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## How First 5 Fresno County has Already Responded to the Recession and Budget Cuts

- First 5 Fresno County changed funding priorities to address families affected by unemployment and loss of benefits (food banks, emergency clothing and diapers, housing support, EITC counseling, community resource specialists outreach to mitigate isolation).
- Provided additional funding to pay for health insurance coverage for children 0-5 who have been eliminated from the State's program
- Offered preschool opportunities for children who were denied by state agencies due to cutbacks.
- Funded early intervention and prevention services for at-risk or developmentally delayed children who were eliminated from the Early Start program due to budget problems.
- Funded critical support systems and programs serving children 0-5 and their families eliminated by the State or suffering severe cuts from the County such as the Marjaree Mason Center domestic violence shelter, Community Food bank and Child Welfare Department.