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# Annual Summit

**JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

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## MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023



9:00 - 1:00 pm <i>Closed Session</i>	<b>First 5 Association of California and California Children &amp; Families Foundation Board Meetings</b> <i>(Board Members Only)</i>	Coronado Room
1:30 - 2:45 pm <i>General Session</i>	<b>Regional Meetings</b> Facilitated by Regional Leads, this is an opportunity for First 5 teams to connect in person and host a regional meeting with members.	Point Loma 2
3:00 - 4:30 pm <i>General Session</i>	<b>Connect &amp; Reflect Salon</b> A session to network with colleagues from across the First 5 Network on a variety of topics. We'll provide the prompts, you provide the expertise.	Point Loma 2
3:30 - 4:30 pm <i>Small Pop Counties</i>	<b>Small Population County Gathering</b> Conversation with Small Population Counties, Jackie Wong from First 5 California ( <a href="#">bio</a> ), and the First 5 Association. Agenda to be sent separately.	Coronado Room
5:00 - 6:00 pm <i>General Session</i>	<b>Kickoff Reception and Reconnecting</b> Welcome and Native Land Acknowledgement. Spoken word performance by Sherehe Hollins ( <a href="#">bio</a> ).	Cabo Courtyard

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023

8:00 - 9:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	Point Loma 3
9:00 - 9:20 am <i>General Session</i>	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, County of San Diego, District 4 ( <a href="#">bio</a> ); Kitty Lopez, Board President, First 5 Association ( <a href="#">bio</a> ); Giannina Perez, Chairperson, California Children and Families Commission / First 5 California ( <a href="#">bio</a> ); and Avo Makdessian, Executive Director, First 5 Association ( <a href="#">bio</a> ).	Point Loma 2
9:20 - 10:30 am <i>Keynote Session</i>	<b>Building Place, Partnerships, and Power for the Early Childhood Field</b> Dr. Manuel Pastor, Professor of Sociology and American Studies & Ethnicity at the University of Southern California ( <a href="#">bio</a> ), leads a Keynote general session on how place-based initiatives, like First 5s, can harness their collective strength and	Point Loma 2

	partnerships to become a powerful voice on behalf of children and families.	
10:45 - 11:55 am <i>Breakout</i>	<p><b>First 5 Efforts to Engage Families and Share Power: A Review of Current Practices</b></p> <p>Join us for a conversation on First 5s' family and community engagement efforts and frameworks, and the ways in which these efforts advance equity. The session will include Q&amp;A with a panel of First 5s who will share lessons learned from implementing innovative and inclusive practices with local families. Join Kit Strong, Sr. Policy Research Associate, First 5 Center for Children's Policy (<a href="#">bio</a>) and panelists Nina Alcaraz, Director of Policy, Advocacy, and Communications, First 5 Monterey (<a href="#">bio</a>); Mike Anderson, Director of Early Learning and Engagement, First 5 Orange (<a href="#">bio</a>), and; Erica Summers, Executive Director, First 5 Yuba (<a href="#">bio</a>).</p>	Point Loma 1
10:45 - 11:55 am <i>Breakout</i>	<p><b>New Directions in Early Start: Policy Changes, Data, and Opportunities for Help Me Grow</b></p> <p>Review recently released research from the California Budget and Policy Center on California's early intervention system landscape, data, and financing. Will include a discussion on the new changes to the Early Start program and ways First 5s/Help Me Grow are partnering with their communities to improve service delivery for children under three years old. Join Avo Makdessian, Executive Director First 5 Association (<a href="#">bio</a>) and Alexandra Parma, Sr. Policy Research Associate, First 5 Center for Children's Policy (<a href="#">bio</a>) with panelists Hannah Norman, Early Childhood Initiatives Director, First 5 Fresno (<a href="#">bio</a>); Ann Isbell, Health Systems Program Officer, First 5 LA (<a href="#">bio</a>), and; Emily Roberts, Strategic Initiatives Project Manager, First 5 San Mateo (<a href="#">bio</a>).</p>	Point Loma 2
10:45 - 11:55 am <i>Breakout</i>	<p><b>First 5s as Agents of Systems Change: What Does it Mean and How are We Applying it?</b></p> <p>In this session, First 5s will explore systems change efforts and frameworks: What systems change work does your First 5 do? How can we talk about how our systems change work as a network? Using a shared framework, we will walk through an example of systems change at the local level to</p>	Coronado Room



	deepen our shared understanding of these terms and First 5s' unique role. Panelists: Barbara Masters, MastersPolicyConsulting ( <a href="#">bio</a> ) and Jackie Wong, Executive Director, First 5 California ( <a href="#">bio</a> ).	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	Cabo Courtyard
1:15 – 2:30 pm <i>Breakout</i>	<b>Supporting Native American Children through the First 5 Network</b> In this session, we'll review data and research about Native American children in California and the early childhood systems that support them, including how a number of First 5s partner with tribal communities and organizations to improve outcomes for families. Join Leah Rooney, Researcher ( <a href="#">bio</a> ) and panelists Nicole Hinton, Executive Director, First 5 Modoc County ( <a href="#">bio</a> ) and; Ashley Villagomes, Road to Resilience Project Manager, First 5 Humboldt County ( <a href="#">bio</a> ).	Point Loma 1
1:15 – 2:30 pm <i>Breakout</i>	<b>Policy &amp; Budget 101: Exploring the 2023 Budget Landscape</b> Join our new Director of Government Affairs, Courtney Armstrong ( <a href="#">bio</a> ), and the First 5 Association's lobbyists Kathy Mossburg ( <a href="#">bio</a> ) and Darby Kernan ( <a href="#">bio</a> ), from Mosaic Solutions and Advocacy, to walk us through the priorities, opportunities, and challenges in the upcoming budget season.	Point Loma 2
1:15 – 2:30 pm <i>Breakout</i>	<b>Telling the First 5 Story: A Roadmap to Strategy and Implementation</b> Join First 5 Association's Communications team, Director of Communications Melanie Flood ( <a href="#">bio</a> ) and Communications Associate Caitlyn Schaap ( <a href="#">bio</a> ), for an interactive session demonstrating how the Association is developing its communications strategy and how a similar process can be implemented at the county level.	Coronado Room
2:45 – 4:00 pm <i>Breakout</i>	<b>Expanding Access and Investments in Early Childhood through Medi-Cal</b> In this session, we will discuss the current state of Medi-Cal services for young children, including newly-available data on child health outcomes. We will also explore the Community Health Worker and dyadic care benefits and how they offer new and important opportunities to serve families. In	Point Loma 1







	<p>addition, we'll discuss potential pathways to fund home visiting services with Medi-Cal, based on research done by Medi-Cal experts for the First 5 Network. Join Alexandra Parma, Sr. Policy Research Associate, First 5 Center for Children's Policy (<a href="#">bio</a>) and Sarah Crow, Managing Director, First 5 Center for Children's Policy (<a href="#">bio</a>).</p>	
<p>2:45 - 4:00 pm</p> <p><i>Breakout</i></p>	<p><b>Centering REDI in Procurements and Grantmaking: From Frameworks to Implementation</b></p> <p>In this session we will hear from grantmaking experts within the First 5 Network and place-based philanthropy on principles of REDI that can be incorporated in procurement, contracting, and grantmaking. We will also discuss the different levels of community involvement in participatory frameworks and provide guidance about the resources, time, and intentionality needed to accelerate inclusive grantmaking and decision-making.</p>	<p>Point Loma 2</p>
<p>2:45 - 4:00 pm</p> <p><i>Breakout</i></p>	<p><b>Strategic, Adaptable, and Impactful - How First 5 Strategic Plans are Being Created and Refined</b></p> <p>This session will focus on the experiences of First 5 Contra Costa County and First 5 Los Angeles as they embarked on creating and refining their Strategic Plans. At a time when several First 5 Commissions are contemplating strategic organizational changes that center REDI, focus on sustainability, and/or re-define community impact and the role of First 5, these panelists will share their experiences on the questions they wrestled with, the opportunities presented, and the process and community outcomes that are already being realized. Join Ruth Fernandez, Executive Director, First 5 Contra Costa County (<a href="#">bio</a>) and; Antoinette Andrews-Bush, Chief Transformation Officer, First 5 Los Angeles (<a href="#">bio</a>).</p>	<p>Coronado Room</p>
<p>6:00 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Connect &amp; Celebrate with Dinner on the Beach</b></p> <p>Reception 6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner 7:00 - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>Kona Kai Beach</p>



## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023

8:00 – 9:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	Point Loma 3
9:00 – 10:00 am <i>General Session</i>	<p><b>Sustainability and Lessons of Successful Local Advocacy in California</b></p> <p>Hear inspiring examples and practical efforts that First 5s can undertake to position themselves for political and policy success on behalf of children and families. Special guest Graham Knaus will provide his insights and experience as a former assistant director of health and human services, budget director, policy expert, and current head of the California State Association of Counties representing the state’s 58 counties and 296 elected supervisors. Join Graham Knaus, Executive Director, California State Association of Counties (<a href="#">bio</a>) in conversation with Avo Makdessian, Executive Director, First 5 Association (<a href="#">bio</a>).</p>	Point Loma 2
10:15 – 11:45 am <i>General Session</i>	<p><b>Solution Salon: REDI, Set, Go!</b></p> <p>Join us for an interactive, peer to peer learning session centered on REDI topics.</p>	Cabo Courtyard
12:00 – 12:45 pm	<b>Closing Remarks and Grab &amp; Go Lunch</b>	Cabo Courtyard
1:00 – 2:30 pm	<b>Leadership Network Gathering</b>	Coronado Room

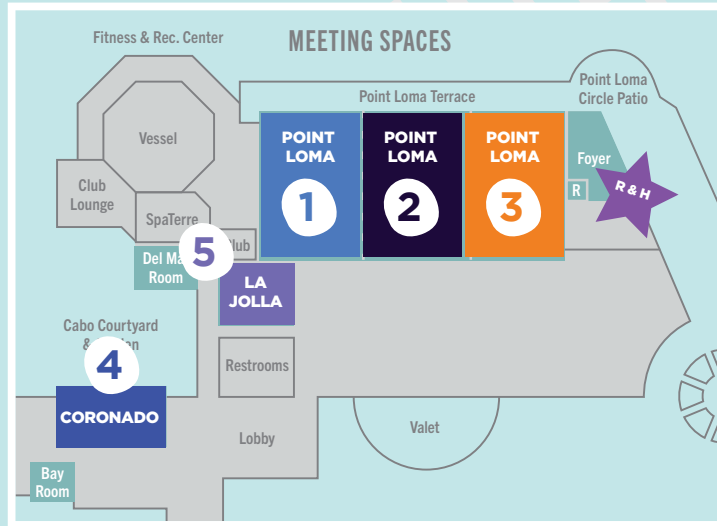


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- Registration & Help Desk**
- 1** **Point Loma 1 - Breakout Room #1**
- 2** **Point Loma 2 - General Session & Breakout Room #2**
- 3** **Point Loma 3 - Dining Room**
- 4** **Coronado - Breakout Room #3**
- 5** **La Jolla - Game Room**
- 6** **Kona Kai Beach - Connect and Celebrate with Dinner on the Beach**
- 7** **Cabo Courtyard - Tues. Lunch & Wed Solutions Salon**