



First 5 Plumas 2013/14 County Highlights

In 2013/14, First 5 Plumas focused its resources on sustaining its ongoing, intensive Home Visitation for pregnant women and children through age 5. The program is modeled after Healthy Families America model of Home Visitation. Desired outcomes include: greater access to health and dental care, improved parenting skills, improved family literacy, father involvement and creating home environments that are supportive of optimal child development.

In 2013/14, four home visiting programs worked towards shared outcomes, gathered information on standardized instruments to measure changes in family functioning and health access and utilized a single integrated database to record clients and services. First 5 Plumas developed Memoranda of Understanding between the agencies operating the Home Visiting Program, and created a common consent form which allowed for sharing information across programs to better serve clients. In its second year of operation, the program served 82 families in ongoing home visitation, conducted 1,244 home visits and met its desired goals for improved health access and family functioning.

Other accomplishments in 2013/14 include:

- Creation of a strong collaborative relationship with the Department of Social Services, Child Welfare Services unit.
- Collaboration with Health Department staff to ensure that children in foster care are assessed with the Ages and Stages Questionnaire and that appropriate follow up takes place.
- Shared training opportunities across programs so that staff from the various agencies had opportunities to share experiences and insights and learn new home visiting skills.