



## **Preschool For All Fact Sheet**

### **Overview**

- Preschool For All (PFA) is a new initiative by First 5 San Francisco. It was created by a local proposition (Prop. H) in March 2004. The goal of PFA is to make high quality preschool available to all 4-year-old children in the city within 5 years.
- This is Year One of the program and it began in September 2005. Four neighborhoods have been initially selected to participate: Mission, (94110), Excelsior/OMI (94112), Bayview (94124), and Visitacion Valley (94134). New neighborhoods will be added annually with the goal of having full citywide participation in five years (2010).
- In Year One all 4-year-old children living in the selected four zip codes will be eligible to receive PFA services at PFA sites. The PFA sites chosen are a mix of Licensed Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Providers. In Year One, priority for enrollment will be given to children from families who are homeless.
- PFA will be offered minimally for 3.5 hours per day for 175 days a year (September-June) or 2.5 hours per day for 245 days for a year-long program. Connections to full day, full-year care for families that need it will be available from the PFA provider.

### **Information for Parents**

- Families who have children who will be 4-years-old by December 2, 2005 and that live in one of the four Year One zip codes will be eligible to enroll their children in PFA sites (Children who are kindergarten age, but not developmentally ready to enter kindergarten, must have a written note explaining the reason the child is not ready for kindergarten. The written note can be from SFUSD, special needs' staff working with the child, PFA program director or FCC owner).
- Enrollment will take place at each site and managed by the provider with support from the PFA Provider and Enrollment Agency (Wu Yee Children's Services).
- While PFA is a part-day program, connections to full-day, full-year options will be available for parents through the PFA provider.
- First 5 will announce Years Two through Five zip codes in Fall 2005.