First 5 LA Policy Agenda

(First 5 LA Strategic Plan Goals)

- Children are born healthy
- Children maintain a healthy weight
- Children are safe from abuse and neglect
- Children are ready for kindergarten

(Source: Strategic Plan Implementation Plan 2009-2015)
Reality Check: 112th Congress

- Ideology trumps accomplishment
- Messaging outweighs governance
- Legislators push bills they know can’t become law

(Examples: Repeal the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act; No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act; Defund Planned Parenthood; Block Money for Constructing School-based Health Centers; Ryan Budget; Repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund)
The result...
Relationships

COOPERATION IS CRITICAL TO MOVE FORWARD
The Act provides the framework for everything Congress is doing not just this year, but for the next 10 years.
The Impact of Sequestration

- **SAFE-** Programs exempt from sequestration include:
  - Medicare
  - Child care entitlement
  - Child nutrition programs
  - CHIP
  - Commodity Supplemental Food Program
  - SNAP
  - TANF
  - Family Support Programs

- **IN DANGER-** Programs NOT exempt from sequestration include:
  - WIC (except special supplemental nutrition program)
  - Head Start/Early Head Start
  - Substance Abuse Block Grant
  - Promoting Safe and Stable Families
  - Child Care & Development Block Grants
  - Community Health Centers