The Mariposa County First 5 Commission Invites Your Application For Executive Director

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The Mariposa County First 5 Commission currently funds three preschools and three program grants. The focus of the First 5 School Readiness Program is on the social, emotional and cognitive development of children three through five years-of-age. The Children’s Dental Health Program emphasizes oral health, dental preventive care, dental education and dental treatments as needed. The Transitional Kindergarten Program supports an instructional aide in the classroom. This support allows for more individual time with students and extra help for students who need more one-on-one assistance.
VISION

The Mariposa First 5 Commission has a vision that all children in Mariposa County will thrive in supportive, loving and nurturing environments, enter school healthy and ready to learn and become productive, well-adjusted members of society.

MISSION

To provide for the optimal physical, emotional and intellectual growth of the young children of Mariposa County, the Commission will facilitate, through funding priorities and disbursement of Proposition 10 funds, the creation, implementation or enhancement of integrated and collaborative preventive services and programs.

State First 5 Goals and Result Areas:

Family Functioning

First 5 county commissions fund the following services to help improve family functioning:

- Adult education and literacy for parents
- Kit for New Parents distribution
- Family literacy
- General parenting education programs
- Behavioral, substance abuse and other mental health services
- Community resource and referral services
- Provision of basic family needs (food, clothing and housing)
- Targeted intensive parent support services
- Other family functioning support services

Child Development

First 5 county commissions fund the following services to help improve child development:

- Preschool for three and four-year olds
- State School Readiness programs and local match
- Local school readiness
- Early education programs for children (other than School Readiness and preschool programs)
- Kindergarten transition services
- Comprehensive special needs screening and assessments
- Targeted intensive intervention for children identified with special needs
- Early education provider programs
- Other child development services

Child Health

First 5 county commissions fund the following services to help improve children’s health:

- Breastfeeding assistance
Home visitations for newborns
Safety education and intentional and unintentional injury prevention
Oral health
Prenatal care
Primary care services
Comprehensive special needs screening and assessments
Targeted intensive intervention for children identified with special needs
Specialty medical services
Tobacco cessation education and treatment
Other health services

**Systems of Care**
First 5 county commissions fund the following services to help improve systems of care:
Provider capacity building (training and support)
Community strengthening efforts (awareness and education events)
Service outreach (planning, support and management)

**The Position of Executive Director**
Under the direction of the Mariposa County First 5 Commission and according to policy direction, the Executive Director will have the responsibility of organizing and planning Commission meetings, programs and overseeing the grants and School Readiness Program. The Director will work closely with the Commission and private organization to ensure that the goals and mandates of Proposition 10 and the Commission community strategic plan are fulfilled. Some of the major duties will include: 1) preparing and monitoring budgets, 2) overseeing the School Readiness Program and grants, 3) distributing funds, 4) analyzing outcomes of programs and 5) evaluating employees.

**Qualifications**
The Executive Director of the Mariposa First 5 Commission will have extensive knowledge of the principles, practice and programs related to prevention and early intervention on behalf of young children and their families. The applicant will have demonstrated skill and knowledge in analyzing complex technical and administrative problems, evaluating alternative solutions and adopting effective sources of action, as well as establishing and maintaining sound working relationships with a variety of citizens, public and community organizations, parents and employees.

**Desirable Education and Experience**
Required: AA degree or two years of college. BA and Masters Degree preferred with major coursework in related field and five years of progressively responsible experience working with programs serving children, including two years of experience administering a non-profit program with grant development, writing and budget management responsibilities.

**Salary and Benefits**
Monthly salary up to $3,897.92 per month—maximum of $46,775.04 annually, deferred compensation, $208 monthly, and $450 a month medical benefits.

County Holidays, 15 days of Vacation and 12 days of Sick Leave
Deferred Compensation of $208 monthly employee match and $450 a month towards medical benefits
About Mariposa County

Mariposa County is located on Hwy 140 and is the gateway to Yosemite National Park. It is a mountainous rural area that extends from Yosemite to Catheys Valley. It is a beautiful part of California, and Mariposa Township is a rustic community that attracts tourists year round. The three First 5 preschools are located throughout the County and the funded grants stretch from Mariposa to Bootjack, Darrah and El Portal. The families of Mariposa County often lack resources, e.g., affordable child care, transportation and access to services. By providing preschools and grant opportunities, the children of Mariposa County have received readiness skills for kindergarten and other needed services.

The Selection Process

A Mariposa First 5 Commission application and resume are required for the application process. The application can be obtained by email or by mail and is due no later than March 1, 2019 by 5:00 P.M. Please also submit any writing samples and/or references. If interested, please contact the Fiscal Analyst, Nikki West, at (209) 742-5437 or by e-mail at First5mariposa@yahoo.com for an application and the needed documents in order to complete the application process. No late or incomplete applications will be considered.

Please mail or drop off your completed application in a sealed envelope to:
Attn: Hiring/Interviewing Committee
PO Box 966
Mariposa, CA 95338

Once the application is received, the Hiring/Interviewing Committee will set up an interview date and time. For those meeting minimum qualifications, an evaluation of education, training and experience as described on your application will be performed. Those most qualified will be invited to an interview. As part of the interview process, you will be asked to complete two writing examples: 1) to interpret a budget report and 2) to prepare a brief grant report as part of the required First 5 California annual report.

For question regarding the application or interview process, please contact:

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