

MOIRA KENNEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Moira Kenney is the Executive Director of the First 5 Association of California, the advocacy organization working with the 58 First 5 commissions which invest \$400 million across CA to coordinate and build systems of care for children 0 to 5. Her focus is on the scaling and sustaining of the innovative, community-driven solutions that support family resilience and healthy development to ensure that all young Californians start school ready to succeed.

Previously, she served for four years as the Executive Director of First 5 San Francisco, where she was instrumental in launching the city's Preschool For All program and building a city-wide network of family resource centers. Prior to her work with First 5, Moira was the Research Director at the Institute for Urban and Regional Development at UC Berkeley, where she oversaw a range university-community partnerships focused on community development in low-income neighborhoods across the Bay Area. Her background is in public policy and community development, and she has a PhD and MA in Urban Planning from UCLA and a BA in Fine Arts from Harvard College. She is the author of *Mapping Gay LA: The Intersection of Place and Politics*. She lives in Berkeley, with her partner, a 5th grade teacher in Oakland, and her 16-year old daughter, a student at Berkeley High School.