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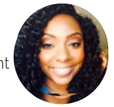

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Summer News

Meet Our New Resource & Referral Receptionist

Marisela Jimenez

My name is Marisela Jimenez. I have been married for ten years and have 2 kids. I graduated six years ago as a state certified medical assistant. I also worked for three years as a special aide assistant and loved everything about my job's. I enjoy working and helping people in the community. I'm very grateful for being given the opportunity to work with a wonderful team. Each one of us can make a difference, but together we make change. I look forward in utilizing my work ethic's and help make a difference in people's life. I can be reached at 415-491-5721 or by email: marisela@mc3.org. My work hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am to 3:00pm.

Marin Quality Counts

Marin Quality Counts is a collaborative initiative promoting excellence in early care and education for programs, providers and families. The coalition includes: Marin Child Care Council, Marin County Office of Education (MCOE), First 5 Marin, the Marin Child Care Commission and College of Marin, as well as individuals representing child care programs/providers, professional associations, County of Marin and others. The program is financially supported by the California Department of Education, First 5 California and First 5 Marin. Our work includes the Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) for Marin County.

What is the Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)?
QRIS is a voluntary program focused on providing information, resources and support to early care and education programs and providers serving children birth through age five. Our goal is to enhance the quality of early learning programs and recognize the valuable work that is being done in our county. Information, resources and support is provided in the following areas:

- o Child Development and School Readiness
- o Social Emotional Development
- o Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity
- o Effective Teacher-Child Interactions
- o Professional Development
- o Environment
- o Program Administration
- o Family Engagement

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Marin Quality Counts continued ...

Eligible Programs Serving Children Birth to Age Five Include:

o Private Center-based Programs
o Family Child Care Homes & Providers
o Early Head Start / Head Start
o State-funded Preschool and Child Care Programs
o License-Exempt Programs
o Eligible Alternative Sites serving young children

If you would like more information, please join us for a community meeting (next one will be held at MC3)

Wednesday, July 6, 2016
6:30pm-8:30pm

(more dates will be announced later) or contact us at 415.491.5779 or the ECE Department at MCOE at 415.491.6609

Why should my program participate in QRIS...? ...Because Quality Counts!

o Receive ongoing coaching support as well as training and technical assistance that will benefit you and your staff
o No cost workshops and trainings
o Stipends and Incentives for approved professional growth and completion of approved academic coursework
o Discover new ideas to enhance learning experiences for young children
o Be part of a supportive network; share ideas

Healthy Eating/ Active Living (HEAL)

We are pleased to announce we have received a grant from the Marin Community Foundation for HEAL work with families and providers of young children (0-3yrs). This project will work closely with our Access to Quality Child Care program and will focus on policies, systems and practices to support HEAL work in child care programs and support quality. We are in the midst of our hiring process and anticipate the program launching in the beginning of July. Some of the things we will be doing include: more training opportunities for the provider community, on-site work with specialists in different areas, garden and nutrition education in partnership with NorthBay Children's Center and much more!

Parent Voices

Parent Voices Marin took a total of 55 parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, providers, and children to Stand for Children Day in Sacramento on May 4, 2016. On STAND FOR CHILDREN DAY hundreds of parents in a sea/storm/army of BLUE took over the Capitol demanding an end to an unjust CHILD CARE system that leaves them on long waiting lists or forces them to jump through hoops to keep their precious child care subsidy. IT'S TIME!!!!!!!!! YA ES TIEMPO!!!!

Would you like to join Parent Voices Marin? Do you know parents or community members that would like to make a change and take action? Please join us on Saturday June 25, 2016 from 9am-3pm for our Leadership Experience. A one- day training focused on skills and competencies relevant to being a parent/community leader. To register or for more information contact Ruth Pineda 415.491.5774 or ruth@mc3.org

Summer Safety Tips: A Guide to Protecting Kids

The temperature inside a car can get dangerously hot, even in moderate weather with the windows slightly down. Kids can suffer from heat stroke causing serious injuries and sometimes death.

Simply leaving the air conditioner on doesn't make your child safe. A child could put the car in drive, get caught in a closing power window or be abducted. Here are some tips to keep kids safe around cars:

o Never leave a child unattended in a car. Not even for a minute.
o Always lock your car and secure the keys so that your kids can't get to them.
o Warn your children about playing in and around cars.
o Install a trunk release mechanism so that kids can't get trapped inside the trunk.
o Get your kids out of the car first, and then worry about unloading the groceries and items out of the car.

Drowning is one of the leading causes of child deaths each year. Here are some tips to help keep kids safe around water:

NEVER LEAVE A CHILD UNATTENDED AROUND WATER. Children are drawn to it, and very young children can drown in just an inch of water.

o Empty all buckets, pails and bathtubs completely after each use – do not leave them full and unattended.
o Always have an ADULT supervising young swimmers.
o Don't mix alcohol and supervision of children.
o Be sure that the adult watching your child knows how to swim, get emergency help and perform CPR.

Summer Saftey Reminders:

Apply sunscreen, even on cloudy days, and reapply every two hours, or after swimming.

Never depend on screens to keep children from falling out of windows.

Have kids wear a properly fitted helmet when riding a bike, skateboard, scooter or rollerblading.

MC3 will no longer be issuing checks to providers

Effective July 15, 2016, Marin Child Care Council will be making child care payments by direct deposit into your bank account or by prepaid card if you do not have a bank account. We will NOT be issuing checks any more. You will receive email notifications of the deposit.

To be able to receive funds due to you on July 15th, either an electronic deposit form or prepaid card application must be received by Marin Child Care Council by July 1st.

If you have any questions about this new procedure contact:

Barbara Boyer, Finance Director @ 415-491-5772 or

Jody Stamps, Program Director @ 415-491-5779

¿tienes una manera preferida de aprender cosas? ¿Qué tal tu niño?

Kaleidoscope Play and Learn se configura como un lugar donde los cuidadores aprendan a apoyar a los niños en su cuidado escuchando nuevas ideas e información y tener la oportunidad de probar las nuevas ideas de una manera divertida con el apoyo del medio ambiente.

Nos Divertiremos Juntos!

Cada sesion de Kaleidoscope Play and Learn incluye por lo menos un mensaje de como los niños aprenden jugando, cantando, diciendo historias, y creando arte. Para niños de 0-5 años y los abuelos, tias, tios, padres, hermanos, hermanas, amigos y persona que cuiden de ellos.

Fechas para el grupo de juego - 10:00am - 12:00pm

JULIO 7 - Movimiento a la música, utilizando ollas y sartenes, gotas de agua con color
JULIO 21 - Plastilina, juegos de agua, haciendo garabatos
AGOSTO 4 - Impresión de mano arte, buscando y encontrando, encontrar el cereal
AGOSTO 11 – Juego de titeres, Arrugando papel, colores y formas

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EXPERIENCIA DE LIDERAZGO DE PADRES

Haga escuchar su voz! tome accion! creamos cambios!

Esta buscando oportunidades de liderazgo en la comunidad?

Únete a nosotros para la experiencia de liderazgo de padres de 2016 un entrenamiento intensivo de un día centrado en habilidades y competencias pertinentes a ser padres líderes en su comunidad.

Al convertirse en un líder de Voces de Padres, representan una voz colectiva para todos los padres que creen que el acceso a cuidado infantil de calidad y programas de educación que son necesarios para el bienestar de nuestras familias y comunidades en todo el estado de California.

Cuidado infantil y comida sera proveido

Sabado 25 de junio de 9am-3pm

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FIRST 5 MARIN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

PARENT VOICES

Do you have a preferred way of learning things? How about your child?

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn is set up as a place where caregivers can learn about supporting the children in their care by hearing new ideas and information AND by having the chance to try out those new ideas in a fun, supportive environment.

We'll have lot's fun together!

Each Kaleidoscope Play & Learn group session includes at least one message about how or what children learn through play, singing songs, telling stories, and creating art. For children 0–5 years old and the grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents, older brothers and sisters, friends and others who take care of them.

Play Group Dates

July 7th, 10am - 12pm | Moving to music, using pots and pans, water color drops

July 21st, 10am - 12pm | Play dough, water play, scribbling

August 4th, 10am - 12pm | Hand Print art, grabbing out of a can, find the cereal

August 11th, 10am - 12pm | Puppet play, crumpling paper, colors and shapes

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