December 14, 2012

Dear Applicant:

First 5 LA is issuing this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to eligible organizations to serve as the Curriculum Developer/Technical Assistance and Training Provider which will enhance and modify the implementation of the Peer Support Groups for Parents project. First 5 LA intends to accomplish this by developing core competencies, and providing training and technical assistance to five local community based organizations who will in turn convene and facilitate 20 peer support groups each for a Countywide total of 100.

In September 2011, First 5 LA approved a $300,000 allocation for the development of a curriculum and training and technical assistance support for the Peer Support Groups for Parents project. This allocation was approved to support the FY 2009-2015 Strategic Plan goal areas of Children Maintain a Healthy Weight and Children Are Safe from Abuse and Neglect.

The Peer Support Groups for Parents project seeks to support the development of countywide opportunities that foster social connections, reduce isolation, and encourage the sharing of knowledge and skills among parents within each local community. The ultimate goal of the project is to decrease social isolation and post-partum depression and increase social cohesion and connections for parents.

In response to this RFQ for the Curriculum Developer/Technical Assistance and Training Provider, applicants must complete and submit a proposal online and mail all required documents to First 5 LA. Proposals must be received on January 28, 2013 by 5:00 p.m. PST. For additional information or further questions, please email Nancy Watson, Program Officer, at nwatson@first5la.org.

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

Sincerely,

Kim Belshé
Executive Director

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