**Goal Statement:** To support the conditions that promote family-centered communities that are safe, secure and nurturing places for families to live, learn, work, and play within, and that maximize and strengthen a family’s ability to be resilient and able to fully support their child’s optimal emotional, cognitive, and physical development.

**Situation**
- Families & Communities: Expanding diverse population with growing needs
- Difficult funding environment (budget cuts)
- Higher expectations by funders and community members

**First 5 LA’s Investment Strategy:**
- Initial funding focused on sector-specific, direct services
- Systems Barriers Facing Families & Communities:
  - Siloed programs
  - Lack of systems level coordination
  - Inadequate service infrastructure

**Systems Response:**
- Balanced Approach: address service delivery infrastructure and informal support networks

**What we Invest**
- Systems Improvement
- Capacity Building

**What we do**
- Community Mobilization
- Community Collaboration
- Leadership Development
- Network Development
- Organizational Development
- Organizational Capacity Building
- Cross Initiative Sustainability Planning
- Countywide Joint Projects and Collaborative planning
- Countywide Convenings
- Revenue Maximization
- Data Infrastructure Building

**Who we invest in**
- Communities and Neighborhoods
- Associations and Organizations

**Outcomes – Impact**
- Increased participation of community members and families in informal and formal neighborhood based groups.
- Increased availability and accessibility of information on community resources for parents and family members.
- Increased number of natural leaders.
- Increased capacity of organizations and neighborhood based groups to partner with one another.

**Overall Outcomes**
- Improved comprehensive and coordinated resources that are affordable, accessible, culturally and linguistically appropriate and high-quality