

Newsletter: March 2023



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Spotlight:

Job Posting: Executive Director of First 5 Marin

First 5 Marin is seeking a strategic, forward thinking, and highly collaborative **Executive Director**-- the job has been re-posted. The job description is available [HERE](#).

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply immediately. Please visit [First 5 Marin](#) for more information about the organization.

Join us for the next meeting of the First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission Wednesday, April 19th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at First 5 Marin, 1050 Northgate, Suite 130, in San Rafael. (You may also join the meeting online; for the Zoom link, please email Michelle@First5Marin.org.)

First 5 Things to Read in the News Today!

Take a look at some of the recent articles about important issues related to

children and families:

1. For many parents, it was ‘a saving grace’. Now, California’s childcare subsidy is expiring

Pandemic relief initiatives helped lift many families out of poverty and now those programs have all but disappeared. (Martin, 3/20/23)

2. Child Care Deserts: The Struggle of a Provider to Survive in the Business

Child care and early education programs are a crucial part of children’s well-being and necessary for many families who have to work. (Frias, 3/18/23)

3. Maternal deaths surged during the pandemic. How California is fighting that trend

Deaths of pregnant women surged by 40% during the pandemic, according to new federal data. California has been a leader in reducing maternal mortality. (Evans, 3/19/23)

4. After years of medical progress, American children are now less likely to reach adulthood

During the pandemic, children had greater access to firearms and opioids as a mental health crisis deepened. Researchers say these factors contributed to the 20% increase in pediatric mortality. (Rodriguez, 3/17/23)

5. Some Gerber infant formulas recalled over bacteria concerns

Select units of Gerber infant formula are being recalled over concerns of possible bacteria contamination. (Marrie/Tanner, 3/20/23)



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