

Santa Barbara County Home Visiting Week: June 9-13, 2025

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
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FROM: First 5 Santa Barbara County
RE: Proclamation Commemorating Home Visiting Week, June 9-13, 2025

First 5 Santa Barbara County, alongside the Central Coast Home Visitation Partners, proudly recognizes June 9–13, 2025 as Santa Barbara County’s inaugural Home Visiting Week—a time to celebrate the dedicated professionals who support families during the earliest and most critical years of a child’s development, and to elevate awareness of Home Visiting as a vital pillar of our family support ecosystem.

Home Visiting programs connect pregnant and parenting families with trained family support professionals who provide personalized guidance, encouragement, and practical tools for navigating early parenthood. Across our county, Home Visiting is delivered at no-cost through evidence-based and evidence-informed models that promote healthy pregnancies, strengthen parenting skills and confidence, support family self-sufficiency, and prepare children for lifelong learning.

Home visiting is more than support—its relationship-based care rooted deeply in trust. Home visitors are allies who meet families where they are, physically and emotionally. With compassion and expertise, they answer difficult questions, offer parenting tips, and simply listen—without judgment. They create a foundation of trust, connection, and empowerment.

With deep knowledge of local resources and services, home visitors act as vital bridges to the broader network of community support. They provide warm hand-offs, meaningful referrals, and ongoing follow-up, ensuring families are not only supported—but never alone.

Home visitors are difference-makers. They are catalysts for change, ambassadors of hope, and empowering guides who walk alongside families every step of the way as they navigate parenting. Their work strengthens families, uplifts children, and builds more connected, resilient communities throughout Santa Barbara County.

This inaugural Santa Barbara County Home Visiting Week celebrates the profound impact of Home Visiting and the extraordinary professionals behind it. We thank them for their tireless commitment to nurturing brighter futures—one visit, one family, and one child at a time.

Respectfully submitted by the First 5 Santa Barbara County Team: Catelynn Kenner, Brianna Dunn, and Alexis Brenner