



**Small Population County Funding Augmentation (SPCFA)
Program Innovation and Evaluation Division
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**Kids need extra support
to prevent toxic stress.**

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- The California Children and Families Act (the Act; Prop 10) establishes the California Children and Families Trust Fund and authorizes expenditures from the Fund to ensure that children are ready to enter school.
- First 5 California's Small Population County Funding Augmentation (SPCFA) program **provides funding to augment annual tax revenues to local First 5 Commissions in counties with small populations and low birth rates.**
- The goal of the **SPCFA is to support the success of small counties** in their work and to ensure Proposition 10 is truly a statewide effort that impacts the lives of young children throughout California.
- SPCFA funding makes it possible for Proposition 10 to be a statewide effort that promotes, supports, and improves the early development of children ages 0 through 5.





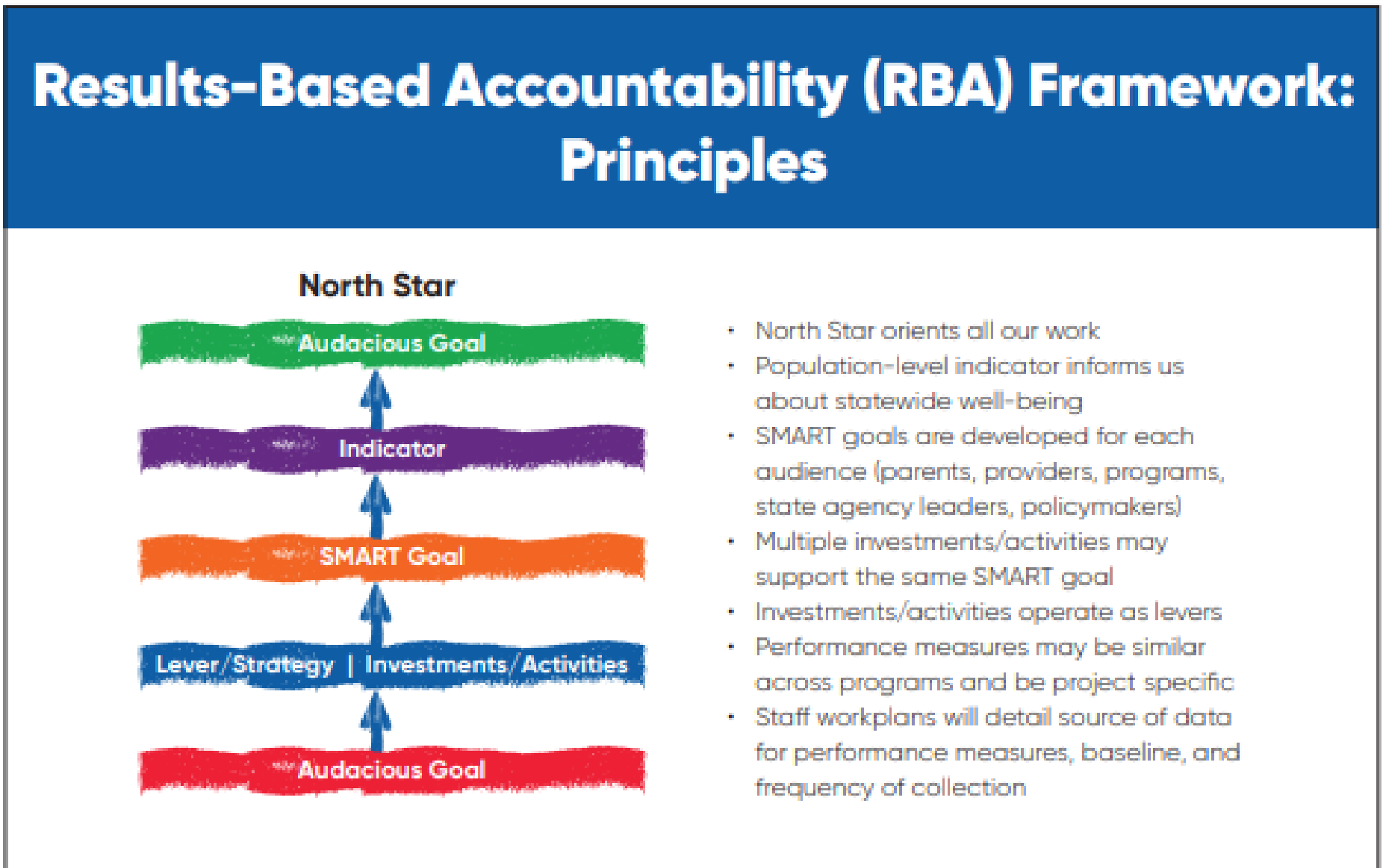
First 5 CA Theory of Change

Theory of change describes the levers, actions, and outcomes of F5CA's work:

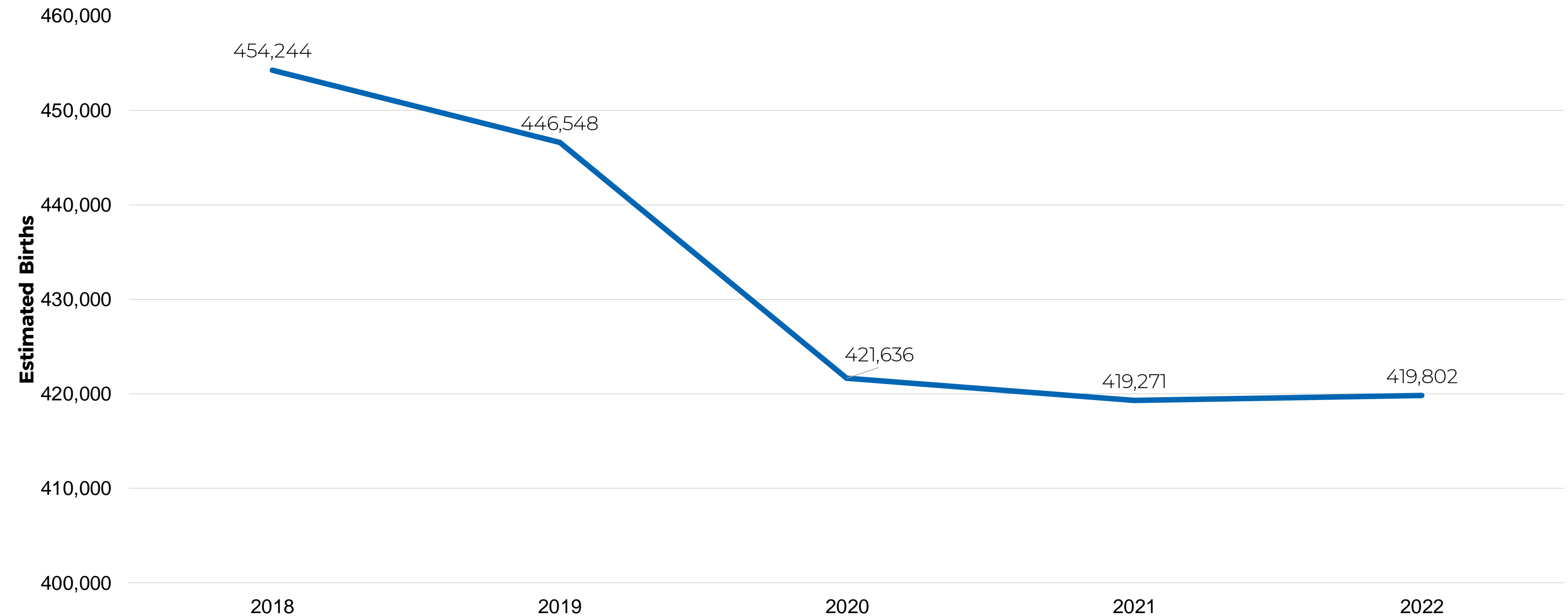


F5CA System Levers:

- **Advocate:** Advocate to federal and state policy makers
- **Convener/Connector:** Bring together state agencies that support young children and their families
- **Catalyst:** Provide funding for research and evaluation, innovative practices, and collaboration between different systems
- **Broadcaster:** Communicate to the general public utilizing television, radio, newspapers, and other mass media



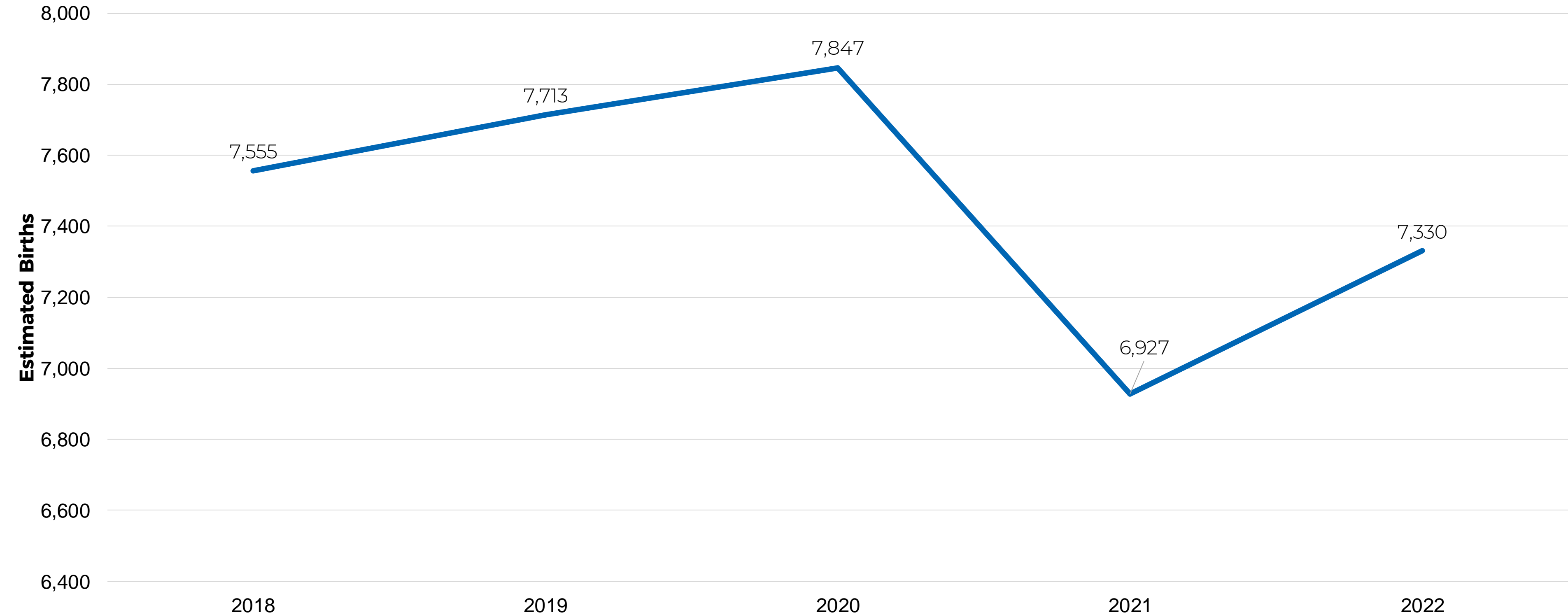
An Estimated 419,802 Babies Were Born in California in 2022



Source: California Department of Finance. Demographic Research Unit. P-Births: Historical and Projected Fertility Rates and Births, Calendar Year 1990-2040 (Baseline 2019 Population Projections; Vintage 2023 Release). Sacramento: California. July 2023.



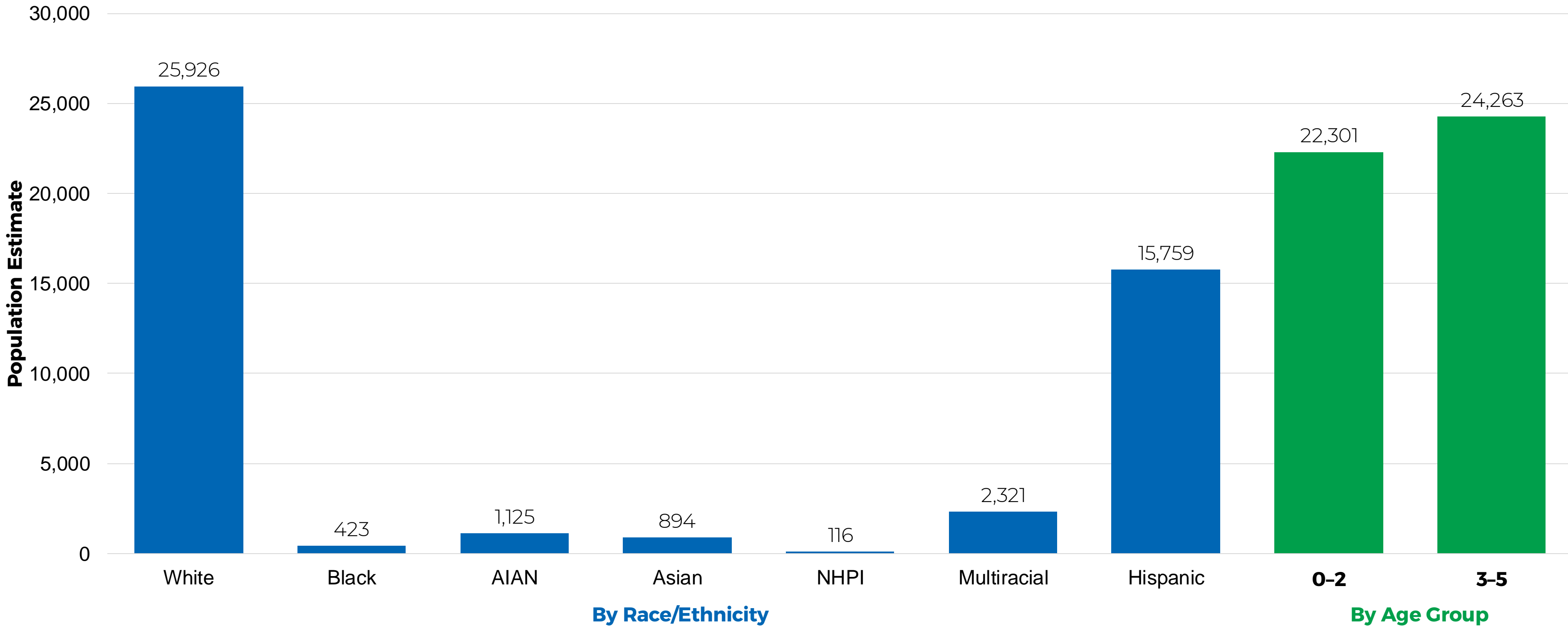
An Estimated 7,330 Babies Were Born in SPCFA Counties in 2022



Source: California Department of Finance. Demographic Research Unit. P-Births: Historical and Projected Fertility Rates and Births, Calendar Year 1990-2040 (Baseline 2019 Population Projections; Vintage 2023 Release). Sacramento: California. July 2023.



An Estimated 46,564 Children aged 0–5 live in SPCFA Counties



Source: Population Projections: State of California, Department of Finance. Demographic Research Unit. State And County Population Projections 2020-2060 [P-3: Complete State and County Projections Dataset]. Sacramento, California. July 2023.





SPCFA: Past and Current Funding Background

- **Past:** Since 1999-2000, the F5CA Commission approved augmented **funding of up to \$200,000** (*average amount*).
- **Current:** At January 2021 meeting, the F5CA Commission approved an investment of up to **\$20 million over 4.25 years**, beginning **April 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025**.
 - Request for Application (RFA) offered eligible counties up to 3.25 years of funding (**April 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024**), *with the option 1-year extension based on performance during the grant period.*

- **Budget Breakdown:**

Total to Counties	\$18,775,190
Total for T/A	\$ 1,224,810
Total Request	\$20,000,000



SPCFA: Current Funding

County	4.25 Year Total
Alpine	\$ 1,154,210
Amador	\$ 889,014
Calaveras	\$ 764,191
Colusa	\$ 1,005,335
Del Norte	\$ 1,032,638
Glenn	\$ 910,271
Inyo	\$ 1,065,005
Lake	\$ 685,851
Lassen	\$ 906,207
Mariposa	\$ 980,347
Mendocino	\$ 478,567
Modoc	\$ 1,031,255
Mono	\$ 1,105,552
Nevada	\$ 601,014
Plumas	\$ 1,037,580
San Benito	\$ 785,045
Sierra	\$ 1,081,007
Siskiyou	\$ 914,527
Tehama	\$ 575,982
Trinity	\$ 984,360
Tuolumne	\$ 787,233
Total to Counties	\$18,775,190
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Key Takeaways:

1. 1-year Amendment – Start January 2024
2. As of today, 16 out of 21 have submitted APRs
3. RFA sets parameters and deliverables for releases of public funds
4. 1-year Reporting will be leaner and aligned with AR
5. Follow DGS grant guidelines
6. Follow SCO guidelines



SPCFA: Current Funding and Admin Process

County	Status
Alpine	Executed
Amador	Executed
Calaveras	GAN* with County for Signature (new ED, county requested time to respond)
Colusa	Executed
Del Norte	CARL** in CRTS***
Glenn	CARL in CRTS
Inyo*	BCR in development
Lake	CARL in CRTS
Lassen	Executed
Mariposa	Executed

County	Status
Mendocino	Executed
Modoc	Executed
Mono	Executed
Nevada	GAN ready for Execution
Plumas	Executed
San Benito	Executed
Sierra	Executed
Siskiyou*	CARL in CRTS
Tehama	Executed
Trinity	CARL is in CRTS
Tuolumne	Executed

Key Takeaways:

1. Invoicing and Reconciliation
2. Budget Change Requests
3. Execution
4. 1-year Amendment

Levels of Completions:

- Step 1: BCRs
- Step 2: GANs*
- Step 3: CARLs**
- Step 4: Execution

*Grant Award Notice (GAN): Form and process utilized by First 5CA/State of California to formalize a grant as a result of any procurement such as, Request for Application (RFA). At a minimum, the GAN is accompanied by the following:

- Awardee
- Grant amount
- Start and End date of the grant period
- Funding information
- Fiscal details
- Synthesizes the RFA's Terms, Conditions, and Assurances
- The GAN must be signed by both parties and is effective only after F5CA signs the form.

**Contract and Requisition List (CARL): Form and process utilized to fulfill F5CA/State of California policy and process requirements and to build the agreement documentation. At a minimum, the CARL is accompanied by the following:

- Grant application or Bid Documents and associated forms such as a Budget Narrative
- Scope of Work
- Budget
- Commission Agenda Item
- Commission Minutes
- Payee Data Records, Std. 204/Std. 205 or FI\$Cal Government Form

***CRTS is Content Review and Tracking System: F5CA's Approval system

- **Leverage Braided Funding Efforts and Partnerships:**
 - Local, County, State and Federal
 - Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA): *federal reimbursement for the cost of performing administrative activities that directly support efforts to identify and enroll potential eligible individuals into Medi-Cal*
 - CalFresh
 - United Way
 - Diverse Types of Fundraising
- **Partnerships/Funding:**
 - YMCA, School Districts, Adoptive Parent Support Program, MHSA, child welfare, and schools, and rental support



With a systematic, coordinated and equitable approach, First 5 small counties continue to evolve as a leader and champion for the children and families of their counties



SPCFA: Highlights

- **Calaveras** began a focus on IECMH, continues to be a resource for basic needs in their rural community, and received over \$272k in grant funds last FY. New Efforts: ***Metta Services*** and ***Social-Emotional Coaching Services***. Partnership with Calaveras Community Foundation to implement **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**.
- **Colusa** began a program called ***Bumps and Beyond*** to support peri/post-natal parents and brought in over \$113k in other public funds last FY. Largest engagement is through **nutrition and food access programs**.
- **Del Norte** developed a culturally appropriate texting program (parent support) **Ready4K** to promote school readiness and received over \$163k in grants.
- **Mono** continues to invest in two key programs: **Welcome Baby and Health Families (HV)** and **Childcare Quality Systems** to service licensed providers and received over \$479k in grants. F5 Mono staff has built trust in community, to engage high proportion of clients with Latino Heritage.
- **Mendocino** has **adopted an equity statement** to guide communication and protect families, children, and communities against racism, oppression, and inequality, which has built relationships with indigenous and BIPOC populations, and has received over \$736k in grants. Professional Development to fully address Adverse Childhood Experiences.
- **Plumas** is beginning work on **Fatherhood Engagement**, recently launched a **Help Me Grow** program, and earned over \$18k from MAA. Support the launched of county 211 system.
- **San Benito** helms a local multisector collaborative of over 20 agencies/participants and received over \$596k in grants. Closing digital divide (distribution Chromebooks) and weekly food and essential supplies.



Photos Courtesy of F5 Amador

- **First 5 Amador** contributes its success to cross referrals: **Welcome Baby** (local HV Model) and **F5CA Kit for New Parents, Playgroups, Messy Mornings**, and **partnerships** with the **county library** and **WIC**.
- **Messy Mornings** (conducted in *First 5 Amador's Outdoor Learning Lab*) was launched the end of fiscal year 21-22 with the goal of providing a child-led experience that encouraged children to explore, play, and learn.
 - Has the highest participation rate of all First 5 events with 30–45 children and their caregivers in attendance each week
 - Community Support: mothers, fathers, grandparents and family, friends, and neighbor caregivers
- **Amador's Quality for Kids** provided an opportunity for childcare providers, preschool teachers and family, friend, and neighbor caregivers to participate in educational opportunities that enhance the care they provide to children 0–5.
 - The 30 Quality for Kids participants **received financial incentives** as well as **early education materials** that address **their individual quality improvement plans**.



SPCFA: Funding Assessment

Topic	2017–2021	Current 2021–2025	Proposed 2025/26
Eligibility	Counties not exceeding 1,000 births using average annual births between 2012–2014.	Counties not exceeding 1,000 births using average annual births between 2017–2019.	Counties not exceeding 1,000 births using average annual births between 2019–2021/22
Number of Eligible Counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counties receive the difference between baseline amount and actual Proposition 10, Proposition 56, and Surplus Money Investment Fund (SMIF) revenues. • Baseline amount was set using 2011 births, starting at \$275,000 for counties with 50 births or less and increasing by \$25,000 for every 50 additional births up to 1,000 (maximum baseline is \$750,000). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counties receive an annual “critical contribution” equaling the average actual SPCFA funding between 2017–2019. • Mendocino’s (new to SPCFA) annual contribution is calculated based on what they would have received had participated in 2017 – 2019 at the \$750,000 baseline level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counties receive a baseline amount per year*
Delivery of SPCFA funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding was released in two waves: (1) 75%; (2) 25% with some funding criteria • Funding was based on certification of complied Local Area Agreement (LAA). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly reimbursement for actual expenditures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly reimbursement budget expense allocations

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Oversight and Support Update:

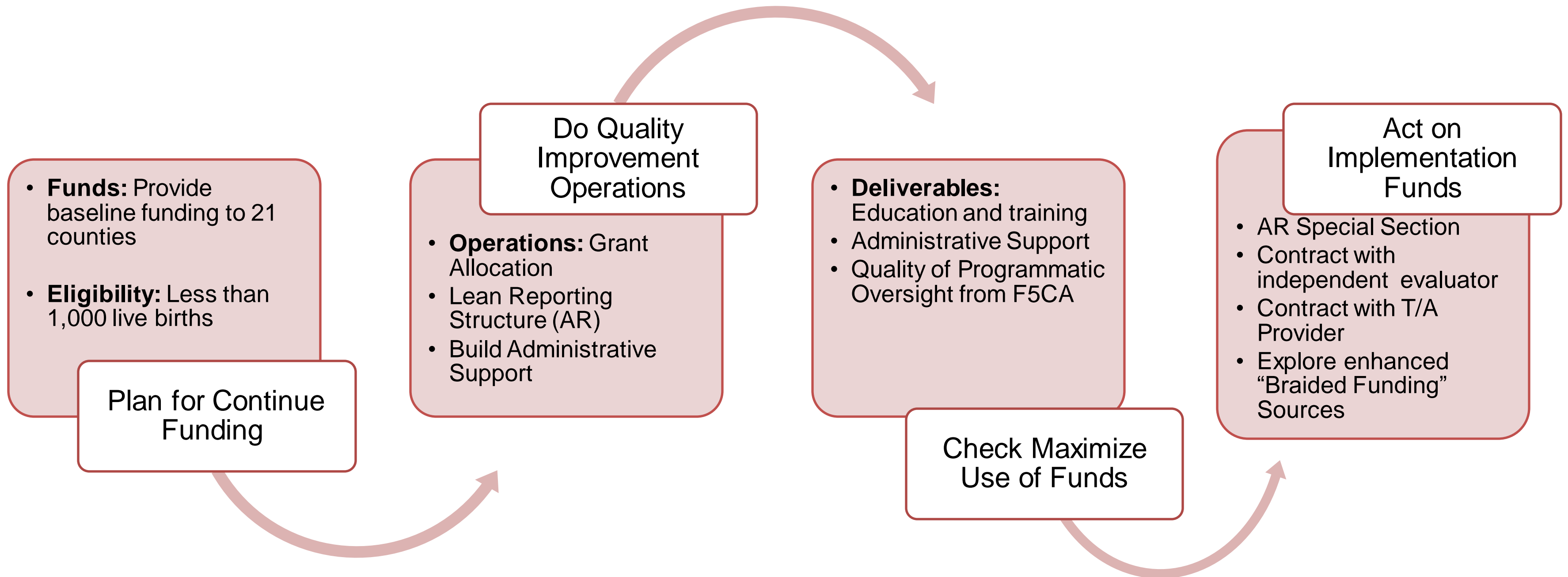
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Programmatic and Operational Updates

- Reconciliation and Budget Change Requests (BCRs)
- 1-year Amendment (Begin January 2024)
- Deliverables: APRs

Challenges

- Programmatic Oversight, Operations, Staff Support, Communication
- Technical Assistance Contract



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SPCFA: Key Takeaways

- F5CA will continue to partner with small counties to provide quality support and technical assistance to maximize funding opportunities, to provide operational and education support to serve children and families, and to meet our North Star and Audacious Goal.
- F5CA will continue to be committed to funding small counties, based on revenue availability.
- F5CA will continue to conduct quality improvement on all operations, oversights, and partnerships.

Questions?

- Thank You!