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Exploring Opportunities to Expand Services for Children with Developmental Vulnerabilities

According to data from the National Survey of Children's Health, over a quarter of children in California under age five are at moderate or high risk of developmental, behavioral or social delays.[i] However, for children where there is some level of developmental concern but no identified delay, services to address these concerns and improve their developmental trajectory are limited.

From 2015-2016, Cardea worked with First 5 Alameda and Contra Costa counties to explore opportunities to improve and expand services for children with mild to moderate developmental or behavioral concerns (also referred to as developmental vulnerabilities) and their families. Cardea used qualitative and quantitative methods, including a review of peer-reviewed and other literature, survey of service providers, parent focus groups, and key informant interviews. Findings from the [needs assessment](#) informed the development of a new funding opportunity that will expand services in Alameda County for children with developmental vulnerabilities. Through this opportunity, First 5 Alameda will award up to five agencies a total of \$325,000 over two years to reach children and their families who have previously had limited access to quality services that will improve developmental outcomes.

Please visit our website to view the [needs assessment report](#) and other [Cardea resources](#).



[i] National Survey of Children's Health. NSCH 2011/12. Data query from the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative, Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health website. Indicator 2.2. Retrieved March 11, 2016, from www.childhealthdata.org



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