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Dear Parent,

FIRST 5 Santa Clara County and Family Court Services have entered into a partnership to improve services to families like yours who have experienced the difficulties that separation and divorce bring to parents and children. In order to identify what services would be most helpful, we are contacting parents who have gone through Family Court in the past two years. We are seeking your suggestions and ideas about services that would be most helpful to families during this challenging time.

In order to gather your ideas, we have scheduled focus group meetings to be conducted by FIRST 5 Santa Clara County, a public service commission supported by Proposition 10 tobacco tax funds. A focus group is a friendly place where parents can talk about their children and the best ways to help them grow into stable, loving adults. During the focus group session, we will discuss what services worked best for you and which ones were hard to get to or unavailable and why. Your participation in the focus group meeting is critical in that your suggestions for improving services will be used to develop and fund programs in the community that will increase support to families and children in Family Court.

We want to make this focus group a worthwhile experience and easy for you to attend. Child care will be provided and each family who attends will be given a \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift certificate as well as passes to the Children's Discovery Museum.

Our next focus group sessions are scheduled for April _____. Please call 534-5330 to sign-up for one of these sessions or to ask questions and find out more information. Please respond in advance so that we can make appropriate arrangements for child care, if needed.

Your participation in this group is confidential and all information will be kept anonymous. Thank you for considering our request and we hope to hear from you soon.