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DOLLARS AVAILABLE FOR 0-to-5 FAMILY CHILD CARE PROJECTS

Quality Care Funding from First 5 Shasta

REDDING-----Licensed family child care providers in Shasta County have a special opportunity to make their dream projects a reality. To help increase the availability of high quality child care for young children, First 5 Shasta has just launched a new form of funding. “Special Opportunity Funding: Licensed Family Child Care Providers” gives providers a chance to seek funding that will enhance their in-home care services, their level of provider education, and the activities they offer. With over 40 percent of Shasta County’s children under five in some form of child care, consistent, nurturing care in safe family care homes is essential.

Project funding for licensed family child care providers is available in a range from \$500 to \$2,000. Qualified applicants for this one-time project funding must meet the following criteria:

- Provider must be located in Shasta County
- Provider must provide services to Shasta County children ages 0-to-5
- Provider must be licensed by Community Care Licensing

To apply for funding, licensed family child care providers may obtain the Family Child Care Provider “Request for Proposal” in the “Grants” section at www.first5shasta.org. The deadline to apply for funding is October 17, 2008. Applications must be received by First 5 Shasta no later than 4:00 p.m.

First 5 Shasta was established after voters passed Proposition 10 in November 1998, adding a 50 cent-per-pack tax on cigarettes to fund education, health, child care and other programs to promote early childhood development for expectant parents and children up to age five. To date, First 5 Shasta has invested approximately \$12 million in the Shasta County community.

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