



**PUBLIC NOTICE – POSTING DATE: 5/14/09
Intent to Award Contracts under RFP No. 09-024**

APPLICANT	PROPOSED PROJECT	FUNDING REQUEST
Madera County Office of Education	<p>Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Education Standards (CARES) CARES has provided support for the early childhood professionals within Madera County since 2001. Currently, CARES offers economic incentives, support for pursuing increasingly coherent paths to educational and professional development, and addressing identified barriers to students' success as strategies to raise education standards of professionals in Madera County. One hundred fifty-three (153) participants have earned stipends while a total of 225 have received support services. Twenty (20) CARES participants have completed an associate's degree while one has received a bachelor's degree. Currently, three participants are on schedule to obtain a bachelor's degree and four are preparing to enter a bachelor's program. Ninety-nine (99) participants obtained a first time Child Development Permit, and 14 advanced to a higher level on the Permit Matrix. As of 2007, the program began including Track IV (bachelor's track). Previously, only Tracks 1-3 and 5 had been included. Thus, a lower number of BA's have been reached as compared to other tracks.</p>	\$91,044.00
Madera County Public Health Department	<p>First Parents Program The FPP's Mission is to provide home visitation, case management and effective parent-professional relationships to assist parents in acquiring the knowledge, skills, tools, and access to resources so that they competently and joyfully raise happy, healthy children. It is a voluntary, strength based case management program providing home visitation for parents who are parenting for the first time.</p>	\$181,364.05
2 TOTAL APPLICANTS	TOTAL	\$272,408.05

Appeals shall be filed within five (5) working days of Notice postings. Appeals shall be limited to the grounds that First 5 Madera County failed to correctly apply standards for reviewing the format requirements or evaluating the applications as specified in the RFP. The written appeal must be full and complete to include the issue(s) in dispute and the remedy sought.