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## **Foothill Family Awarded California Community Foundation Grant**

**PASADENA, Calif.** – Foothill Family is pleased to announce that it has received a \$175,000 grant from the California Community Foundation’s (CCF) Education Pipeline Portfolio. The grant will support the Early Head Start (EHS) Program, serving low-income children from infancy through age three and their families in the Alhambra, Rosemead, El Monte, South El Monte, and La Puente communities. The funding ensures all 274 child enrollment slots are filled; providing young children access to quality early education that allows them to successfully transition socially, emotionally, cognitively through the education pipeline while providing parents with the necessary tools and resources to support their child’s education. Also, partial funding is earmarked to ensure all EHS program families with identified mental health care needs receive wraparound services and support at the agency’s Asher Family Center in El Monte, CA.

Ongoing research has shown that early childhood development, beginning in infancy, is a period in which profound advances take place in a child’s reasoning, language achievement, and problem solving. Over the last seven years, Foothill Family’s Early Head Start Program has provided thousands of children from infancy through age three, and their families, with comprehensive school readiness and home visitation services consisting of high-quality education, health, mental health, nutrition, family services, and social support. The provision of such high standard services allows the EHS Program to achieve its long-term success markers of: *improved child development, family functioning, health, and, systems of care.*

“Foothill Family is most grateful for our partnership with the California Community Foundation,” said Steve Allen, Foothill Family Chief Executive Officer. “For more than 20 years, CCF has contributed to Foothill Family’s ability to empower caregivers to enrich their children’s lives by providing enhanced early childhood development services. Encompassed in these services is a focus on the well-being of the whole family, positive parent-child relationships, families as lifelong educators and learners, and families as advocates and leaders. The longevity of CCF’s commitment has contributed to a generation of change in our community and has supported Foothill Family for nearly a quarter of our 90 year history.”

### **About Foothill Family**

Foothill Family was founded in 1926 and provides a range of community-based mental health and social services to at-risk populations in Southern California. Its mission, to build brighter futures for children and families, has helped Foothill Family earn a reputation for providing high-quality services aimed at empowering families and strengthening communities. Programs include mental health and school-based services for children, early childhood development programs, family and youth services including child abuse prevention and treatment, domestic violence prevention and treatment, and services for pregnant and parenting teens. Last year, more than 24,000 children and their families benefited from Foothill Family’s life-changing programs. For more information, please call (626) 993-3000 or visit [www.foothillfamily.org](http://www.foothillfamily.org).

### **About California Community Foundation**

The California Community Foundation has served as a public, charitable organization since 1915, empowering donors to pursue their own personal passions and to collaborate with us in addressing the root causes of challenges in Los Angeles County. CCF stewards \$1.5 billion in assets and manages 1,600 charitable foundations, funds and legacies. For more information, please visit [www.calfund.org](http://www.calfund.org)