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**FIRST 5 GLENN COUNTY ANNOUNCES \$10,000 AVAILABLE IN MINI-GRANTS
TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHILDREN**

Deadline to apply is October 1

(Willows) - First 5 Glenn County recently announced the availability of \$10,000 in mini-grants to help support community-driven programs that serve local children under age 5. This investment will help support nearly 2,500 Glenn County children and their families, giving them the tools needed to succeed in school and beyond.

"First 5 Glenn County is dedicated to connecting our county's children and families with important local resources," said Joy Amaro, executive director of First 5 Glenn County. "Mini-grant funding offers local programs an opportunity to expand services and help more children ages 0 to 5 get the best start in life."

Organizations and individuals interested in applying for mini-grants ranging from \$100 to \$5,000 are encouraged to call Joy Amaro at 934-6884 for more information. Applications must be returned to the First 5 Glenn County Office by Monday, October 1, 2007.

Last year, mini-grants benefited local families through a variety of services such as parent education classes by Glenn Adult Literacy and community trainings by Willows Rural Fire District.

To request an application or for more information and guidelines, please call First 5 Glenn County at 934-6885 or visit 310-C West Wood Street, Willows between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Research shows that a child's brain develops most dramatically in the first five years and what parents and caregivers do during these years to support their child's development will have a meaningful impact throughout life. Based on this research, California voters passed Proposition 10 in 1998, adding a 50 cents-per-pack tax on cigarettes to support programs for expectant parents and children ages 0 to 5. First 5 Glenn County invested approximately \$430,000 in Prop. 10 revenues for programs and services last year.

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