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To Summit Guests:

I'd like to welcome you to the 2008 First 5 San Luis Obispo County Children's Oral Health Summit. After several months of study regarding Children's Oral Health in San Luis Obispo County, First 5 San Luis Obispo County decided to convene community experts, providers and residents to address the challenges of education, prevention, and access to care that make this issue a health crisis in our county.

In just a few short months, the Summit was designed and developed. Many people assisted First 5 staff with Summit development. In particular I'd like to thank the Summit Planning Committee who worked long hours during many meetings to bring you the quality program we are presenting today. The members include: *Janice Babos, René Bravo, Armando Corella, Julian Crocker, Mary Gallegos, Reva Gonzales, Linda Hogoboom, Susan Hughes, Joseph Mercardante, James Oates, Kathy Phipps, Anne Tognazzini, Greg Thomas, Maureen Titus, Jason Wells, and Wendy Wendt.*

Following the Summit, First 5 San Luis Obispo County will develop a page on its website dedicated to Children's Oral Health. It will include, but not be limited to, results from the Summit, articles on best practices, and information on programs to address the current and future needs.

The First 5 San Luis Obispo County Children's Oral Health webpage will be accessible from the home page. All you will have to do is go to www.first5slo.org and you'll see a Children's Oral Health link in the news section.

I also want to thank everyone attending the Summit today for your dedication to the children in our community. Today you will be a part of a solution that will improve the health of our community's youngest residents for the rest of their lives!

Have a good day!



Susan K. Hughes
Executive Director