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First 5 Napa County Announces Appointment of New Executive Director

Napa, CA — First 5 Napa County, an organization designed to support children and families in the first five years of a child's life, is excited to announce the appointment of Ashley Walker as its new Executive Director, effective July 29, 2024.



Ashley Walker brings a wealth of experience and a strong track record of success working in programs that advocate for equitable opportunities for all children and their families. Ashley holds a Master of Science in Education from Johns Hopkins University and started her career off as a middle school teacher. Additionally, Ashley has over a decade of experience in education-based non-profits, and extensive experience in program and team management. As a local mom to three children, who are six, four, and two years old, Ashley embodies many of the First 5 values and is well-equipped to lead the organization into its next chapter.

Ashley Walker previously served as the Senior Managing Director of Regional Partnerships & Impact for Teach For America, Bay Area. During her tenure at Teach For America, Ashley oversaw partnerships across the Bay Area, supporting hundreds of new teachers across 61 different school sites throughout 21 distinct district and charter network partners. She also successfully led the region's summer practicum program, responsible for onboarding and training teachers new to the profession. Ashley is known for her strategic planning and problem solving, and her collaborative approach to leadership.

In her new role, Ashley will be responsible for overseeing the strategic direction of the organization, managing operations, and strengthening community partnerships. She is eager to build on the strong foundation laid by Lilea Duran and advance First 5 Napa County's mission to lift up our community's young children, their families, and the providers who serve them.

"I am honored and excited to join the team at First 5 Napa County," said Ashley Walker. "I look forward to working with our dedicated team and community partners to achieve our goals and continue making a positive difference in the lives of those we serve."

For more information about First 5 Napa County or to contact Ashley Walker, please visit First5Napa.org or email Ashley at Ashley@first5napa.org