

Addendum to RFA #2020-01
Parent Café Implementation
Applicants' Questions & Answers

- Q1. Since the cost of a Café has been determined and set, I assume we do not need to itemize out in a budget how the requested grant will be spent? Other than that it will enable us to provide X amount of Cafés?**
- A1. You are not required to provide an itemized budget. For implementation of the first Parent Café a grantee will receive \$800, then \$500 for additional Cafés completed.
- Q2. I'd love some more info on the Parent Café style before I apply as I'm not so familiar with it.**
- A2. Please refer to the Request for Applications (RFA) or <http://www.bestrongfamilies.org> for more information or watch the video [here](#)
- Q3. If we have staff that is already trained, do they need to attend the cohort?**
- A3. No.
- Q4. Will anything other than the final report be required in exchange for the funding?**
- A4. Cafes must be completed by June 30 and the final report submitted by July 30, 2020 for funding.
- Q5. If I cannot attend one of the two days of a training session can I attend one day of the second session?**
- A5. No.
- Q6. What is minimum and maximum number of Cafés one can conduct between April and July?**
- A6. You may conduct as many Cafes as you would like, however, funding is available for a minimum of 1 Café and a maximum of 14 Cafes.
- Q7. What is the minimum number of participants for a Parent Café?**
- A7. There is no minimum number required in the RFA. A successful Parent Café should have between 9-25 participants.
- Q8. Is the training a training of trainers and do parents need to be trained as well?**

- A8. This is not a training of trainers. Parents may participate as table leaders without being trained, however, they are encouraged to attend the upcoming training offered if they will be responsible for facilitating Parent Cafés.
- Q9. Do parents need to have training on the 5 Protective Factors to participate or to facilitate?**
- A9. No.
- Q10. We are a large organization. Will you limit us when I send names for the training?**
- A10. The maximum number of participants that can register for the training on Eventbrite is 6 people. However, if there are open slots available as the training dates get closer, we will accommodate additional registrants from the same agency. Please contact Kwiana Algere at 707-784-1338 to confirm availability.
- Q11. Is the two-day training a prerequisite for holding a parent café?**
- A11. Training is required to hold a Parent Café unless you already have individuals already trained in the Parent Café model.
- Q12. What if you attend the cohort but are not awarded funding?**
- A12. Participants that have completed the training can still implement the Parent Café model even if funding is not awarded.
- Q13. Is the First 5 Center available for us to host Parent Cafes?**
- A13. The services at the First 5 Center are provided by Bay Area Community Resources. Andrea Azurdia, the Center Director, aazurdia@bacr.org may be contacted to ask about availability of the First 5 Center.
- Q14. Are there requirements for the venue used to host Parent Cafes?**
- A14. The venue needs to be spacious enough for the number of guests anticipated with 5 chairs per table.
- Q15. Are cafes offered to parents of children of all ages or certain age groups?**
- A15. The model and funding allows for Cafes to serve parents with children from birth to 18 years old. Agencies can decide if they would like to target age groups, such as parents of toddlers/parents of teens.
- Q16. Can agencies funded by this RFA provide information about other County services and resources available to families?**
- A16. Yes, agencies are encouraged to share information about other resources available to families.

Q17. What is meant by “Community Engagement Materials” in First 5 Solano responsibility #3 on the RFA?

A17. First 5 Solano has community engagement materials, such as pens, teething rings, band-aid holders, etc for grantees to use for outreach events and incentives for attendees. Please refer to the First 5 Solano website for availability of specific items.

Q18. What are best practices or concerns when Parent Cafés trigger traumatic feelings or memories for parents attending?

A18. This will be addressed during the training.