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# First 5 Years

Dramatic advancements in brain science prove the importance of the first five years of life and access to high-quality preschool and child care in supporting a child's future educational and career success.

Please join us for a community dialogue...

# Policy Solutions to the Preschool and Child Care Crisis

October 19, 2015 from 5:30 - 7:30pm

Downtown Public Library, Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara

## Event Agenda

5:30pm

**Opening Comments - High-Quality Preschool and Child Care: The Science and the Challenge**

- BEN ROMO, Executive Director, First 5 Santa Barbara County

5:40pm

**Panel Discussion - Policy Solutions**

- HANNAH-BETH JACKSON, California State Senator
- MOIRA KENNEY, Executive Director, First 5 Association of California
- ERIKA RONCHIETTO, Parent and Owner/Operator, Learning Den
- FRAN FORMAN, Executive Director, Community Action Commission/Head Start Federal Preschool Programs

6:40pm

**Community Dialogue, Discussion, and Q&A**

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Santa Barbara County 0-5 year-olds have either both parents, or the only parent present in the workforce, making preschool and child care a necessity.

20,000

Santa Barbara County 0-5 year-olds need preschool/child care... yet only 11,000 licensed spaces exist.



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**THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

Light refreshments will be served. RSVP is appreciated, but not required.

To RSVP or for more information contact: [esolis@first5sbc.org](mailto:esolis@first5sbc.org) or (805) 884-8085