Dear Prospective Applicants:

First 5 LA is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) to eligible organizations committed to improving access to dental care for children ages prenatal to 5.

This funding opportunity aims at establishing a dental care delivery model based on the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Dental Home. Through this model children's oral health care will be delivered in a comprehensive, continuously accessible, coordinated and family-centered way by licensed dentists, reflecting clinical guidelines and best principles for the proper delivery of oral health care to all children, with a concentration on infant/age one patients.

Under this funding opportunity First 5 LA will support the strengthening of the safety net and address the barriers that prevent infants' access to dental care. This opportunity will increase the number of children 0-5 who receive preventive oral health measures, increase providers’ awareness of the importance of preventive dental care services for children 0-5, increase parents’ awareness of the importance of oral health for their children, and help establish systems that promotes oral health education and access to dental care.

In response to this RFP, applicants must complete and submit their proposal and all required documents online to First 5 LA.

Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2011. Mailed, faxed or email submissions will not be accepted. For additional information or further questions, please send an e-mail to: Dr. Conrado Bárzaga, Senior Program Officer, at cbarzaga@first5la.org.

Thank you for your continued commitment to children and families and your support of the vision and mission of First 5 LA.

Sincerely,

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