providers, and build and strengthen the system of care for Yolo County's youngest children and their families;
- (7) To maintain and protect Yolo County's local children's health safety net by sustaining and expanding multidisciplinary teams of child health professionals providing care regardless of insurance status or ability to pay so children receive high-quality, effective services; and
- (8) To support perinatal and early childhood developmental and mental health screening, assessment, referral, and treatment for trauma and other health needs affecting children and families.

**Sec. 12-60: Restricted Uses of the Tax.**

- (a) Proceeds from the Tax shall be used exclusively to: increase access to high-quality, affordable childcare and early learning services for vulnerable and low-income children and families in Yolo County; improve recruitment, retention, and professional development for childcare providers and early educators; maintain, expand, and improve the availability and accessibility of local health and mental health services that meet the unique needs of the perinatal population and families with young children; provide perinatal mental health screening, feeding and nutrition support, developmental screening, home visiting, and related services; strengthen efforts to prevent child abuse and promote family wellbeing; and ensure the efficient administration of Tax proceeds.
- (b) Proceeds from the Tax shall be deposited into the County treasury in a special fund entitled the Yolo County Childcare and Early Childhood Fund (the "Fund"). Monies deposited into the Fund, together with any interest that accrues thereon, shall be governed by and subject to the requirements set forth in Section 12.61.
- (c) Audit requirement. On an annual basis, the First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission shall cause to have conducted an independent financial audit of the revenues and expenditures of the Fund. The audit shall be conducted by an independent certified public accountant that is not an employee of the County of Yolo, First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission, or a member of any designated administering, planning, and/or advisory council formed under this article, and shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors and made available to the public.

**Sec. 12-61: Yolo County Child Care and Early Childhood Fund.**

- (a) In each year, one hundred percent (100%) of revenue generated by the Tax,

after providing for the costs to administer and operate the Tax pursuant to subdivision (e) of this section, together with any interest that accrues thereon, shall be appropriated by the Board of Supervisors for the following purposes and consistent with the Yolo County Childcare and Early Childhood Plan and Budget (the "Plan"):

- (1) **70%** of the annual revenue shall be allocated to the following:
  - (A) To improve recruitment, retention, and the quality of local childcare providers and early education employees by providing rate increases combined with workforce development supports and enhancements.
  - (B) To increase the number of low-income and working family children from birth through age five with access to safe, nurturing, affordable, and high-quality childcare, and early learning and education services across the county, with priority for children who (1) are homeless, (2) suffering abuse or other trauma, or (3) have other high priority needs as designated in the Plan.
  - (C) To develop, maintain, upgrade, and expand, as needed, infrastructure or facilities for early care and education.
  - (D) For reasonable expenditures of the Administering Agency for the efficient administration of the Fund, including the obligations imposed by this Ordinance. The Administering Agency may reserve funds received in one or more fiscal years to address anticipated fluctuations in revenue in subsequent fiscal years.
- (2) **30%** of the annual revenue shall be allocated to the following:
  - (A) To assure the sustainability, expansion, and accessibility of local services that support children's early brain development, health and mental health, safety, and early learning, including strengthening perinatal and pediatric screening, assessment, referral, and treatment for developmental and behavioral concerns, trauma, higher-risk and complex conditions and other health and mental health needs.
  - (B) To prevent child abuse and other challenges affecting welcoming a child or caring for young children; and to ensure these services are available to families regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.
  - (C) To explore, pilot, and implement innovative programs for the perinatal and early childhood population that improve access

to community-based health and mental health services, including perinatal mental health services, child abuse prevention, early learning supports, and related family services, and that improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and coordination of these services for children and their families.

- (b) Proceeds from the Tax may not be used to replace the funding level for direct services established in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Yolo County budget, or the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission budget to support child care, preschool, early education or pediatric health/mental health services, unless state, federal or other non-county funding earmarked for these purposes have been reduced by the same amount.
- (c) Monies may be expended for the purposes set forth herein as direct grants, direct services, contractual or program payments for services and activities, the nonfederal share of Medicaid payments or other federal program payments through certified public expenditures or intergovernmental transfers, as reimbursement or other compensation for costs, incentives, or through programs or other vehicles identified or developed in conjunction with County Health and Human Services departments, local hospitals, health care, and specialty provider representatives.
- (d) Monies may not be used to replace or otherwise supplant the tax revenue funding and other county or state funding and payments currently provided or otherwise available in support of health care providers and/or childcare and early education providers.
- (e) The County shall use the proceeds from the Tax to pay for the costs to administer and operate the Tax pursuant to Section 7272 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

#### **Sec. 12-62: Community Advisory Council.**

- (a) Within forty-five (45) days of the Effective Date of this Ordinance, the Board of Supervisors shall establish a Yolo County Childcare and Early Childhood Advisory Council (the “Council”).
- (b) The Council shall be composed of eleven members, including:
  - (1) Two members of the childcare workforce, one of whom is a worker from an early care and education center who works in the classroom, and one of whom is a home-based family childcare provider.
  - (2) Two parents and/or guardians of a child or children under the age of six (at the time of appointment to the Council), at least one of whom must have experience participating in a subsidized childcare

program or subsidy waitlist;

- (3) One administrator and/or member of a local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency or Local Childcare Planning Council;
- (4) One administrator and/or director from an early care and education center participating in a state or federally subsidized childcare program in Yolo County, or their designee; and
- (5) Three members who represent pediatric and/or perinatal health and/or mental health care systems, including but not limited to providers and administrators representing local hospitals and medical systems, federally qualified health centers, community-based organizations or licensed medical professionals, State or County Department of Health Services and other entities.
- (6) Two members of local Chambers of Commerce in Yolo County rotating representation, with one representative from one of the three largest cities serving each rotation.

(c) Members shall be appointed to the Council by the Board of Supervisors within 90 days of the Effective Date.

(d) Council members shall serve a four-year term, with the exception of the first cohort of members, five of whom shall serve a two-year term as determined by lottery at the first meeting of the Council with the remainder serving a four-year term. No member may serve on the Council for more than twelve consecutive years.

(e) The Council shall advise on policy and programmatic recommendations related to the Fund and its implementation, including but not limited to:

- (1) Recommendations to the Administering Agency about the Child Care and Early Childhood Services Plan and Annual Expenditure Plan;
- (2) Recommendations to the Administering Agency to improve the quality and capacity-building of service providers, streamline of referral, navigation and linkage, and better integration of services;
- (3) Recommendations to the Administering Agency about strategies to enhance community engagement in the planning and implementation of services.

(f) The Council shall promote transparency in the administration of the Fund by facilitating opportunities for public testimony by parents, providers, early care and education organizations and other stakeholders to provide

input.

- (g) The Council shall provide expenditure oversight by annually reviewing the audit of the Fund for the prior year, which will be facilitated by the Administering Agency.

**Sec. 12-63: Administering Agency for the Fund.**

- (a) The First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission (First 5 Yolo) shall serve as the “Administering Agency” to develop and administer all of the programs, activities, and services paid for by the Fund. The Board of Supervisors maintains the authority to appoint all at-large members of the Commission and to designate a member of the Board to serve on the Commission.
- (b) As the Administering Agency, First 5 Yolo shall be responsible for:
  - (1) Developing the Childcare and Early Childhood Plan and Annual Expenditure Plan as set forth in Section 12.64;
  - (2) Allocating funds pursuant to the Annual Expenditure Plan;
  - (3) Developing, administering, overseeing implementation, and evaluation of impact of all programs and services paid for by the Fund;
  - (4) Providing staff support for the Advisory Council;
  - (5) Developing the Program Plan Evaluation set forth in Section 12.65;
  - (6) Operating with the intention to promote transparency and public accountability, and maintaining good fiscal stewardship of public resources;
  - (7) Awarding funds pursuant to the contracting requirements applicable to the Commission and the requirements of this Ordinance.
- (c) The Administering Agency shall have authority, at any time, to reduce the level of service provided for in the Plan or in the Annual Expenditure Plan to respond to reduced revenues generated from the Tax.

**Sec. 12-64: Childcare and Children’s Health Program Plan and Budget and Annual Expenditure Plan.**

- (a) As the Administering Agency, First 5 Yolo, with recommendations from the Advisory Council, shall develop the Childcare and Early Childhood Plan and Budget (“Plan”), including an annual budget, on a five-year cycle to

govern the use of funds. The Plan shall be designed to meet the respective needs of regions throughout the County with respect to increasing, improving and maintaining access to quality early care and education for families and children, improving workforce compensation of family childcare providers and early education employees, and improving children's access to health and mental health care. The Plan shall be approved by the First 5 Yolo Commission and ratified by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall appropriate funds necessary to carry out the Plan and Budget on an annual basis.

- (b) When and where feasible, planning and budgeting processes shall be integrated into the First 5 Yolo's existing strategic planning cycle and processes, should avoid duplication in administrative efforts, and should leverage existing administrative efforts and resources (such as conducting community needs assessments, use of consultants, community engagement activities, etc.).
- (c) The Plan shall provide for improvements to the childcare system in Yolo County and include programs that address early care and education workforce including, but not limited to:
  - (1) Maintaining and enhancing the quality of participating early care and education settings;
  - (2) Moving toward the goal of closer parity with public TK-12 educators with similar experience and responsibilities;
  - (3) Developing a comprehensive training and professional development system, including support for educational advancement and degree or licensure attainment;
  - (4) Improving compensation and quality supports for participating Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) providers; and
  - (5) Providing other innovative childcare supports, such as matching funds with local businesses
- (d) The Plan shall describe program requirements, including the specific projects and purposes for which the monies may be expended. The Plan shall align with and respond to emerging developments in state and/or federal early care and education programs, policy, and research.
- (e) As the Administering Agency, the First 5 Yolo shall, when developing the Plan, consider the findings of the Yolo County Child Care Planning Council's Needs Assessment and Priorities for Funding Unmet Need as submitted to California Department of Education, the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network's annual Child Care Portfolio for Yolo County and similar reports, the CA Strong Start Index, parent and provider

focus groups, as available, performance metrics of existing program and systems efforts, and other pertinent and relevant data sources.

- (f) On an annual basis, the Administering Agency shall prepare an Annual Expenditure Plan (“Annual Expenditure Plan”) based on recommendations of the Council, available data about the needs of the community, a stakeholder engagement process and other community input. The Annual Expenditure Plan shall be approved by the First 5 Yolo Commission and ratified by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.
- (g) Every fourth year of the Plan, a new Plan shall be developed by the Commission, with input from the Council and other community stakeholders. The Plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for ratification or return to the First 5 Yolo Commission for changes, should any proposals not meet the guidelines of the Measure.

#### **Sec. 12-65: Implementation of the Fund.**

- (a) Data Collection. First 5 Yolo, with input from an outside evaluator, shall develop data collection strategies as part of the Plan. These strategies shall be designed to support Plan transparency, program evaluation, design and decision-making, as well as advance the following goals:
  - (1) Increasing access to high-quality childcare programs, subsidies, and available slots for vulnerable children and families, including working families who face barriers due to cost, availability, or location.
  - (2) Increasing recruitment, retention, and workforce development opportunities for childcare providers and early educators.
  - (3) Improving the stability and retention of the childcare and early education workforce.
  - (4) Enhancing professional development, career advancement, and training opportunities for childcare providers and early educators.
  - (5) Increasing access to pediatric health and perinatal mental health screening, assessment, referral, and treatment services for expectant or new parents and children under six years of age.
  - (6) Strengthening early childhood and family support programs, including early learning supports, home visiting, prevention and early intervention services, and efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect and promote child safety and family well-being.

As part of the data collection strategy, organizations that are selected and contracted to receive funds will be expected to provide information to the Administering Agency as part of the initial application and evaluation

process. This will include, but will not be limited to, data related to employees, wages, retention, training, child and family outcomes, organizational capacity to implement and sustain efforts, organizational financial health, and compliance with relevant laws.

- (b) Program Plan Evaluation. During the implementation period of each five-year Plan and prior to the development of a new Plan, the Commission shall conduct an evaluation to determine the effectiveness of investments and to inform the next Plan. The evaluation may be conducted by an external evaluator. Evaluation findings shall be shared at a public First 5 Yolo Commission Meeting and disseminated to relevant stakeholders, including the Yolo County Child Care Planning Council, local health care systems, Yolo County Board of Education, and the Board of Supervisors.

**Sec. 12-66: Operative Date.**

“Operative date” means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than one hundred and ten (110) days after the Effective Date of this article.

**Sec. 12-67: Enactment of Retail Transaction and Use Tax.**

- (a) This article is adopted to achieve the following general purposes:
  - (1) To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 and of Sections 7285.5 and 7292.8 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code that authorize the County to adopt this article, and to provide that such tax shall be operative if approved by the electors voting on the measure to approve the imposition of the tax, as required by state law, at an election called for that purpose. This retail transactions and use tax shall be in addition to any other taxes authorized by law, including any existing or future state or local transactions and use tax. The imposition, administration, and collection of the tax shall be in accordance with all applicable statutes, laws, and rules and regulations prescribed and adopted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.
  - (2) To enact a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.
  - (3) To enact a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible

deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California sales and use taxes.

- (4) To enact a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon each person subject to taxation under the provisions of this article.
- (b) The provisions of this article shall be interpreted in order to accomplish the purposes that are set forth in this section.

#### **Sec. 12-68: Contract With State.**

Prior to the Operative date, the County shall contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this article; provided that, if the County shall not have contracted with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the Operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

#### **Sec. 12-69: Transactions Tax Rate.**

For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of Yolo County at the rate of one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this article.

#### **Sec. 12-70: Place of Sale.**

- (a) For purposes of this article, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer, unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his or her agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the State sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made.
- (b) In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State of California or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the State Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

### **Sec. 12-71: Use Tax Rate.**

An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of Yolo County of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this article for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

### **Sec. 12-72: Incorporation of Provisions of State Law.**

Except as otherwise provided in this article and except insofar as any provisions of this article may be inconsistent with Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing at Section 6001) of Division 2 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this article as though fully set forth herein.

### **Sec. 12-73: Limitations on Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes.**

The following requirements shall be followed in applying the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code to this article:

- (a) Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this county shall be substituted therefor. However, said substitution shall not be:
  - (1) When the word "state" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Board of Control, State Board of Equalization, State Department of Tax and Fee Administration, State Treasury or the Constitution of the State of California;
  - (2) When the result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this county or any agency, officer or employee thereof, rather than by or against the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in performing functions incident to the administration or operation of this article;
  - (3) In those sections, including but not limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:
    - (A) Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property that would not otherwise be exempt from this tax, while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; or

- (B) Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property that would not be subject to tax by the State of California under the said provision of that code.
- (4) In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (b) The word "county" shall be substituted for the word "state" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this state" in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (c) "A retailer engaged in business in the County" shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined sales of tangible personal property in this state or for delivery in the State by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). For purposes of this subdivision, a person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to Section 267(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and the regulations thereunder.

**Sec. 12-74: Permit Not Required.**

If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this article.

**Sec. 12-75: Exemptions and Exclusions.**

- (a) In addition to any other exemption or exclusion required by law, there shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.
- (b) There are exempted from computation of the amount of transactions tax imposed by this article, gross receipts from:
  - (1) The sale of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this state, the United States or any foreign government;

(2) The sale of property to be used outside the County which is shipped to a point outside the County pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his or her agent or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this subsection, delivery to a point outside the County shall be satisfied:

(A) With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the California Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the California Public Utilities Code and undocumented vessels registered under Chapter 2 of Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the California Vehicle Code, by registration to an out-of-county address and a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

(B) With respect to commercial vehicles, by a combination of registration to a place of business out of county and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

(3) The sale of tangible personal property, if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this article;

(4) The lease of tangible personal property that constitutes a continuing sale of such property for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount that was fixed by a lease executed prior to the operative date of this article; and

(5) For the purposes of subsections (b)(3) and (b)(4), the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, regardless of whether such right is exercised.

(c) There are exempted from computation of the amount of the use tax imposed by this article, gross receipts from the following storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property:

(1) The gross receipts from the sale which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.

- (2) The sale of other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this state, the United States or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions set forth in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (3) If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract that was entered into prior to the operative date of this article.
- (4) If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property shall arise under a lease that constitutes a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease that was executed prior to the operative date of this article.
- (5) For the purposes of subsections (c)(3) and (c)(4), the storage, use, or other consumption or the possession of or exercise of any right or power over tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, regardless of whether such right is exercised.
- (6) Except as provided in subsection (c)(7), a retailer engaged in business in Yolo County shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into Yolo County or participates within Yolo County in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in Yolo County or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary or person in Yolo County under the authority of the retailer.
- (7) "A retailer engaged in business in Yolo County" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the California Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the California Public Utilities Code and undocumented vessels registered under Chapter 2 of Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the California Vehicle Code. The retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle or aircraft at an address in Yolo County.

- (d) Any person subject to use tax under this article may credit the amount of such tax against any transactions tax paid to a county or district imposing or a retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale of property or the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

**Sec. 12-76: Amendment of State Law.**

After the Operative date of this article, all amendments to Part 1 of Division 2 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes that are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this article; provided, however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this article.

**Sec. 12-77: Enjoining of Collection Forbidden.**

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the County, or against any officer of the State or the County, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this article or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

**Sec. 12-78: Severability.**

If any provision of this article or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the article and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

**Sec. 12-79: Savings Clause.**

This article shall not be interpreted in any manner that conflicts with the laws or constitutions of the United States or the State of California.

**Sec. 12-80: Termination of Transactions and Use Tax.**

This article shall remain in effect until ended by voter approval.

**Section 5. Amendment.**

This Ordinance may not be amended without voter approval.

**Section 6. Severability.**

The people of Yolo County hereby declare that they would have adopted each section, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or portion of this Ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sentences, clauses, phrases, words, or portions of this Ordinance, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, could be declared invalid or unenforceable and, to that end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or portion of this Ordinance, or any application thereof to any person or in any circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, phrases, words, or portions of this Ordinance, and applications thereof, shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect.

**Section 7. Liberal Construction.**

This Ordinance shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes.

**Section 8. Effective Date.**

Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, this Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after the Board of Supervisors declares the vote, in accordance with Elections Code section 9122.

**Section 9. Appropriations Limit Increase.**

Pursuant to California Constitution Article XIII B and applicable laws, for four (4) years from the day of the election at which this Act is adopted, the appropriations limit for the County shall be increased by the aggregate sum collected by the levy of the transactions and use tax imposed by this Act.

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# Yolo County Voter Attitudes Towards Early Childhood and Child Care Funding

*Key Findings of a Countywide Survey Conducted July 31-August 6, 2025*



# Survey Methodology

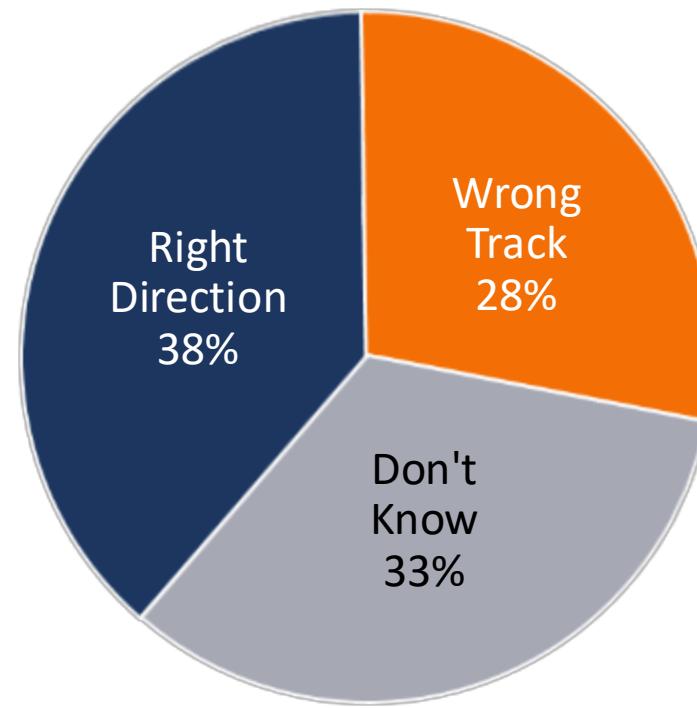
<b>Dates</b>	July 31-August 6, 2025
<b>Survey Type</b>	Dual-mode Voter Survey
<b>Research Population</b>	Likely November 2026 Voters in Yolo County
<b>Total Interviews</b>	607
<b>Margin of Sampling Error</b>	(Full Sample) $\pm 4.0\%$ at the 95% Confidence Level
<b>Contact Methods</b>	 Telephone Calls  Email Invitations  Text Invitations
<b>Data Collection Modes</b>	 Telephone Interviews  Online Interviews

*(Note: Not All Results Will Sum to 100% Due to Rounding)*

# Issue Context

# Voters are mixed on the overall direction of Yolo County.

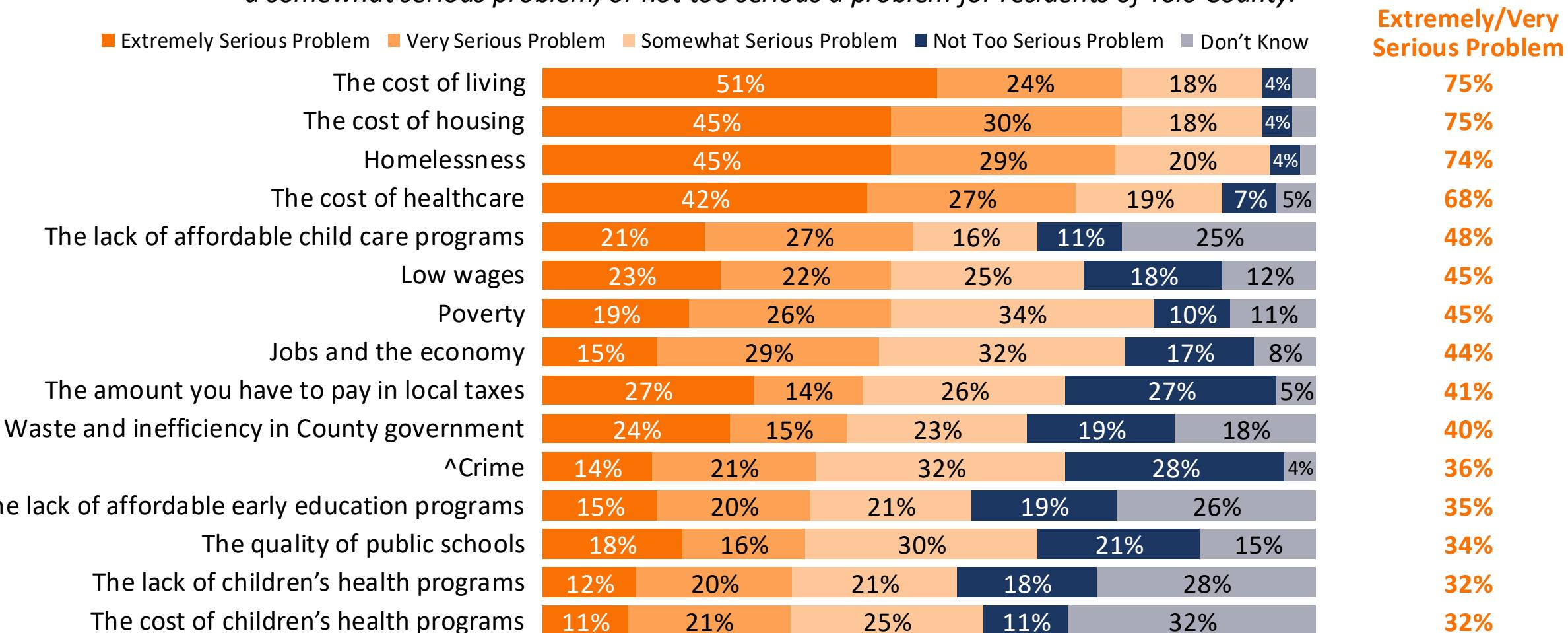
*Would you say things in Yolo County are headed in the right direction, or do you feel they are off on the wrong track?*



# The biggest concerns in the county are the costs of living, housing, and healthcare, as well as homelessness.

*Please consider the following issues that some people suggest are problems facing Yolo County residents.*

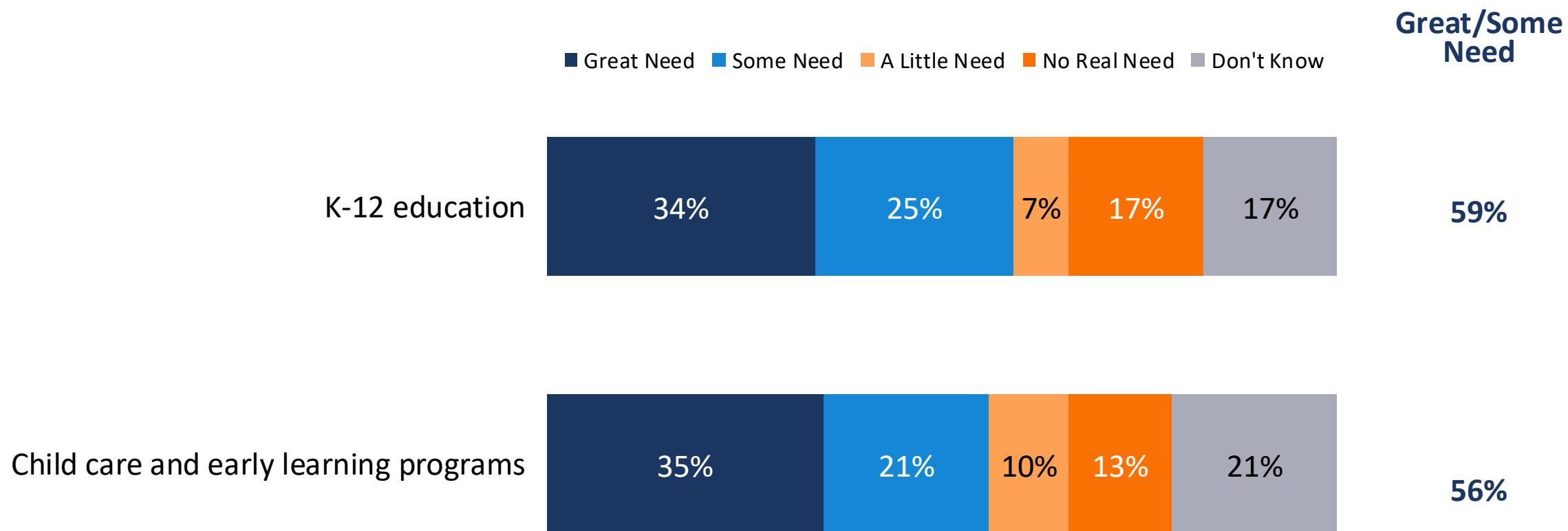
*Please indicate whether you think it is an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, or not too serious a problem for residents of Yolo County.*



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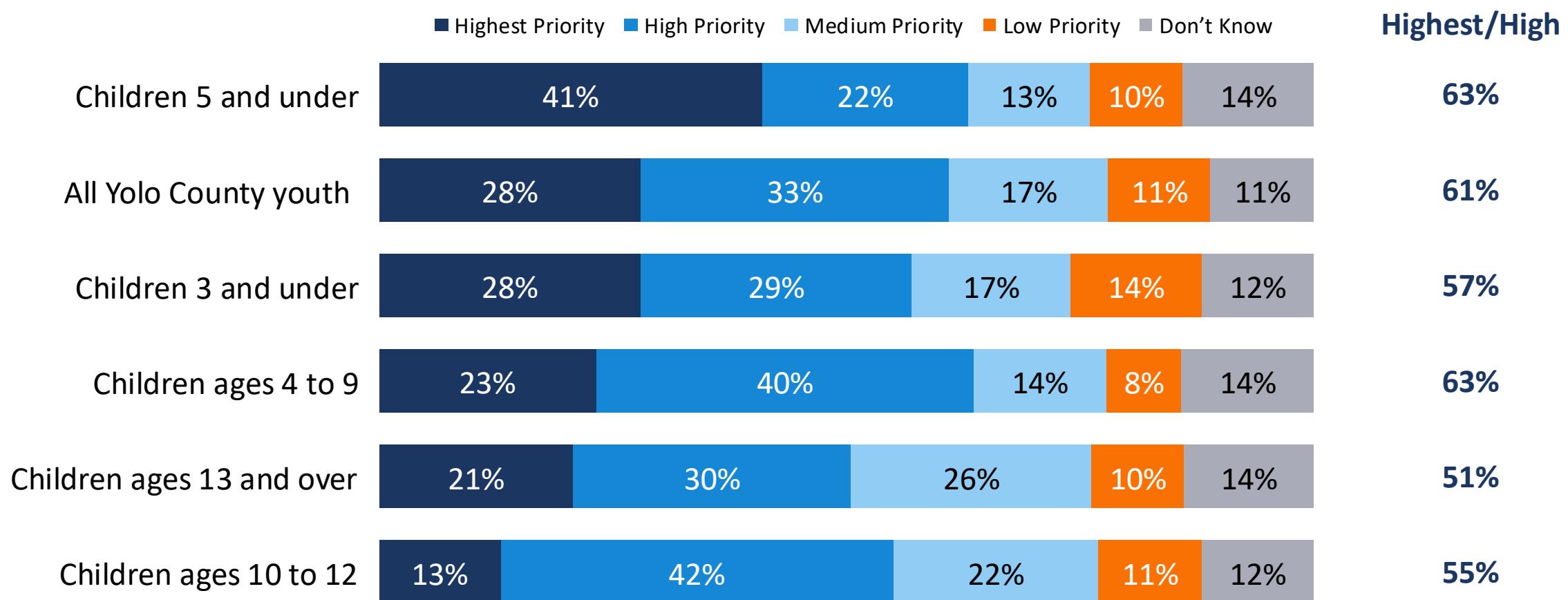
# Nearly three in five voters see a need for funding K-12 education as well as child care and early learning programs.

*Here is a series of education and youth programs in Yolo County. Please indicate if you think there is a great need for additional funding, some need, a little need, or no real need for additional funding for this type of program.*



# Voters see children 5 and under as the highest priority for additional funding.

Here is a list of different groups of Yolo County children and youth that may benefit from these services. Please tell me how high a priority you think it should be to provide additional funding to help that group of children and youth: one of the highest priorities, a high priority, a medium priority, or a low priority.



# **Introducing Potential Revenue Mechanisms**

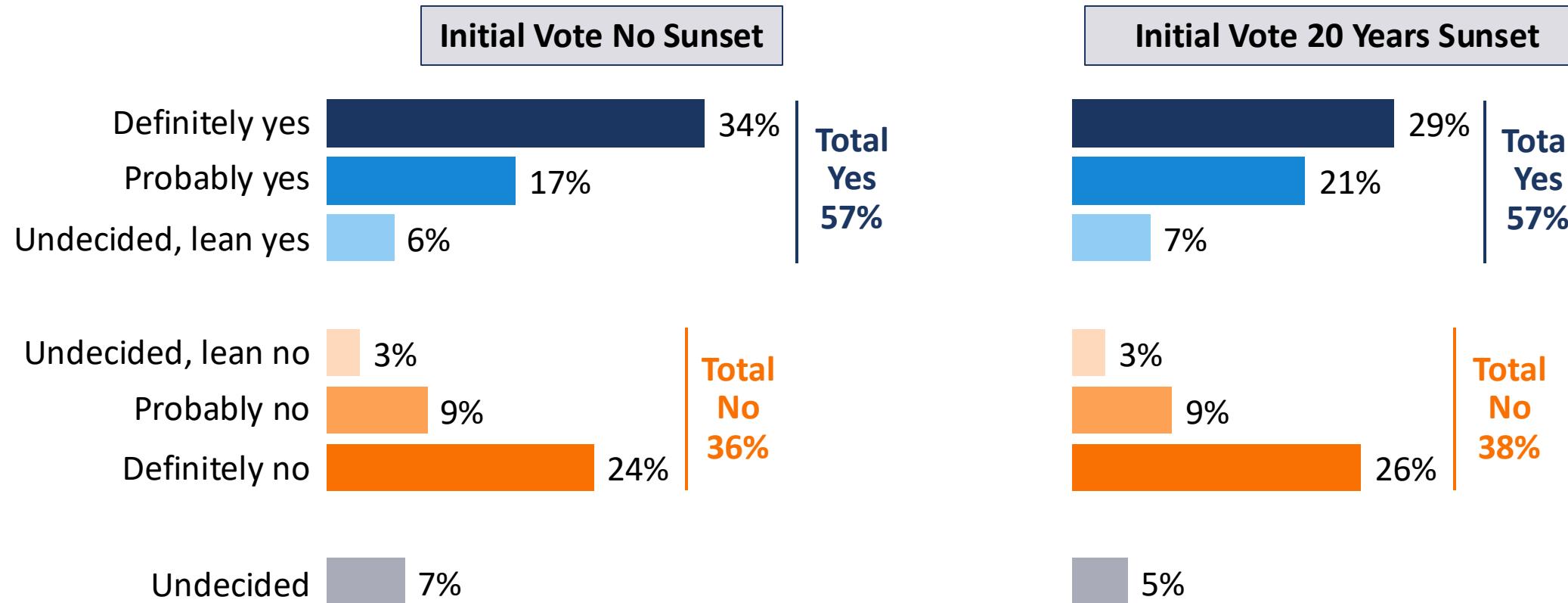
# Ballot Language Tested

*(50% Threshold for Passage)*

To improve the health and well-being of Yolo County children by: increasing access to quality child care and early childhood programs to start kindergarten ready to learn; preventing child abuse and neglect; and increasing access to vital health services for children, such as preventive health care, mental health services, and health education; shall the Yolo County measure establishing a half-cent sales tax, providing \$27 million annually, **(SPLIT SAMPLE A ONLY:** until ended by voters) **(SPLIT SAMPLE B ONLY:** for 20 years), subject to independent audits and review by an oversight commission, be adopted?

# Initial support for the measure starts above the 50% threshold, with slightly greater intensity of support for a version with no sunset.

MOE ±5.7%

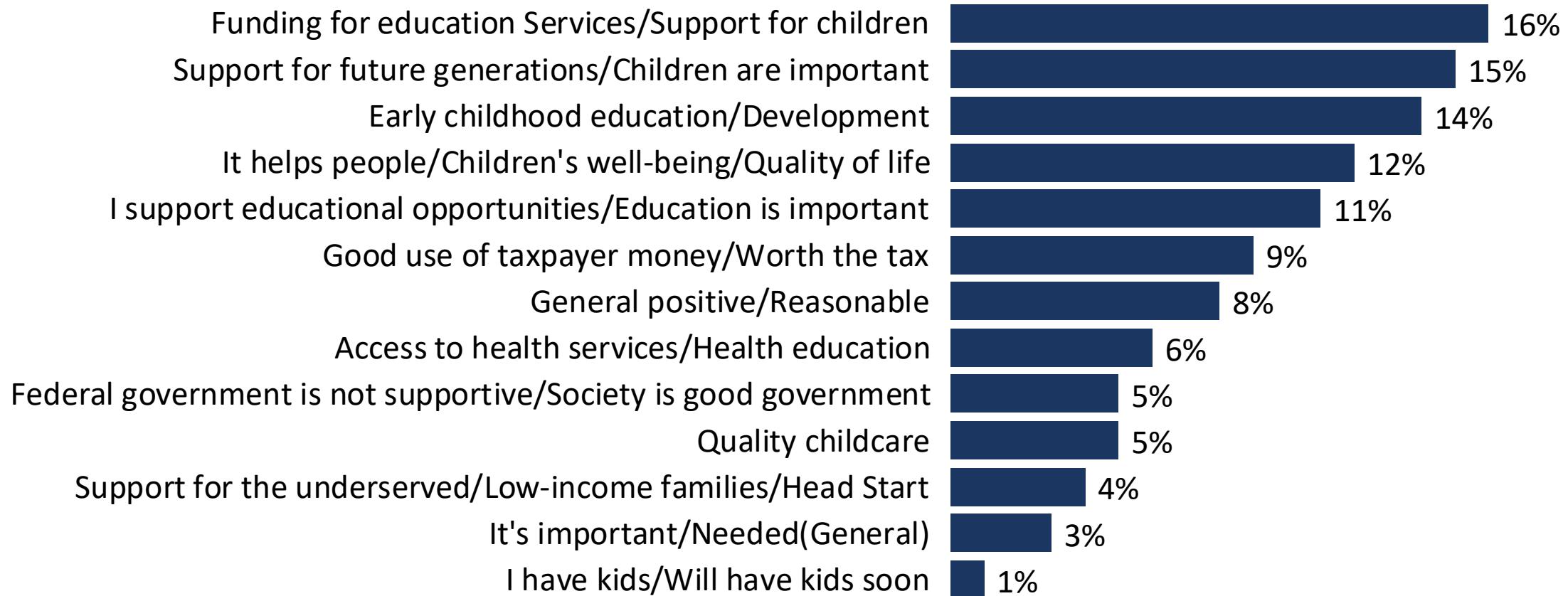


56% of parents support the proposed measure, as do 57% of non-parents.

# Supporters are motivated by the importance of supporting children and providing them with early childhood services that foster development.

*In a few words of your own, why would you vote YES on this measure?*

*(Open-ended; Asked of Yes Voters Only, n=348)*



# Verbatim Comments from Supporters

Taxes are the price you pay for the standard of living you want.

The tax is small and for worthy programs. The audit is a crucial piece driving my support.

It seems like a low impact tax that would go towards a good cause.

My own children greatly benefited from early childhood education programs such as head start and speech therapy prior to kindergarten.

Federal support for these programs is threatened.

Early childhood programs are critical to long term health and development. They will save money in the long run on social services and kids deserve to be cared for and supported.

Our children are our future. The first five years are especially important.

I'll always say yes to measures that help our kids.

Early childhood education is critical to success for all Californians. An equitable approach to early education will make such a difference as children progress through the system.

Aligns with my values of what the government should be doing and where taxes should be going.

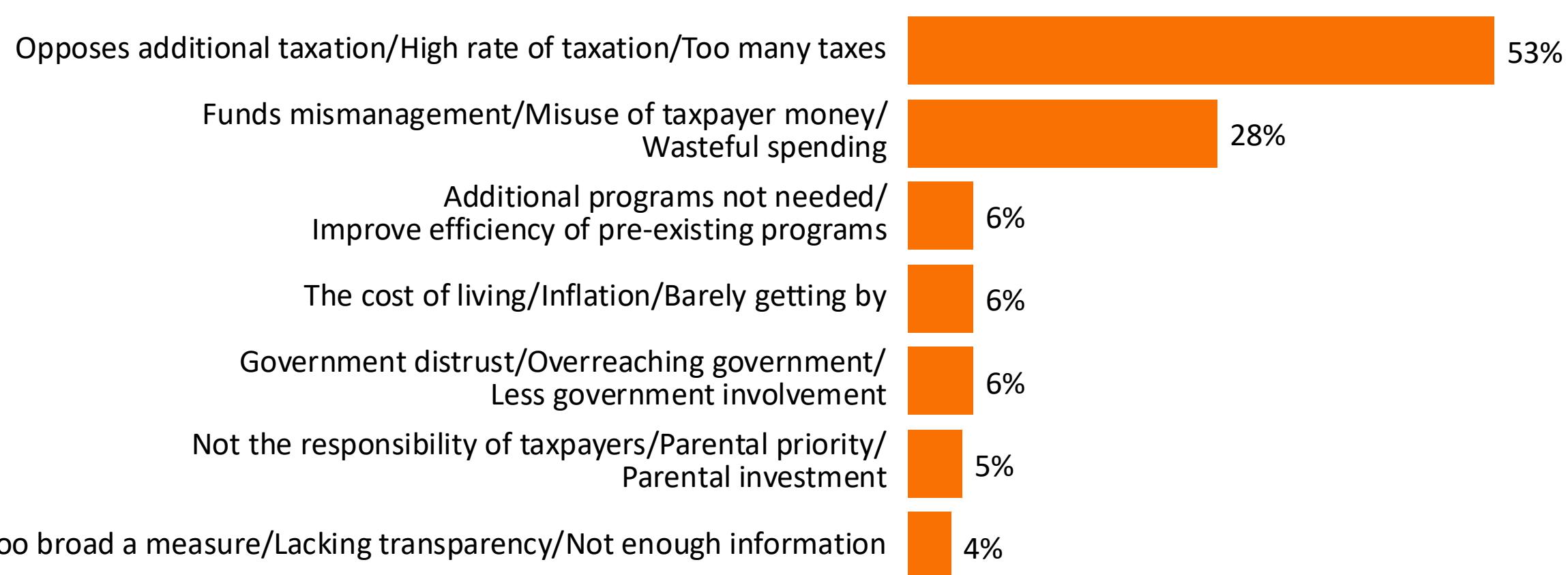
Given the current trajectory of this country, it is more important than ever to help children from poor families.

I have no children, but I am always willing to pay taxes for education. The provisions of this bill all seem beneficial.

# Opposition is driven by voters being resistant to more taxes and a lack of trust in the government's ability to manage funds.

*In a few words of your own, why would you vote **NO** on this measure?*

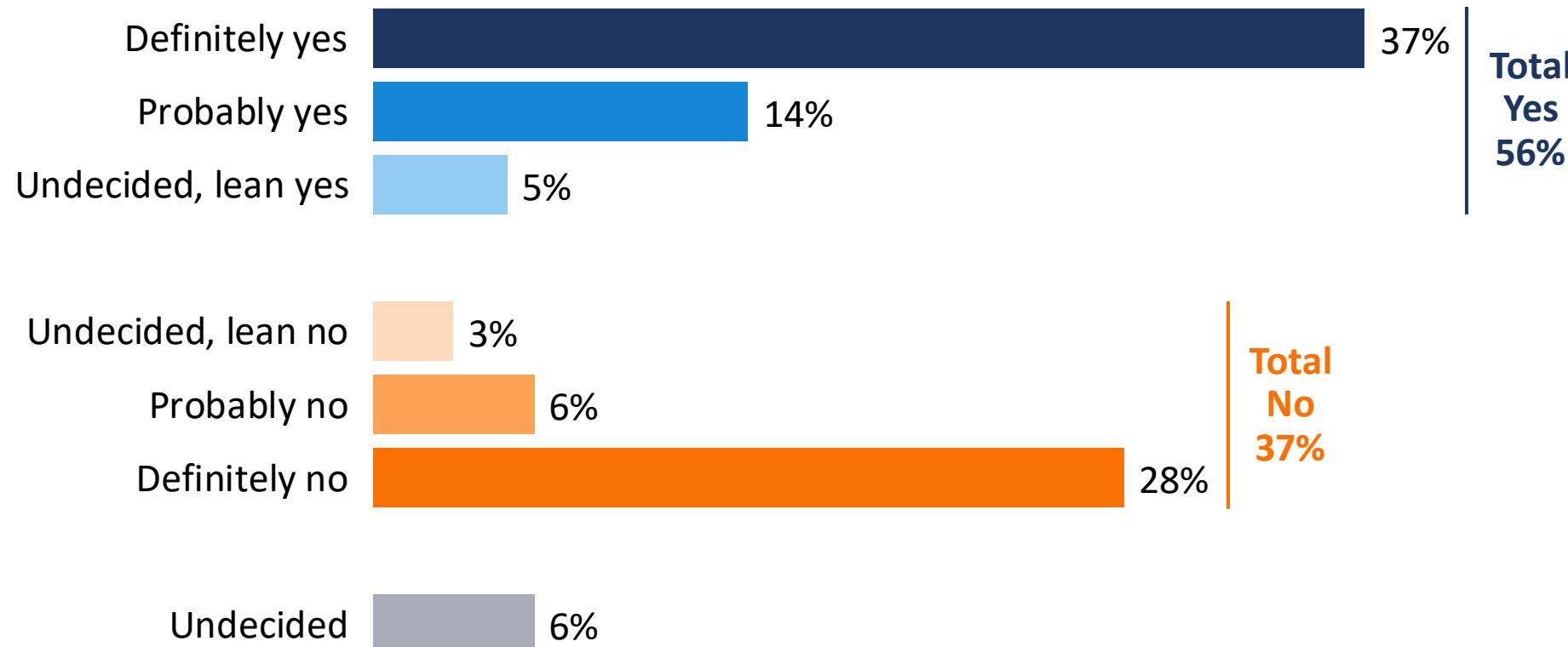
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# A quarter-cent sales tax doesn't lead to meaningfully stronger support overall, although support is more intense.

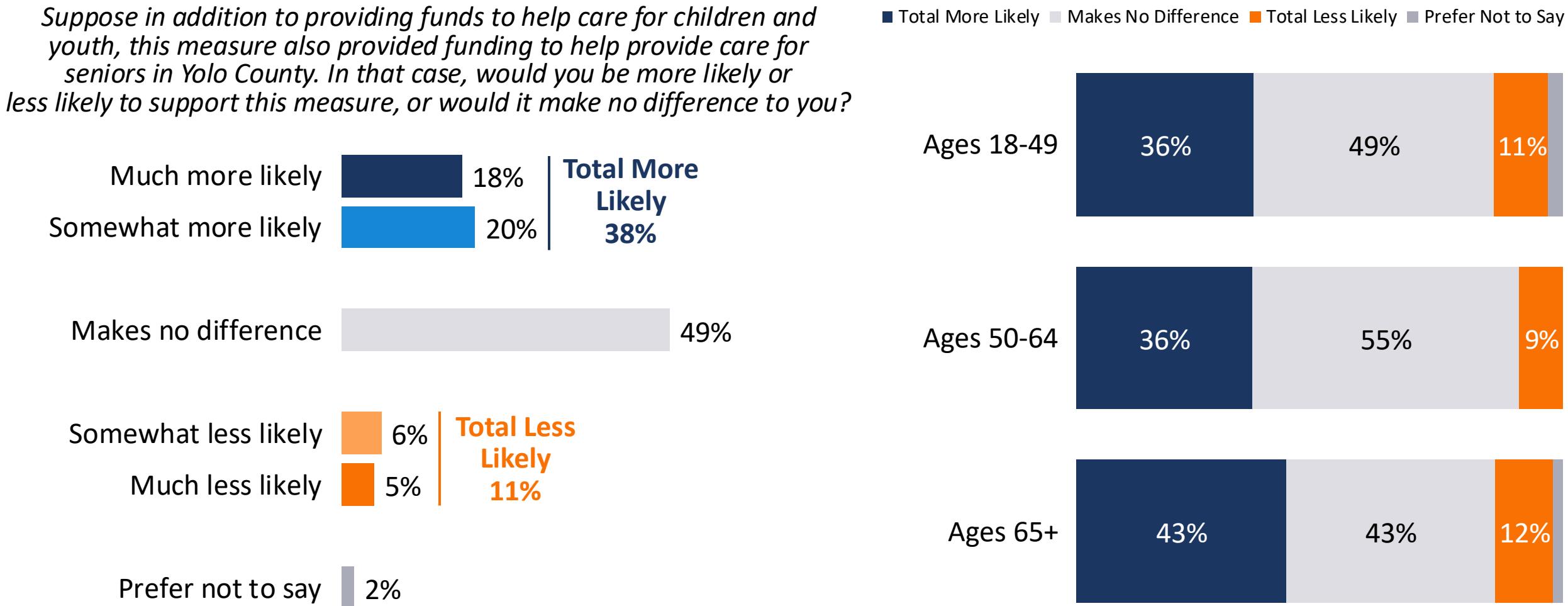
*Suppose this measure established a sales tax increase of a quarter-cent instead of a half-cent.*

*In that case, would you vote yes or no on this measure?*



# A plurality of voters say adding funding for seniors wouldn't affect their views on the measure.

Suppose in addition to providing funds to help care for children and youth, this measure also provided funding to help provide care for seniors in Yolo County. In that case, would you be more likely or less likely to support this measure, or would it make no difference to you?



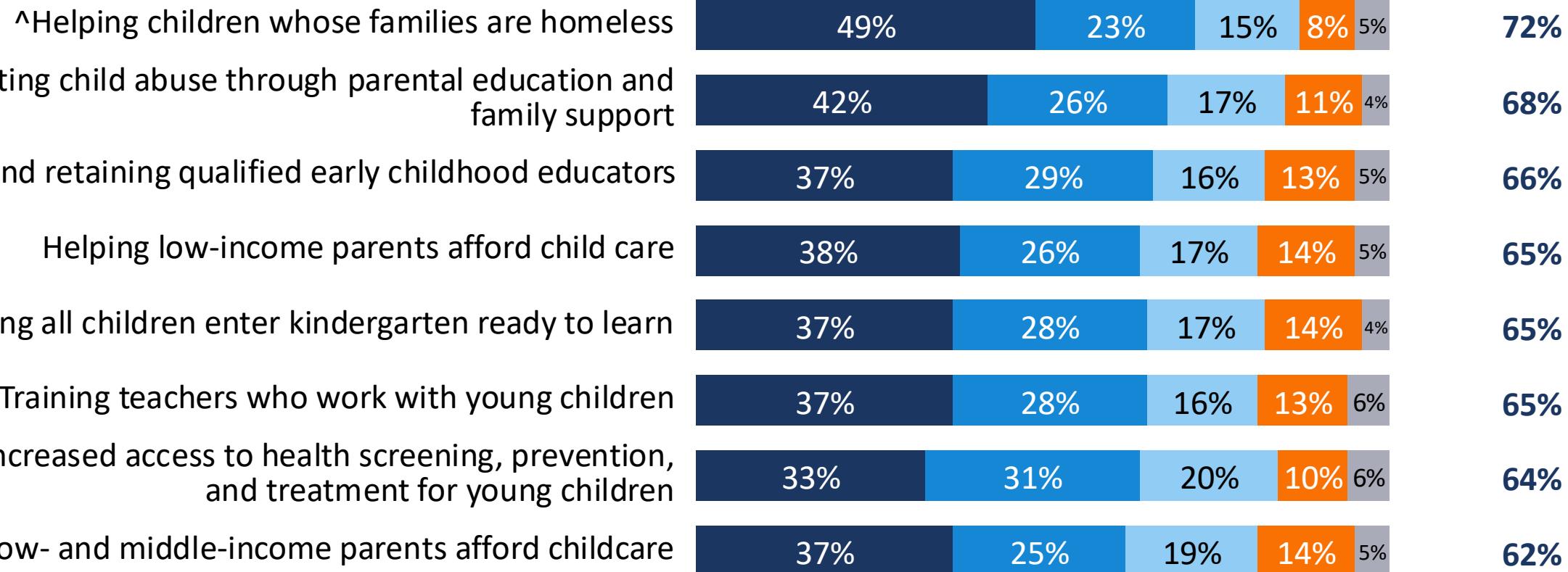
# Helping children who are homeless and preventing child abuse are top spending priorities.

*Please consider some potential elements of this measure, including ways in which the funds it generates could be spent.*

*Please indicate how important each one is to you personally, regardless of how you feel about the measure:  
either extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important.*

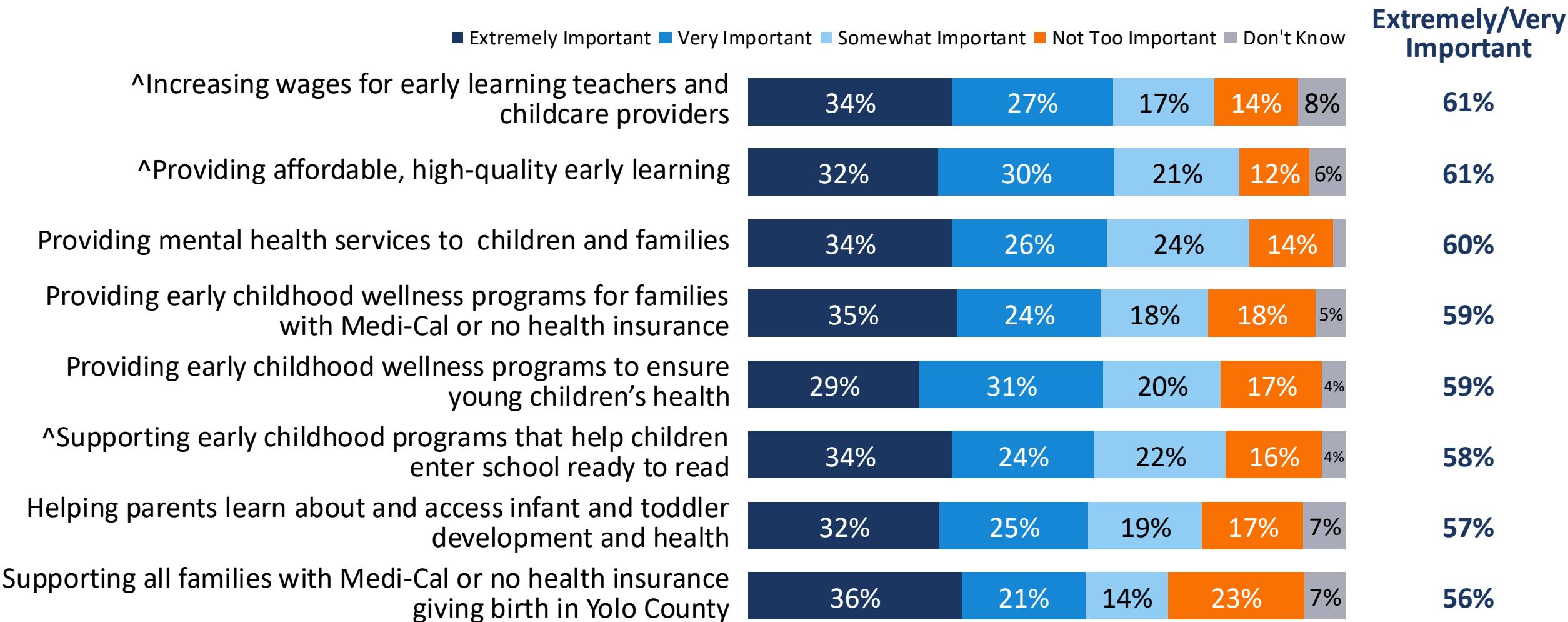
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**Extremely/Very Important**



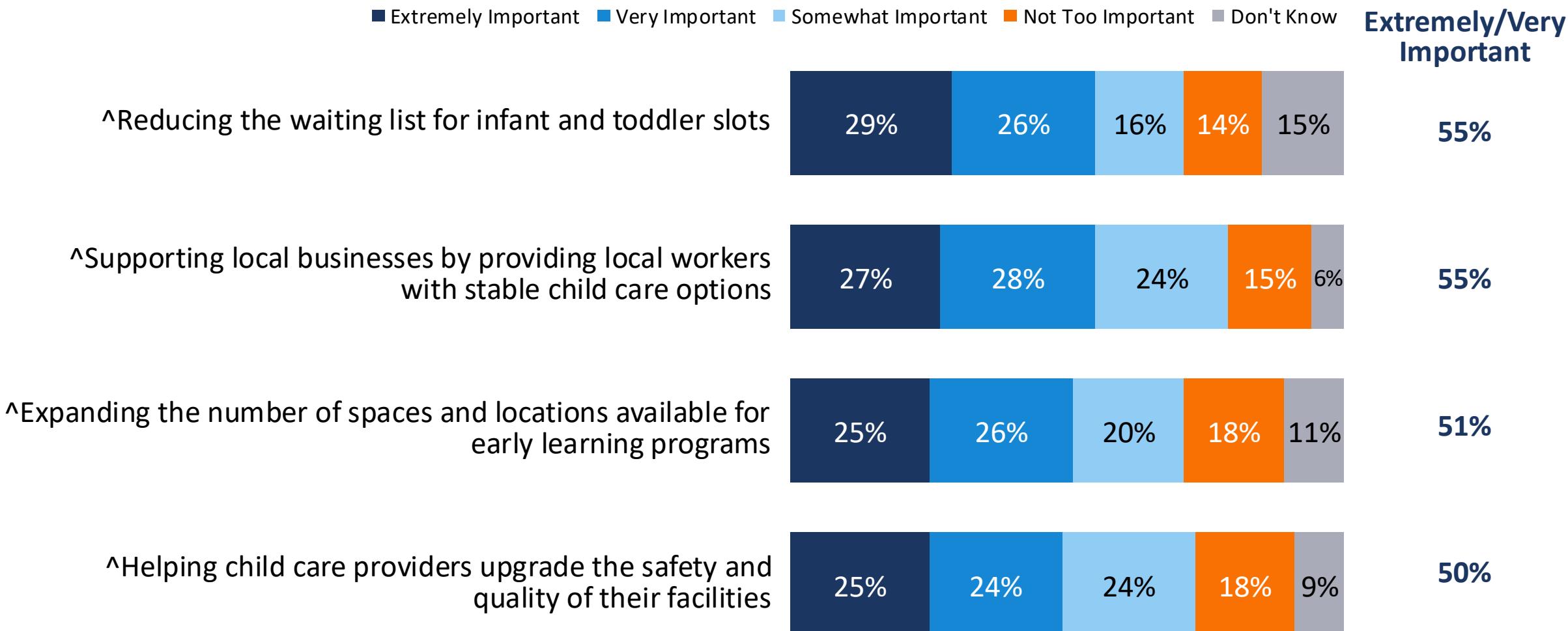
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# There is strong support above the 50% threshold for early learning workforce and early childhood mental health and wellness.



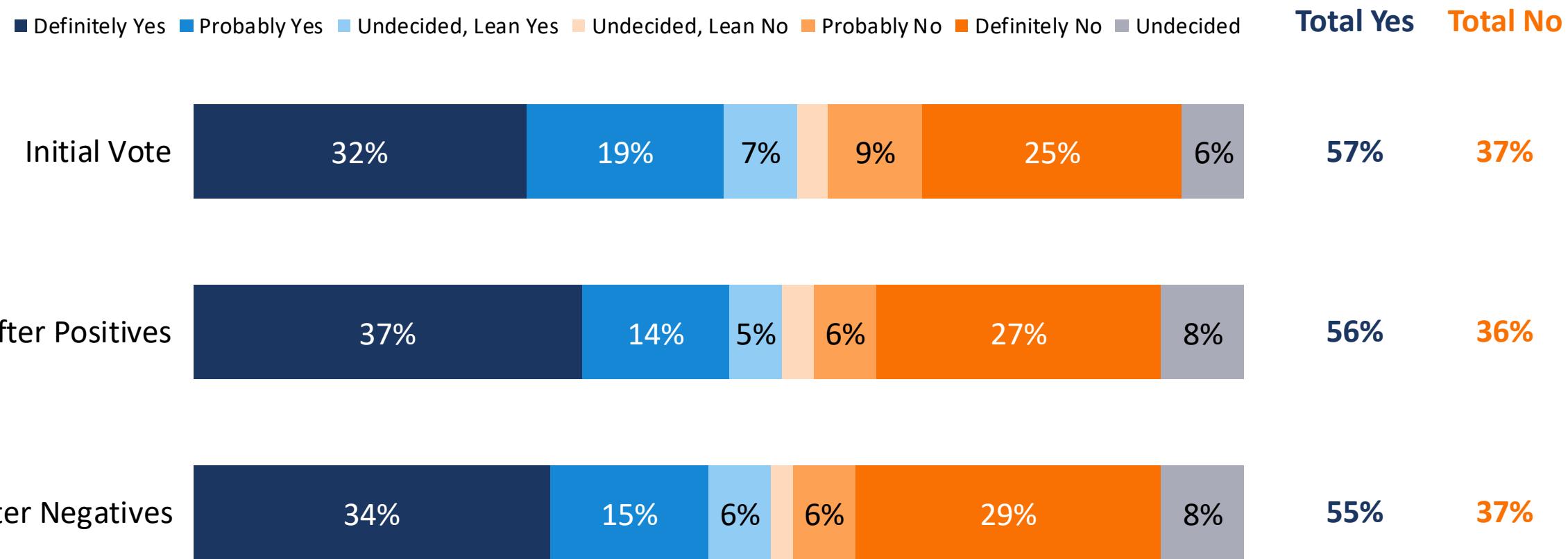
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# A majority say reducing waitlists and supporting local businesses is important.

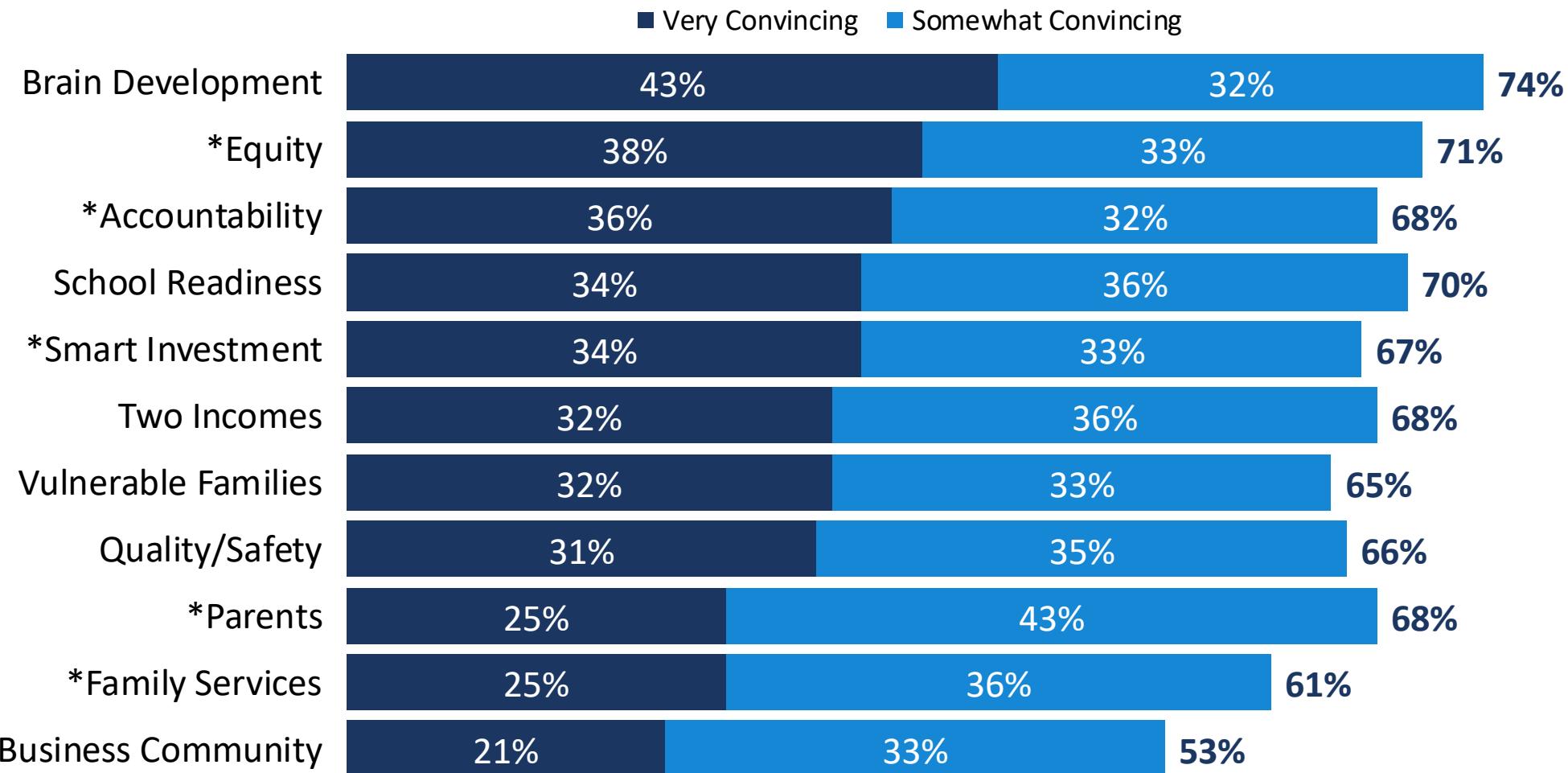


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# Support is consistent and above the 50% threshold after an exchange of information.



# Voters respond most strongly to statements about brain development, equity, and school readiness.



Q11. Please consider the following statements from people who may support this potential measure. Please indicate whether you find it very convincing, somewhat convincing, or not convincing as a reason to support the measure. If you do not believe the statement, you can indicate that instead. \*Split Sample

# Positive Messaging

## Ranked by Very Convincing

43%

**(BRAIN DEVELOPMENT)** Research shows that 90% of a child's brain development occurs before age five. These critical years lay the foundation for the rest of a child's life. By expanding access to early childhood care and quality pre-school for children, as well as access to family services for parents, we can help ensure that every child in Yolo County gets off to a strong start.

38%

**\*(EQUITY)** Pre-school should not be a luxury only available to a few families. In Yolo County, the cost of child care is about \$14,000 per year. This measure will make early education available and more affordable to families of all incomes, including middle-class families.

36%

**\*(ACCOUNTABILITY)** This measure includes strict fiscal accountability provisions. It can only be used for early childhood and child care programs and services, and all funds raised will stay right here in Yolo County. And all spending will be publicly disclosed and subject to independent financial audits.

# Positive Messaging (*Continued*)

## Ranked by Very Convincing

**34%**

**(SCHOOL READINESS)** By increasing access to quality early learning programs, this measure strengthens TK-12 education. Currently, over half of Yolo County kids enter kindergarten unprepared and are reading below grade level in third grade. Studies show that kids who go to high-quality pre-school and other early learning programs are more likely to read proficiently by the third grade, and more likely to graduate and go on to college.

**34%**

**\*(SMART INVESTMENT)** This proposal is a smart investment. Research shows that for every dollar invested in early childhood programs, between \$7 and \$13 are saved in benefits to the community, including higher graduation rates, lower incarceration rates, and lower healthcare costs.

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# Positive Messaging (*Continued*)

## Ranked by Very Convincing

**32%**

**(TWO INCOMES)** With the rising cost of living, many Yolo County families need two incomes to get by. This proposal will help expand access to affordable child care — giving parents peace of mind that their children are safe, and giving employers confidence that their employees have the dependable, reliable child care they need to stay on the job.

**32%**

**(VULNERABLE FAMILIES)** This measure invests in services that specifically support low-income families with no health insurance or on Medi-Cal, including homeless children, foster children, and children who need extra support, helping to close the gap in academic, health, and criminal justice outcomes.

**31%**

**(QUALITY/SAFETY)** No parent should have to worry about the care their child is receiving while they are at work. This measure will help ensure that Yolo County residents have quality child care programs that meet safety standards, so parents can go to work with the peace of mind knowing their kids are safe and well cared for.

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# Conclusions

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- The **proposed sales tax measure providing funding for childcare and early childhood programs in Yolo County appears viable**, if placed on the ballot through the initiative process.
- **Three in five voters see a need for funding childcare initiatives** including childcare and early learning, on par with the need for K-12 education funding.



## Conclusions (*Continued*)

- **A majority of voters consistently supports the proposed measure**, with support particularly strong among Democratic voters, voters under age 50, and lower-income voters.
  - There is **little difference in support** for a version of the measure **with or without a sunset**.
  - While a **lower tax rate does not lead to an increase in overall support**, support is more definite at a lower rate.



## Conclusions (*Continued*)

- Voters place the **greatest priority on helping vulnerable children**, preventing abuse, and retaining and attracting qualified providers and educators.
- Support for the measure is **consistent after an exchange of pro and con messaging**:
  - The strongest positive messages focus on early brain development and ensuring that preschool is not a luxury.
  - A statement asserting that there are other, higher priorities does not resonate.
- The survey results show a **path for the measure succeed on the November ballot**, maintaining support in face of a broader anti-tax climate and high cost of living environment will be critical.



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Agenda Item Cover Sheet**

*Attachments*

**Agenda Item- Hold Public Hearing: Receive First 5 Yolo Annual Local Evaluation Report FY2024-25**

***Background***

Per Statute, First 5 holds public hearings prior to adopting annual audits and reports. The First 5 Yolo Local Evaluation Report is an annual report summarizing the evaluation of funded programs and services and highlighting expected future work.

First 5 Yolo contracts with LPC Consulting, Inc. to provide local evaluation assistance. This is the seventh year of LPC's service to First 5 Yolo, after selection in a competitive RFQ process. LPC works with First 5 Yolo staff and funded partners to provide outside review of program level evaluation data, and First 5 Yolo staff works with funded partners on performance measures and analysis. First 5 Yolo staff summarizes overall agency results and shared measures across individual programs, as well as features some program highlights for each fiscal year. The Commission receives a Local Evaluation Report and a summary public presentation on the impact of First 5 Yolo investments near the beginning of each calendar year.

***Executive Director Overview***

The Local Evaluation Report highlights FY24/25 evaluation outcomes for First 5 Yolo's funded programs. This data is gathered from regular reports from partner agencies, as well as from additional local evaluation efforts. The Report reflects the progress and success of investments in First 5 Yolo Priority Areas as identified in the Strategic Plan and addressed by First 5 Yolo programs.

The FY24/25 Local Evaluation Report contains information from programs funded under the First 5 Yolo Children and Families Commission Strategic Plan Fiscal Year 2024/2025-2028/2029. Investments reflect First 5 Yolo's focus on better coordinating systems investments across its three major initiatives—Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience, Help Me Grow Yolo (HMG), and IMPACT. Each effort includes multiple contracts and may include multiple programs/services.

F5Y staff partnered with LPC to co-create a plain language infographic that helps make data more accessible and inclusive, and better communicates the mission

and vision of F5Y in tangible terms. The approach also creates efficiencies with standardizing the local evaluation process.

This year, the last page was updated to include key accomplishments aligned to the Strategic Plan and the looking forward section was dropped to allow more room for testimonials from families and providers. The “Systems Change Makers” section of The Report features a story and powerful statements from two Welcome Baby nurses about empowering parents with breastfeeding skills and support that helps strengthens the bond with their child, nourish and protect them from illness and lay a strong foundation for life-long health. F5Y highlights data show how investments continue to lift family voices and drive equitable systems change for children 0 to 5 and their families.

First 5 Yolo collects and analyzes much more data than is contained in the summary Local Evaluation Report, and some evidence-based or national program models are also required to collect data beyond both the Evaluation Report and First 5 requirements. First 5 Yolo staff members regularly review more data than is contained in presentation documents.

The Local Evaluation Report is a *summary document* meant to clearly communicate key evaluation findings for First 5 Yolo investments and work. As such, individual funded and direct service partners are not specifically differentiated by project. First 5 Yolo wishes to recognize and thank the many dedicated and skilled direct service partners without whom the work and impact would not be possible.

A final draft copy is presented as **Attachment A** to this item for Commission adoption during the following Agenda Item 13.

**Notes:**

- As F5 Yolo has intentionally moved to serving younger, prenatal-3 populations, as well as serving higher need/risk populations, services are often more targeted and/or intensive. Prenatal families are only counted under parents/unique families served, with the child contributing to counts at birth.
- F5 Yolo staff and evaluation teams have focused on making performance management improvements in recent years to capture more reliable and consistent data. This can affect numbers in a given program but yields more accurate information.
- F5 Yolo staff worked with outside evaluator LPC Consulting Associates to develop a more responsive demographic reporting template. This helps partners report their data and assists First 5 Yolo in identifying trends in demographics such as reaching a missing data threshold which supports in process improvement. Not only does this help with more equitable outreach

strategies, but it allows validations to catch common errors noted in past reporting to improve data quality and enable timely course corrections. The updated template saved time and resources for funded partners and evaluation teams in 24-25 compared to prior years with the older system.

- Note that reporting may include several databases/collection systems across partners or grants. There are different reporting requirements across funding streams which include different demographic categories. This can be burdensome for data teams and is an area that F5 looks at closely to align and standardize across programs/services where possible.
- F5Y believes in continuous quality improvement, and the refinement of demographic and performance measure collection and analysis is ongoing in partnership with funded partners, other funders and evaluation teams.

**Additional Information and Attachments**

The First 5 Yolo FY24/25 Local Evaluation Report follows this Item as **Attachment A**.

**Action Requested**

Hold Public Hearing and Receive First 5 Yolo Local Evaluation Report for FY24/25.

### HOW MUCH DID WE DO?

**6,117**  
Yolo participants served

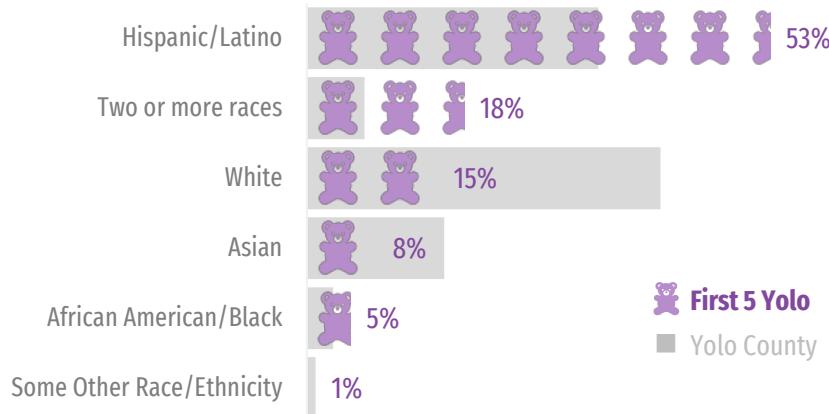
Children 0-5: 2,801  
Parents/Caregivers: 2,922  
Children 6-18: 186  
Providers: 208

### WHOM DID WE SERVE?

A majority of children served were birth through age 2

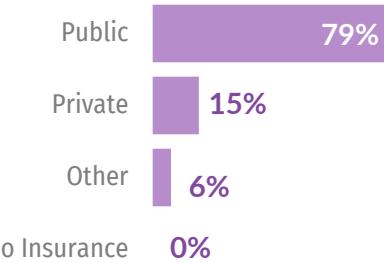
**57%**  
Ages 0-2

Race/ethnicity of children served by First 5 Yolo compared to Yolo county population averages



While 100% of children served had health insurance coverage, **a majority relied on public health insurance.**

#### Insurance coverage of families served



### Our Mission

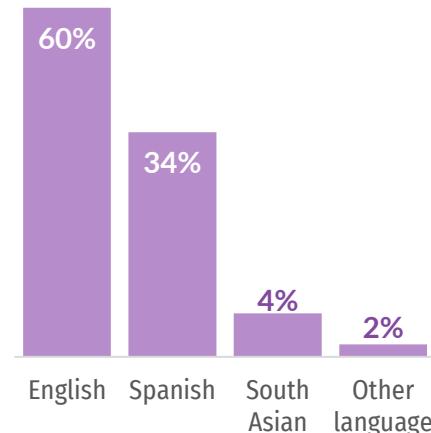
First 5 Yolo will assist our community in raising children who are healthy, safe, and ready to learn. We will ensure that our resources are effectively used, and all community voices are heard.

### What We Do

First 5 engages community partners to design, improve, advocate for, and fund critical services to support the needs of children and their families prenatally through age five by administering Proposition 10 (tobacco tax) and other funds.

**First 5 works to build a coordinated system of care to achieve more equitable outcomes for young children and their families.**

**40% of parents served were non-English speakers**



# HOW WELL DID WE DO IT? & IS ANYONE BETTER OFF?

## First 5 Yolo and Funded Partners focused on keeping children healthy, safe and connected

The following indicators represent data from First 5 Funded Programs Welcome Baby:Road to Resilience initiative (WB:R2R), Mobile Client Navigation, and Attachment & Biobehavioral Catch-Up Home Visiting (ABC).



**99%** of families in home visiting avoided the need for entry or re-entry into Child Welfare Services



**100%** of families experiencing a crisis were connected to critical needs within 24 hours by a Mobile Client Navigator



**91%** of parents served by ABC improved responsiveness to their child

### First 5 Yolo Initiatives



**Welcome Baby:Road To Resilience** provides a nurse home visit after birth and, for families needing more support, longer-term home visiting. The program bridges health and social systems to deliver coordinated, culturally responsive care that gives children the best start in life.



**93%** of enrolled children received their last recommended well-child visit



**100%** of families were screened for depression/anxiety and received health literacy materials



**79%** of enrolled children were up to date on immunizations



**Help Me Grow** a universal early childhood mental health access and linkage hub expanding early identification and intervention, so all children have the support they need to reach their full potential.



**1,101** Children screened to check on their learning, growth and behavior



**72%** of children at risk of delays connected to early intervention services within 60 days



**93%** of caregivers reported improved functioning and mental health



**IMPACT Legacy** coordinates the Quality Counts California system including coaching for licensed and licensed exempt childcare providers and trainings to increase access to quality early learning.



**11** Family, Friend, Neighbor (FFN) providers working towards and 4 obtained licensure



**100%** of Childcare Providers were connected to Help Me Grow



**76** Community of Practice Sessions were convened for Childcare Providers

First 5 Yolo's three main initiatives (Welcome Baby: Road To Resilience, Help Me Grow, and IMPACT Legacy) and other Funded Partners, address First 5 Yolo's four Strategic Priority Areas, all of which work together to promote improved health, safety and quality early learning goals.

## Key Accomplishments



F5 Yolo became the first First 5 to bill Medi-Cal CHW, in February 2025.



CalWORKs Home Visiting Parent Child+ launched in January 2025 and exceeded enrollment targets in first year.



In February 2025, Welcome Baby and R2R fully integrated services and adopted a shared health record system to enhance coordination and seamless care for families.

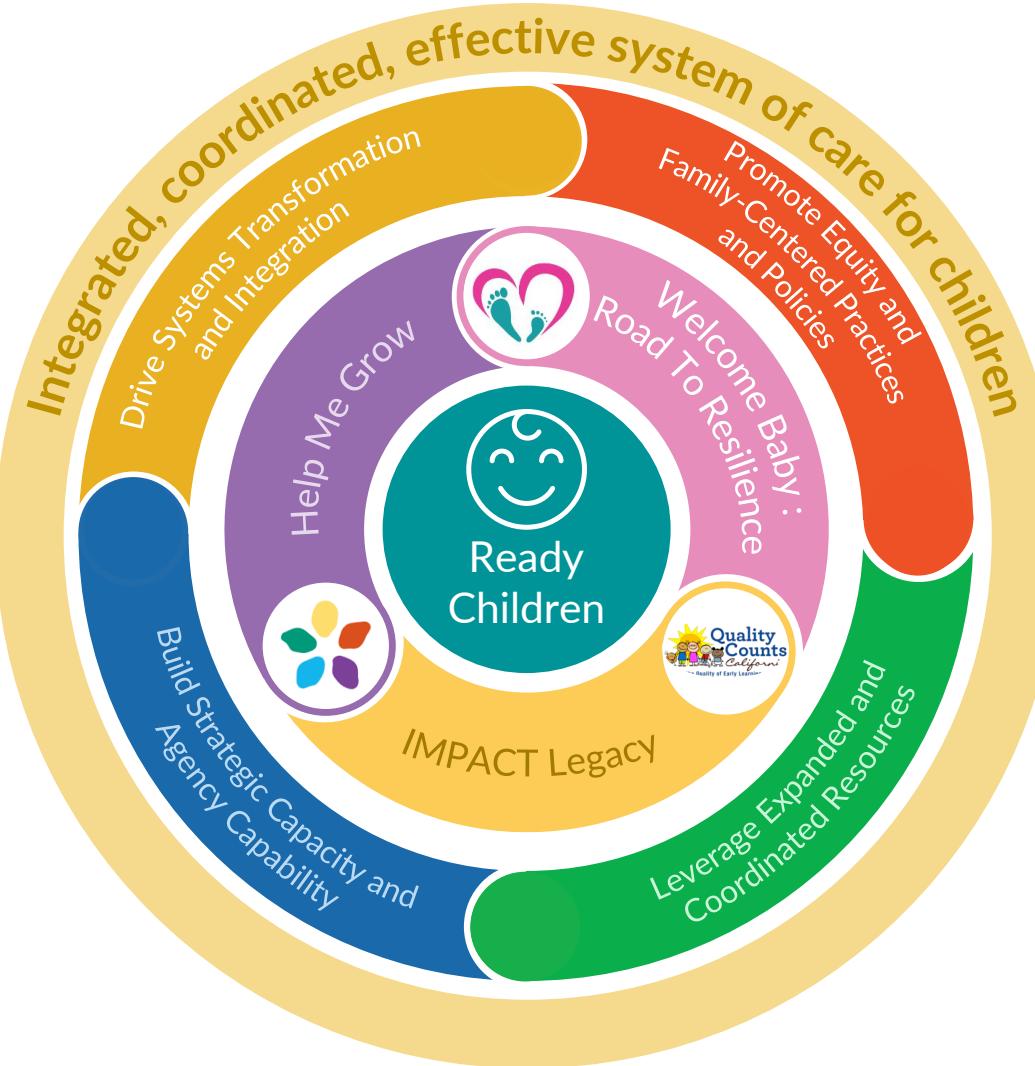


Turned The Curve Together: 61% of Yolo Medi-Cal children were screened for development in 2024. This was above the Partnership Plan-wide rate of 29% and state and national benchmarks.

"By bringing compassionate, personalized support directly into the home, our visit helps close the gap between isolation and confidence, fostering both success in lactation and overall health."

—Leah  
WB:R2R Registered Nurse

# Systems Change: It's All About Relationships!



## Systems Change Makers:

### Community Health Workers Build Confidence and Life-long Health

A WB:R2R nurse visited a new mom struggling with postpartum depression and anxiety after a difficult birth. She felt like a failure and believed she wasn't producing enough milk for her baby. The nurse visit helped ease her anxiety and gain confidence in her breastfeeding skills. Beyond nutrition and parent-child bonding which are critical to optimal child development, breastmilk is the most powerful personalized medicine. It is specially designed and adaptable to each baby's health needs and environment, packed with antibodies that protect them against disease and death.

"Our program bridges a critical gap for new families by bringing skilled postpartum and lactation support directly into their homes, ensuring every parent feels confident, supported, and safe. Current data shows how our services have strengthened our community's health at its very beginning—and continues through their first year. I'm so proud I can be a part of the difference we are making in our county."

—Marissa  
WB:R2R Registered Nurse

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**Agenda Item- Adopt First 5 Yolo Annual Local Evaluation Report FY24/25**

***Background***

Per Statute, First 5 holds public hearings prior to adopting annual audits and reports. The First 5 Yolo Local Evaluation Report is an annual report summarizing the evaluation of funded programs and services and highlighting expected future work.

The First 5 Yolo Commission adopts the Local Evaluation Report annually, following a Public Hearing.

***Executive Director Overview***

The Public Hearing and staff report on the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Local Evaluation Report has been noticed as the preceding item, Item #15, to this Agenda. It is anticipated the Commission will hold the Public Hearing and receive the Report prior to the final vote on the adoption of this item.

***Additional Information and Attachments***

***Action Requested***

Adopt First 5 Yolo Annual Local Evaluation Report FY 24/25.

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**Agenda Item- Accept Quarter 1 FY2025-26 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report**

***Background***

Quarterly, the Commission reviews a Revenue and Expenditure Year-to-Date Summary Report tracking actual and projected revenues and expenditures against the current, approved F5Y Budget, and First 5 Yolo staff recommends changes to the Budget based on the projections, if necessary.

***Deputy Director Overview***

The Q1 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report includes all funds received and expended from July 1, 2025-September 30, 2025, as well as expenses incurred and revenues earned in the defined period which were received within the period of availability, though funds may have been received or expended after September 30.

Of note are the following items:

1. Staff recommend updates to the First 5 Yolo Budgeted Program Revenues and associated Program Expenditures to reflect:
  - a. Approved rollovers related to First 5 Yolo's Cannabis Tax MOUs with County of Yolo
  - b. Reductions in First 5 Yolo's Mental Health Services Act grant from County of Yolo for Help Me Grow (as a result of decreased available funding)
  - c. The award of the new contract for Yolo Crisis Nursery to provide In-Clinic Navigation Services via Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience
2. Staff recommended budget updates related to personnel reflect an increase in Extra Help Clinical Supervision, utilizing grant funds, to support Clinical Supervision requirements for ECM service delivery in First 5 Yolo programs.
3. Prop 10-First 5 California revenues are projected to be higher than budgeted at year end due to the recognition of the Q4FY25 IMPACT Legacy reimbursement being received outside of the period of availability and therefore requiring its recognition in FY26.

***Additional Information and Attachments***

The Quarter 1 Revenue and Expenditure YTD Summary Report is included as **Attachment A** to this item.

**Action Requested**

Accept Quarter 1 FY2025-26 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report.

**Annual Budget**  
**Q1FY25-26 Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report**

Report Period: July 1, 2025- September 30, 2025

Descriptions	Budget	Proposed Revisions	Revised Budget	Actual Through 9/30/25	Total Projected	Favorable (unfav.) Variance	% Variance
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>							
<b>A. Revenues</b>							
Prop 10- State Tobacco Tax Allocation	966,567		966,567	75,322	966,567	-	0%
Prop 10- First 5 California	252,351	-	252,351	83,186	335,537	83,186	33% <sup>1</sup>
Non-Proposition 10	3,906,150	(134,482)	3,771,668	64,460	3,772,976	1,308	0% <sup>2</sup>
Interest	20,000		20,000	31,078	60,000	40,000	200% <sup>3</sup>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>5,145,068</b>	<b>(134,482)</b>	<b>5,010,586</b>	<b>254,045</b>	<b>5,135,080</b>	<b>124,494</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
<b>B. Personnel</b>							
Salaries (Regular, Grant-Funded, and EH)	874,163	15,015	889,178	197,994	889,178	-	0%
Benefits	621,545	7,188	628,733	131,930	628,733	-	0%
Unemployment Insurance	429		429	-	429	-	0%
General Liability	17,762		17,762	-	17,762	-	0%
Workers Comp Insurance	15,769		15,769	-	15,769	-	0%
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>1,529,668</b>	<b>22,203</b>	<b>1,551,872</b>	<b>329,924</b>	<b>1,551,872</b>	-	<b>0% <sup>4</sup></b>
<b>C. Program Funding</b>							
Help Me Grow	1,047,591	(188,831)	858,759	248,395	858,759	-	0% <sup>5</sup>
Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience	2,237,520	(5,601)	2,231,919	428,759	2,231,919	-	0% <sup>6</sup>
CalWORKS Home Visiting Program	420,605	-	420,605	86,462	420,605	-	0%
IMPACT Legacy	201,979	-	201,979	34,151	201,979	-	0%
Attachment & Biobehavioral Catch-Up	157,500	-	157,500	34,091	157,500	-	0%
Yolo Crisis Nursery Mobile Client Navigator	40,000		40,000	9,327	40,000	-	0%
Event Sponsorships	5,000		5,000	-	5,000	-	0%
Partner Reporting Platform- Clear Impact	11,220		11,220	1,870	11,220	-	0%
<b>Total Program Funding</b>	<b>4,121,415</b>	<b>(194,432)</b>	<b>3,926,982</b>	<b>843,056</b>	<b>3,926,982</b>	-	<b>0%</b>
<b>D. Operating Expenses</b>							
<b>E. Professional Services</b>	<b>121,469</b>	-	<b>121,469</b>	<b>24,576</b>	<b>121,168</b>	<b>(301)</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>F. Contingency Funds (2% Proj P10 Alloc)</b>	<b>98,450</b>	-	<b>98,450</b>	<b>17,230</b>	<b>98,630</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>G. Less Indirect Received on Contracts</b>	<b>19,331</b>		<b>19,331</b>		<b>19,331</b>	-	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(179,258)</b>	-	<b>(179,258)</b>	<b>(27,344)</b>	<b>(179,258)</b>	-	<b>0%</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>5,711,076</b>	<b>(172,229)</b>	<b>5,538,847</b>	<b>1,187,442</b>	<b>5,538,726</b>	<b>(121)</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance: July 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$ 2,943,762</b>	<sup>7</sup>					
<b>Projected Ending Fund Balance: June 30, 2026</b>	<b>\$ 2,540,116</b>	<sup>8</sup>					
Unassigned Balance		-					<sup>9</sup>
Sustained Initiative Funding	1,290,116						<sup>10</sup>
Cashflow Reserve	500,000						<sup>11</sup>
Catastrophic Reserve	750,000						<sup>12</sup>

(see notes on next page)

**Q1 FY26 Revenue and Expenditures Summary Notes**

1. At the close of Fiscal Year 2024-25, the Commission had one outstanding receivable that was not received within the period of availability (Q4 payment for IMPACT Legacy) and therefore it is recognized in FY25-26.
2. In November 2025, Yolo County Health and Human Services issued an Option Letter for First 5 Yolo's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) grant which included a 25% reduction in funding for the current Fiscal Year. MHSA funds are used to support the Help Me Grow Program. Additionally, Yolo County extended the Commission's two Cannabis Tax grants, which support Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience allowing for unspent Fiscal Year 2024-25 funds to be carried forwarded and expended in Fiscal Year 2025-26. Proposed budget revisions reflect both actions.
3. During budget development, the Commission utilizes conservative estimates for interest earned on its funds invested in the County Treasury Pool as the funds are subject to market volatility and valuation adjustments at year end. Q1 interest was higher than anticipated and year-end projects have been updated to better reflect anticipated interest across the Fiscal Year.
4. Proposed budget revisions within Personnel reflect increased hours for First 5 Yolo's Extra Help Clinical Supervision position. The increase in hours is fully grant funded.
5. Proposed budget revisions related to Help Me Grow reflect the reduction in First 5 Yolo's MHSA grant from Yolo County HHSA. Core direct service components are maintained through the utilization of Yolo County ARP funds to support Help Me Grow Sustainability.
6. Proposed budget revisions for Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience reflect new direct service contract with Yolo Crisis Nursery for In-Clinic Navigation and the associated transition of those services from Yolo County Children's Alliance.
7. The Commission's projected closing fund balance at June 30, 2026 is \$2,510,116. Projected Fund balance is subject to change throughout the fiscal year based on actual expenditures and revenues received.
- 8-11. The Commission's fund balance is allocated into 4 established reserves, each serving a different purpose. The Catastrophic Reserve is allocated to cover F5Y expenses for a short period of time should Prop 10 funding become significantly delayed or end, and/or a catastrophic event occur that disrupts business operations of F5Y. The Cashflow Reserve is intended to smooth operations by ensuring adequate cash flow and stabilize program funding through each strategic plan despite month-to-month and year-to-year Prop 10 revenue fluctuation and/or delays in other funding sources, particularly those from state grants. The target balance for this account is \$500,000. The Cashflow Reserve also protects First 5 Yolo's funded partners who may not be able to withstand delayed reimbursements. The Sustained Initiative Funding Reserve supports the Commission's intended and committed leveraging activities in F5Y's largest multi-year grant-funded programs (e.g., Welcome Baby: Road to Resilience and Help Me Grow). In Fiscal Year 2025-26 the Commission will begin its planned utilization of this reserve, aligned to its Strategic Plan and its project balance at June 30, 2026 is subject to change through the fiscal year based on actual expenditures and revenues received. The Unassigned Balance reflects any portion of Fund Balance that is currently unallocated to a specific purpose.

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**Agenda Item- Chief Executive Officer Report**

***Background***

The Executive Director updates the Commission on activities and developments.

***Chief Executive Officer Overview***

- Medi-Cal Billing Progress and Staffing
- Presentation at First 5 CA Meeting re: Home Visiting and Medi-Cal
- First 5 Association Legislative Platform

***Additional Information and Attachments***

***Action Requested***

Receive Chief Executive Officer Report.

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**Agenda Item- Commissioners Report**

***Background***

Commissioners have the opportunity to provide updates on activities and events relating to their role as First 5 Yolo Commissioner and/or professional capacity in the County.

***Chief Executive Officer Overview***

***Additional Information and Attachments***

***Action Requested***

Receive Commissioner Reports.