## Community Opportunities Fund

**EXHIBIT A**

**STATEMENT OF WORK**

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**Total Award Amount:** $132,979  
**Award Type:** Capacity Building

## FIRST 5 LA POLICY GOALS

**CHILDREN ARE READY FOR KINDERGARTEN**

- Universal, voluntary family assessments that are linked to family supports, including home visitations.
- Long term sustainability for universal preschool.
- Early identification of children with developmental and/or behavioral concerns using high quality validated screening tools in pediatric, home and community settings.
- Expansion of Early Head Start, Head Start, and State Preschool programs in underserved areas.
- A strong early learning workforce system which has the capacity to recruit, train, retain, and advance the careers of professional, culturally competent staff reflective of the communities they serve.
- Wage incentives tied to higher quality standards for child care.

**CHILDREN ARE SAFE FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

- Reduced maternal alcohol and drug use (including nicotine) to increase positive, nurturing environments for young children.
- Family-centered interventions for children who have developmental disabilities or developmental, mental health, learning, or behavioral issues.
- Improved access to high quality child care and preschool for children whose families are in kinship care, foster care, or the probation or parole systems.

**CHILDREN ARE BORN AT A HEALTHY WEIGHT**

- Comprehensive, affordable and continuous health insurance coverage for all young children. Cover all children in families under 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and provide affordable
options for those above 300% of FPL.

☐ Perinatal depression screening as a universal standard of care, and increased treatment options.

☐ Increased supports for breastfeeding, including hospital based “Baby Friendly” programs.

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☐ Increased availability and affordability of healthy food options in low-income or minority neighborhoods.

☐ Improvement of public park facilities, including family programs to promote physical activity and healthy nutrition.

☐ Inclusion of higher levels of physical activity in early childhood education settings.

☐ Medi-Cal benefits for two years postpartum to improve maternal health and subsequent birth outcomes.

STATEMENT OF WORK - YEAR 1
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Agency: Junior Blind of America

Project Title: Family Strengthening Project

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Brief Project Description: (In your description include the services that will be provided, the target population, and the outcomes).

Junior Blind of America’s proposed Family Strengthening Project is designed to enhance our organizational capacity to prevent the abuse and neglect of disabled children ages 0 to 5 in Los Angeles County. We will accomplish our goal through the following three major efforts: (1) Development, through quarterly training sessions, of staff capacity to identify stressors linked to child abuse and neglect, and communicate this knowledge to parents; (2) Development of a system of referrals and linkages to help parents of children with disabilities to access support services that help alleviate stressors and build protective factors, including access to food vouchers, mental health and counseling services, and support groups; and (3) Development of our capacity to provide respite care services to promote parent resilience and thus reduce the likelihood of abuse and neglect via research, planning, licensure and donor prospecting.

Through the Family Strengthening Project, we expect to achieve the following outcomes:

- 100 percent of child development specialists who undergo training will report an increased ability to identify stressors that can lead parents to abuse and neglect children;
- 100 percent of child development specialists who undergo training will report an increased ability to lead parent education workshops to provide parents with information on child development, stressors and protective factors;
- JBA will have developed the capacity to begin offering respite care services;
- JBA will have developed a system of referrals and linkages to a wide range of support services for parents of disabled children; and
- JBA will have established an electronic mailing list to be used by stakeholders between quarterly meetings to identify additional referral and linkage resources.

Use additional sheets as necessary.
PROGRAM, BUDGET AND EVALUATION APPROVALS: The following representatives have reviewed and approved the Statement of Work and Budget Exhibits and any additional pages attached for use in carrying out this Agreement.

Grantee/Agency Representative Signature  

Date 10/27/11

First 5 LA Program Officer Signature  

Date 11/2/11

*LIST THE SELECTED FIRST 5 LA DESIRED OUTCOME(S) WITHIN THE FUNDING PRIORITY (THIS INFORMATION SHOULD CORRESPOND TO YOUR PROPOSAL).