Dear Applicant:

First 5 LA is issuing this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to eligible individuals or organizations committed to improving developmental screening and referral to services children from prenatal stage through age 5 in underserved communities. In September 2011, First 5 LA approved a $900,000 allocation to focus on the early identification of Autism and Other Developmental Delays to increase the number of children that are screened, receive referrals to early intervention services, and are integrated into Los Angeles County’s various systems of care. In May 2013, First 5 LA approved an additional $1.6 million, bringing the total allocation to $2.5 million.

First 5 LA’s Early Identification to and Referrals to Early Identification Services for Autism and Other Developmental Delays funding opportunity will support: 1) developing and implementing six pilot projects with culturally and linguistically competent community-based providers to address systemic barriers and reduce racial/ethnic disparities in developmental screening and access to early intervention services faced by underserved children; and 2) raising the competencies of the six community based providers capacities to conduct developmental screenings, identify developmental delays, and refer identified children and families to appropriate early intervention services.

Through this RFQ, First 5 LA will select a Training and Technical Assistance provider who will support the selected community-based providers by developing guidelines for screening tools adherence and providing training and technical assistance to the six selected pilot organizations. In response to this RFP, applicants must complete and submit a proposal online and all required documents to First 5 LA. Mailed, faxed or emailed submissions will not be accepted.

Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. on September 16, 2013. For additional information or further questions, please email Bill Gould, Program Officer, at bgould@first5la.org.

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

Sincerely,

Kim Belshé
Executive Director

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