



PARENTS' PLACE NEWSLETTER

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Family Resource &
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A Letter from the Director...Karen Nutt

Dear Families and Community Partners,

When June rolls around, I am always astonished that we have come to the end of a fiscal year, and yet, we are also celebrating summer fun. Parents' Place has had a busy and successful year, and we have a lot to celebrate. In the last three months, we held our 19th Annual Information Fair and Festival, concluded 35 parent trainings for the fiscal year, and celebrated our First Annual Silent Auction/Open House. I must say, all were a tremendous success and we want to say thank you to all for your continued support.

The Information Fair and Festival was held on May 1st this year to avoid conflict with the holidays. We welcomed 2700 participants and 103 community partners. It was a beautiful day at the park, and as I watched many of our children being carried out fast asleep, I knew it had been a fun-filled day for all. Our parents and community members also walked away with great resources and information. We thank the staff, volunteers, and our community partners, who always make this day a great success.

Our First Annual Silent Auction/Open House was an entertaining evening. Our night with families and friends included music, with children dancing and singing. Alligator Al visited with his traveling Reptiles and there was lots of food, and of course, beautiful gifts so kindly donated by our community partners and friends for the silent auction.

We also recognized two outstanding contributors to the Parents' Place mission, Dr. Louise Van Zee and Letha Sellars, who are both retiring.

Dr. Van Zee was one of the original Board Members and founding members of Parents' Place. She has provided training for our staff, volunteered countless hours and mentored many. We thank you for all you have done for us. We will miss you!

Letha Sellars, Director of Children and Family Services with San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center has dedicated her valuable time to be the liaison to our Board of Directors as well as our Parents' Place staff for the last 22 years. She has been a friend, mentor and supporter of all our efforts. We wish her all the best.

Parents' Place will truly miss these outstanding individuals.

We have new "Activity Boxes." These Activity Boxes are designed for children and young adults. Each Activity Box has been organized around the cognitive, sensory motor skill, speech and language, and fine motor developmental areas. Each box is for a specific age, such as: 0-3 years, 3-5 years, etc. These boxes are to enhance your children's individual developmental milestones. These toys are not to take the place of any therapeutic or pediatric recommendations. Rather, these boxes are to assist families by allowing them to borrow toys for their child instead of having to go out and purchase recommended toys.

We hope you'll take a look at our future events for the next few months. We look forward to seeing you there. I want to thank our staff and our board members for all they do for the families we serve. Although I am new in this position, I have been involved with Parents' Place since inception, and I am always impressed with the outstanding work our staff, board, volunteers and community partners do on behalf of children and families.

The staff at Parents' Place is here to assist you, so please call or email us. If you have any questions or need to speak to me directly, I may be reached at the Parents' Place phone number or at karen.nutt@parentsplacefrc.com. Have a fun and safe summer.

Warmly,
Karen

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- Calendar of Events
- Birth to Three Seminar
- Transition Conference-Save the Date Flyer

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A Letter from the Director...Karen Nutt

KIDS AREN'T DROWN PROOF

Reprinted from an Article by the Drowning Prevention Foundation, off of the Website of the California Department of Developmental Services

Drowning is the leading cause of death, disability, and injury for children under 5 years of age in California, and the second leading killer of youngsters nationwide.

The number of young, severely brain-damaged near-drowning victims has increased rapidly in recent years. Residential care of these victims averages \$220,000 annually per child, and is the leading cause of admission to state hospitals. Presently there are over 600 individuals maintained in state facilities.

ABOUT THE DROWNING PREVENTION FOUNDATION (DPF)

DPF's mission is to prevent the tragedy of drownings through the use of public information, education and policy change. **DPF** is a non-profit, community-based organization which was established in 1984. It is recognized both locally and nationally as the leading expert in drowning prevention methods, technology, policy and activities.

DPF's activities include working to strengthen local, state and national legislation on pool fencing, providing technical assistance to other local, state and national coalitions and agencies; producing and distributing educational material on drowning prevention, and advising parents and caretakers on improving the safety of backyard pools, spas and hot tubs.

A DROWNING HAPPENS IN SECONDS

It could happen to you! A diligent father switches his attention to the phone while his child sinks lifelessly to the bottom of the swimming pool. A normally attentive mother is cooking in the kitchen, her youngster falls into the neighbors pool. A conscientious babysitter is distracted by the needs of one of her many charges, another wanders off and drowns.

Obviously supervision is critically important, but it's virtually impossible to supervise small children every minute of every day. That is why parents and caretakers must provide multiple layers of protection, pool fencing, self-closing, and self-locking gates, automatic sliding door closers, pool alarms, automatic safety covers, as well as constant supervision.

DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE

A child drowns in less than two minutes. There is usually no warning such as screams or splashing.

SAFETY GUIDELINES (Partial List)

- ◆ Never leave a child alone near water to answer the phone, the doorbell, go to the bathroom, attend to another child or attend to household chores, even for a few seconds.
- ◆ Keep a constant eye on young children playing in or near any body of water, wading pool, public pool, bathtub or lake. At large gatherings, designate an adult to watch children at play, and while in pool.
- ◆ Fence your pool on all four sides with a barrier that is at least 5 feet high. Move lawn chairs, tables and other potential climbing aids away from the fence to help keep children out.
- ◆ Any gate or door leading to the pool area should be self-closing and self-latching, opening outward, with the latch placed on the pool side out of reach.
- ◆ Install panic alarms on all house doors and windows leading to the pool area, automatic sliding door closers and automatic safety cover over the pool. Completely remove cover before children are allowed in pool.
- ◆ Drain off water that accumulates on top of the pool cover. A child can drown in as little as two inches of water.
- ◆ Keep reaching and throwing aids, such as poles and life preservers, on both sides of the pool.
- ◆ All non-swimmers should always wear approved personal flotation devices when they are near water.
- ◆ Swimming lessons do not insure safety. About 25% of all young drowning victims have had swimming lessons. A child who falls into water unexpectedly will panic and forget his swimming skills.

It is crucial that you and all of your child's caretakers can swim and know how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in an emergency. Immediate CPR could prevent death or massive brain damage.

LOS NIÑOS NO SON RESISTENTES AL AGUA

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El Ahogamiento constituye la principal causa o de muerte, discapacidad, y lesiones entre los niños menores de 5 años de edad en California, y la segunda causa de muerte de los jóvenes en el país.

El número de jóvenes que sufren de graves daños cerebrales a causa de estar a punto de ahogarse ha aumentado rápidamente en los últimos años. El cuidado que requieren estos jóvenes cuesta un promedio de \$125,000 cada año por cada joven, y es la causa principal de internación en los hospitales estatales.

SOBRE LA FUNDACIÓN PARA LA PREVENCIÓN DEL AHOGAMIENTO (DPF)

La misión de la **DPF**, por sus cifras en inglés, es prevenir la tragedia del ahogamiento a través de la información pública, educación y cambios en las normas/regulaciones. La **DPF** es una organización comunitaria sin fines de lucro fundada en 1984, conocida a nivel local y nacional como la mayor autoridad referente a métodos, tecnología, políticas y actividades con respecto a la prevención del ahogamiento.

Las actividades de la **DPF** son impulsar el fortalecimiento de la legislación local, estatal y nacional vinculada con la instalación de cercas para piscinas; prestar asistencia técnica o ayuda a otras instituciones y entidades locales, estatales y nacionales; crear y distribuir material educativo sobre la prevención del ahogamiento y asesorar o aconsejar a los padres y personas que se dedican al cuidado de niños sobre la gran importancia de la seguridad en las piscinas, spas y jacuzzis en los hogares.

UN AHOGAMIENTO PUEDE SUCEDER EN CUESTION SECONDS

¡Esto le podría suceder a usted! Un padre responsable puede contestar el teléfono y deja de vigilar a su niño, mientras éste se hunde sin vida hacia el fondo de la piscina. Una madre cuidadosa mientras prepara la comida en la cocina, su hijo menor sé puede caer en la piscine del vecino. Una niñera responsable se puede distraer atendiendo a uno de los varios niños bajo su cuidado, y de repente, otro niño se sale para afuera y se ahoga.

Sin lugar a dudas, la supervisión es de suma importancia, Sin embargo, es prácticamente imposible supervisar a los niños pequeños cada minuto del día. Es por eso que los padres y aquéllos a cargo del cuidado de niños deben asegurarse por tener varios niveles de protección: una piscina cercada, puertas con seguros que se traban y cierran automáticamente, puertas deslizables, alarmas para piscinas, cubiertas eléctricas de seguridad y tener una constante supervisión con los niños.

¡EL AHOGAMIENO ES PREVISIBLE!

Un niño se puede ahogar en menos de dos minutos. Usualmente no hay señales de aviso como gritos o movimientos en el agua.

CONSEJOS DE SEGURIDAD (LISTA PARCIAL)

- ◆ Nunca deje a un niño solo cerca del agua, ni siquiera por unos segundos, para contestar el teléfono, el timbre, ir al baño, ocuparse de otro niño o de las tareas domésticas.
- ◆ Vigile constantemente a los niños mientras juegan dentro o cerca de cualquier lugar con agua: piscinas para niños, piscinas públicas, bañeras o lagos. Durante las reuniones grandes o fiestas, designe a un adulto para cuidar a los niños mientras juegan.
- ◆ Instale una cerca que rodee los cuatro lados de la piscina. El cercado debe tener como mínimo 5 pies de altura. Mantenga las sillas, mesas de jardín y otros objetos que le puedan servir al niño para subirse a la cerca alejados de ésta, para que ellos no se acerquen.
- ◆ Todas las puertas y portones de acceso al área de la piscina deben poder cerrarse y trabarse automáticamente, abrirse hacia afuera, y tener el candado del lado de la piscina y fuera del alcance de los niños.
- ◆ Instale alarmas de seguridad en todas las puertas y ventanas de la casa que conduzcan al área de la piscina, en los cierres automáticos para las puertas deslizables y en las cubiertas eléctricas de seguridad sobre la piscina. Retire completamente la cubierta antes de permitir el acceso de los niños a la piscina.
- ◆ Elimine el agua que acumula encima de la cubierta de la piscina. Un niño puede ahogar adentro tan poco como
- ◆ Guarde elementos de seguridad como tubos de rescate y salvavidas en ambos lados de la piscina.
- ◆ Todas las personas que no sepan nadar deberán ponerse salvavidas cuando se encuentren cerca del agua.
- ◆ Las clases de natación no garantizan la seguridad. Aproximadamente el 25% de las víctimas jóvenes de ahogamiento han tomado clases de natación. Un niño que de repente se cae al agua entrará en pánico y no recordará cómo nadar.

Asegúrese de que tanto usted como todos los responsables del cuidado de su hijo sepan nadar y administrar resucitación cardiopulmonar (CPR), en caso de emergencia. La resucitación o reanimación inmediata puede prevenir la muerte o el daño cerebral.

2011 INFORMATION FAIR & FESTIVAL



Our 2011 Information Fair & Festival was another great success! We welcomed 2700 attendees this year with 105 agencies present to supply relevant information., and e received many favorable comments from the evaluations— “Fun!” — “Always a great, stress free event!!!”—“Thanks for everything. We enjoyed ourselves a lot!”— “The fair was a great time for parents of kids with disabili4es” — “The Fair very much embodied the support your agency provides to families. We welcomed community leaders as well. Joining us for the first time at our Fair was US Representative of California’s 32nd District, Judy Chu — David Monroy representing Bob Huff, Senator from District 29 — Karen Armbrush representing the City of West Covina Mayor’s office. And as always...we’d like to give special thanks and recognize all the many volunteers and contributors that helped to make this year’s Fair an outstanding event.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS , ENTERTAINERS & VOLUNTEER GROUPS

If we missed any of you on this list, please accept our apology,
and know that we really appreciate everything you do to make this a successful event!

\$1000 or More

Civitan Club of Arcadia/El Monte
Options Child Care/Human Services

\$250 to \$500

Covina Rotary Club
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.
Rotary Club of El Monte/So. El Monte
Suburban Water Company

\$.100 to \$250

Advance Infant Development
DG Therapy Group, Inc.
Dynamic Therapies
NAMI-East San Gabriel Valley
New York Life
Professional Tutors of America, Inc.
Rotary Club of El Monte/So. El Monte
Southern California Edison

\$25 to \$99

Beacon Autistic Spectrum Independence
Beautiful Minds Center for Autism, Inc.
CBC Education, Inc.
Choix Vocational Services
Comforcare Senior Services
Cornerstone Education Center
CTAP
Disability Rights Legal Center
Dr. Bernhardt & Associates
Esperanza Charities, Inc.
Familias First
First Church of Nazarent (Paz Naz)
Foothill Family Service
Frostig Center
Howard Chudler PhD & Associates

\$25 to \$99 Continued

Latino Family Institute
Lovaas Institute for Early Intervention
Mary & Friends
McPeterson Educational Center
Merrill Lynch Advice & Planning
Milestones: Center for child Development
Mission Los Ninos de California
Neurofeedback Centers for Success
Pasadena Child Development Associates
Pediatric Care Services, Inc.
Prader-Willi California Foundation
Social Vocational Services, Inc.
Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind
Total Education Solutions

In-Kind Product/ Equipment & Service Donations

Christ Lutheran Church
City of West Covina
Future America
In-N-Out Burgers
Islands Restaurants
Jarritos
Kaiser Permanente
Macondo Ice
Manny’s El Loco
Upper San Gabriel Valley Water Company
West Covina Fire Department

Our Entertainers for the Day

Future America
Options Children’s Choir
Rangashree Dances of India

And All of our Wonderful Volunteers

Aaron, Tia & Tim Byrne
Aaron, Armando & Patricia Cardona
Alba Dunn — Amber & Eugene Powell
Beverly Brown — David Nguyen
Carina & Claudia Galvan
Chino Hills High School
Covina High School, CSF Club
Darryl & Russ Nielsen
Devry Univrsity — Domino Meda
El Monte/Arcadoa Civitan Club
Esmerelda Cardenas — Hope International
Fed-Ex Western Division
Gabby Sapien & Family
Girl Scout Troop #1153
Herminio Escalante Family
Jackie Tellez — Jennifer Osegueda
Kaiser Permanente — Lourdes Zarate
La Verne University—Lamda Alpha
La Verne University—Intn’l Student Org
Marcelo Fierro
Met Life (“Snoopy”)
Natalie Dimas — Options Child Care
New York Life (Child ID Program)
Rachel & Jenna Janadi
Roland Lee — Rosa Reyes
Saray Rios — Shelly Yi
SGV Conservation Corps-Recycling
Valentina Allen — Viridiana Valladares
Walnut High School
West Covina H.S. Renaissance Club
Western University—SOMA

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO EXTEND A PERSONAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S FAIR A TERRIFIC EVENT, BUT HERE IS A LIST OF SOME OF OUR "BEHIND-THE- SCENES" HELPERS

Our Board Members

Pam Driscoll—President
 Nancy Gibson—Treasurer
 Karen Nutt—Secretary
 Camie Poulos—Board Member
 Mary Holland—Board Member

Our Dedicated Staff

Karen Nutt—Interim Director
 Judi Kyne—Office Manager/Admin. Assistant
 Elena Sanchez—Family Support Specialist
 Yasmin Cardona, Family Support Specialist
 Lynne Powell—Family Support Specialist
 Wendy Johansen—Family Support Specialist
 Cindy Cheng—Family Support Specialist
 Vanessa Sapien—Outreach Coordinator
 Virginia Figueroa—Receptionist/Secretary

AND FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED AT THEIR INFORMATION TABLES, OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR A JOB WELL DONE

Advance Infant Development
 American Red Cross
 Armenian Students Association of Western University
 Autism Response Team, Inc.
 Autism Spectrum Therapies
 Autism Youth Sports League
 Azusa USD-Visually Impaired Program
 Baldwin Park USD Early Head Start
 Beacon Autistic Spectrum
 Beautiful Minds Center for Autism
 Behavior Respite in Action, Inc.
 Bienvenidos FFA
 California Mentor
 California Respite Care
 Calif. Pediatric & Family Services
 California Psychcare
 California Telephone Access Program
 Canine Angels Services Teams
 Casa Colina Children's Services and Outdoor Adventures
 CBC Education, Inc.
 Center for Behavioral Sciences, Inc.
 Center for the Partially Sighted
 Children's Dental Fun Zone
 Choix Vocational
 City of Baldwin Park-Family
 CMS-CCS
 Community Community Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
 Comforcare Home Care
 Cornerstone Education Center
 Covina Assembly of God Champions Club
 Covina Surgery Center
 Creative Home Programs
 Danny Did Foundation
 DCFS Heart Gallery
 Diagnostic Testing & Tutoring
 Disability Rights California
 Disability Rights Legal Center

Dynamic Therapies, Inc
 East Valley Community Health Center
 Enki Youth & Family Services
 Epilepsy Foundation of Greater L.A.
 Esperanza Services
 Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services
 Familias First
 Fiesta Educativa
 First Church of the Nazarene (Paz Naz)
 Five Acres
 Foothill Family Service
 Foundation for Disabled Youths
 Frostig Center
 Hacienda/La Puente USD Head Start State Preschool
 House of Ruth
 Housing Rights Center
 Howard Chudler PhD & Associates
 Infant Family Services
 Intercare Therapy, Inc.
 Junior Blind of America
 Justin Sherman & Associates
 Kaiser Permanente
 L.A. Care Health Plan
 Latino Family Institute
 Law Offices of Christopher A. Poulos
 Learning Rights Law Center
 Life Steps Foundation
 Little Steps-DSLA
 Los Angeles Learning Disabilities Assoc.
 Lovaas Learning Institute
 Martin Luther King Healthy Family Program & Community Health Program
 Mary & Friends
 McKinley Children's Center—Foster & Adoption Agency
 McPeterson Educational Center
 Merrill Lynch Advice & Planning
 Met Life for Special Needs Planning
 Milestones: Center for Child Development

Mission Los Niños de California, Inc.
 (NAMI) National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - ESGV
 National University
 Neurofeedback Centers for Success
 New York Life—Child ID program
 Options Child Care Services
 PALS Behavior Management Program
 Pasadena Child Development Assocs.
 Pediatric Care Services
 PHFE WIC Program
Parents' Place Family Resource Center
 Plaza de la Raza—Child Development
 Pomona USD Child Development
 Pomona Valley Workshop
 Prader-Willi Foundation-California
 Professional Tutors of America, Inc.
 Project Sister Family Services
 Protection & Advocacy, Inc.
 Rafa Physical Therapy
 Rowland USD First 5 Family Resource Center
 San Gabriel Consortium Foster/Kinship
 San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center
 Social Vocational Services
 Southern California Edison
 Stowell Learning Center
 Team of Advocates for Special Kids
 Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind
 Total Education Solutions
 Total Programs
 Toy Loan & Volunteer Services
 Tri City Mental Health
 Tzu Chi Foundation
 Up for Down (DSLA)
 Victim-Witness Assistance Program, L.A. County District Attorney's Office



WELCOME TO DAD'S CORNER

THE TROUBLE TREE



I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job, a flat tire made him lose an hour of work & his electric drill quit, his ancient one ton truck refused to start. As I drove him home, he sat in stony silence.

On arriving he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. Upon opening the door he had undergone an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do at the little tree.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again." Funny thing is," he smiled", when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before." ~Anonymous

Welcome to:

"DAD ROCKS"

Dads Assisting Dads Raising Outstanding Cool Kids with Special Needs

Support Group for Fathers – Grupo de Apoyo para Padres





BIENVENIDOS A LA ESQUINA DE PAPÁ

EL ÁRBOL DE MIS PROBLEMAS



Contraté a un plomero para que me ayudara a restaurar una antigua casa. Termine el primer día duro de trabajo, después de que una llanta ponchada le hizo perder la primera hora de trabajo, su taladro dejó de trabajar y su camión antiguo de una tonelada se negó a comenzar. Mientras yo lo llevaba a casa, se sentó en silencio.

Al llegar me invitó a conocer a su familia. Mientras caminábamos hacia la puerta, se detuvo brevemente en un árbol, y le toco las ramas al árbol con sus dos manos. Al abrir la puerta fue sometido a una transformación asombrosa.

Su rostro bronceado se lleno de sonrisas y abrazó a sus dos pequeños hijos y le dio un beso a su esposa. Después, él me acompañó hacia el coche. Pasamos por el árbol y mi curiosidad pudo más que yo. Le pregunté acerca de lo que lo había visto hacer antes.

¡Oh, ese es mi árbol de mis problemas ", contestó. "Yo sé que no puedo evitar tener problemas en el trabajo, pero una cosa es segura, los problemas no tienen cavidad en la casa con mi esposa y mis hijos. Así es que cada noche cuando llego a casa, simplemente cuelgo en el mis problemas y le pido a Dios que cuide de ellos. Luego, en la mañana los recojo otra vez.

"Lo curioso es que," sonrió el plomero, "cuando salgo en la mañana a recogerlos, no hay tantos como recuerdo haber colgado la noche anterior."

~Anónimo



Bienvenido a: "DAD ROCKS"

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Multi-Cultural/Lingual & Teen Websites

Be sure to keep this page in your resource file. Others will follow and this particular list will not be repeated for a year or more

Multi-Cultural & Multi-Lingual Resources

Babel Fish Translation

<http://babelfish.altavista.com/>

Translates English web pages into Spanish, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese or Russian.

Autismo Español

<http://www.manitasporautismo.com/>

Information in Spanish about Autism. A website developed by Spanish families for Spanish families with many resources.

Firstgov.gov Translations

<http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/multilanguage/multilang.htm?urlnet99>

U.S. Government's official web portal translated into various languages.

Free and Professional Translation Services

<http://www.freetranslation.com/>

Easy-to-use site for rapid translations where you can get the "gist" of foreign language text and web pages.

Multilingual Glossary of Medical Terms

<http://users.ugent.be/~rvdstich/eugloss/welcome.html>

Multilingual Glossary of technical and popular medical terms in nine European Languages.

Multicultural Health Communication

<http://www.mhcs.health.nsw.gov.au/>

Information and services to assist health professionals communicate with non English speaking communities.

Multilingual Health Education

<http://www.multilingual-health-education.net/>

Health translated materials for the public to use in multicultural settings when quick & reliable health-related information is needed.

Disability Rights California: Publications by Language

<http://www.disabilityrightsca.org/pubs/ListAlpha201105.pdf>

Materials relating to advocacy, rights, and education available in multiple languages.

Websites for Teens with Disabilities

Best Buddies International

<http://www.bestbuddies.org/>

Provides opportunities for one-on-one friendships for people with mental retardation at the middle school, high school, and college level.

For OC Kids (English, Spanish, Vietnamese)

<http://www.forockids.org/>

The For OC Kids clinic is a multidisciplinary center for autism and other developmental disorders. Their mission is to provide developmental assessments and treatment for children with autism in Orange County, and educational opportunities for the parents and professionals who care for them.

KidsHealth

www.kidshealth.org/

Kid's site for homework help and body works information. Teen's site for answers, advice, and straight talk.

Kid's Quest

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/kids/>

This site is intended to get kids to think about people with disabilities and some of the issues related to daily activities, health, and accessibility.

National Youth Leadership Network

<http://nyln.org/>

The national voice for young leaders with disabilities.

The Work Site Social Security Online for Youths with Disabilities

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work/youth.html>

The Work Site dedicated to youth with disabilities. Information in this section is helpful to youth with disabilities, their parents and families, teachers, and counselors.

Zigawhat!

<http://www.nichcy.org/kids/>

A Web site for learning, connecting, growing, coping, and fun for young people with disabilities and their peers.

JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2011 CALENDAR

The San Gabriel/Pomona PARENTS' PLACE ACTIVITIES

(626) 919-1091 or (800) 422-2022
e-mail: empower@parentsplacefrc.com

The San Gabriel/Pomona PARENTS' PLACE BOARD MEETING

Board Meetings are normally held on the 3rd Thursday of each month between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. Meetings are held at the PARENTS' PLACE Family Resource & Empowerment Center, 1500 S. Hyacinth Ave., Suite B, West Covina. Call our office (626) 919-1091 to verify actual date and time each month.

The San Gabriel/Pomona PARENTS' PLACE Family Resource Center Advisory Council and the LOCAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATING AREA (LICA) meet every 2ND Thursday of each month, 9:00am—11:00 am at the San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center. For information, call our office at (626) 919-1091.



REACH

Parent Support Group
the First Thursday of Each Month
7:00-8:30 pm

For more information, call
PARENTS' PLACE (626) 919-1091.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

IFSP/IPP Trainings (English/Spanish)

(Facilitated by Office of Clients Rights Advocacy)
No Trainings in July & August

September 9, 2011 (English)

IEP Trainings (English/Spanish)

(Facilitated by Office of Clients Rights Advocacy)
No Trainings in July & August

September 16 10:00a—12:00n (English)
September 23, 2011 10:00a—12:00n (Spanish)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Parents' Place 21st Annual Birth to Three — Disabilities/ Possibilities Seminar

Saturday, September 24, 2011
(See Flyer Enclosed)

!!!NEW!!!

FATHER'S SUPPORT GROUP — "DAD ROCKS"

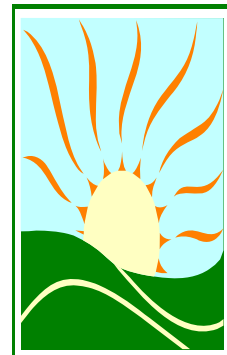
"Dads Assisting Dads Raising Outstanding Cool Kids"
**Don't Miss Our Next Meeting—
Friday, August 19, 2011**

El Lugar de Los Padres
LE INVITA A UNIRSE A NUESTRO GRUPO DE APOYO EN ESPAÑOL
NUEVO DÍA
CADA SEGUNDO MIERCOLES DE EL MES 10:00 a 11:30 am
PARA MAS INFORMACIÓN, llame a: Elena Sanchez a (626) 919-1091

Parents' Place

*Invites You to Attend our Spanish-Speaking Support Group
NEW DAY*

*Every Second Wednesday of the Month 10:00 to 11:30 am
For More Information, call Elena Sanchez at (626) 919-1091*



JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2011 CALENDAR—CONTINUED

**MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS/
CONFERENCES SCHEDULED**
(For details on any of these events/
conferences, call (626) 919-1091

July 11/12: “Mental Health & Learning Disabilities in Children,” presented by Spectrum Training Systems. Location: San Diego, CA.

August 8-12: “Caring for Infants & Toddlers with Disabilities & Special Needs in Inclusive Settings,” presented by Beginning Together Institute. Location: San Diego, CA.

August 19-21: “Back to School,” Autism/Aspergers Conference, presented by Autism Conferences of America, LLC. Location: Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena, CA.

August 22-24: “Introduction to Braille,” learn to read and write the Braille Alphabet. Location: Braille Institute, Los Angeles, CA.

September 23-24: “Wonder & Resilience of Young Children,” presented by IDA California. Location: Sacramento, CA.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/
COLLABORATION OPORTUNITIES**

Autism Society of America—Greater Long Beach/San Gabriel Valley Chapter ASA. P.O Box 15247, Long Beach, CA 90815-0247. Call (562) 943-3335 for dates and location of support meetings or information regarding Chapter activities.

East San Gabriel Valley SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Meetings held monthly, 6:30pm—8:30pm, at the ESGV SELPA office (across from Fairvalley School), 1400 Ranger Drive, Covina. For exact dates and information, call ESGV SELPA office (626) 966-1679.

Pasadena USD SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) (6:30—8:30pm), at Edison Professional Development Complex (PALS), 119 W Palm St., Altadena. Call for exact dates (626) 536-4105, and to reserve free childcare and translation.

Pomona USD SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings are held 7:00—9:00pm at the Pomona USD Board Room, 800 S. Garey Ave., Pomona, on the last Thursday of the month, except November/December. Call (909) 397-5090 X-3843 for further information.

Puente Hills SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC). CAC meetings normally held monthly, 9:30am—11:30am, for Hacienda/Rowland USD’s. For exact dates and location information, call Puente Hills SELPA office (626) .964-7458.

West San Gabriel Valley SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC). CAC meetings normally held monthly, 6:30pm—8:30pm, at WSGV SELPA office, 15 W Alhambra Rd., Alhambra, 91801 (board room). Call for exact dates and information (626) 943-9748.

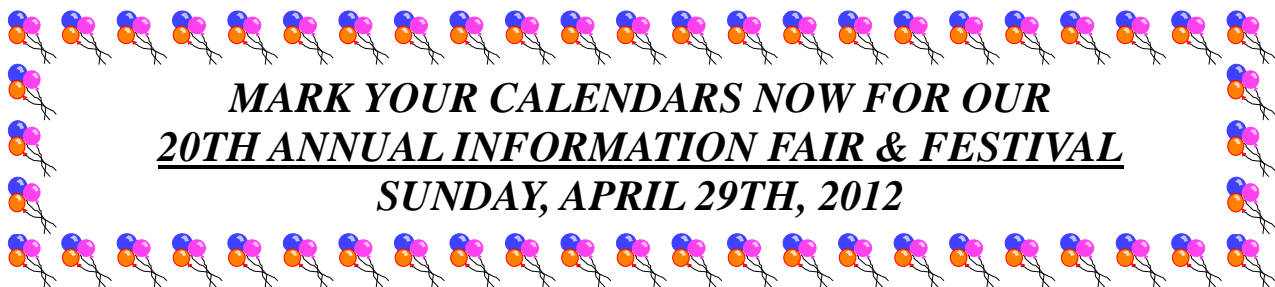
AREA BOARD 10 Board of Directors Meeting – First Thursday of each month, 4:30pm. For location information, call (818) 543-4631, or check website for changes and agenda www.areaboard10.org.

WOULD YOU PUT YOUR CHILD IN AN OVEN???
OF COURSE NOT!!!

**FOR A CHILD, THE INSIDE OF A CAR CAN
BECOME AN OVEN WITHIN MINUTES—
ANYTIME OF THE YEAR. SO BE SAFE..NEVER
LEAVE INFANTS OR SMALL CHILDREN
UNATTENDED IN A CAR.
NOT FOR A MINUTE—NOT FOR A SECOND!**

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PONDRIA USTED A SU NIÑO EN UN HORNO???
CLARO QUE NO!!!
**PARA UN NIÑO, LA SUPERFICIE DE UN CARRO
SE CONVIERTE EN UN HORNO EN MINUTOS— A
CUALQUIER HORA DEL AÑO....POR FAVOR
MANTENGA LA SEGURIDAD... NUNCA DEJE SUS
NIÑOS DENTRO DE UN CARRO SIN ATENDER.
NI POR UN MINUTO NI POR UN SEGUNDO!**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR OUR
20TH ANNUAL INFORMATION FAIR & FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2012**

JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2011 CALENDAR - CONTINUED

REGIONAL CENTER (SG/PRC) Activities
909) 620-7722
 Internet Site: www.sgprc.org

SUPPORT GROUPS CONTINUED

Board Meeting: Held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. Location: SG/PRC. For further information, call Yvonne Gratianna, SG/PRC (909) 868-7732

Korean Parent Support Group: Call Maria Castillo at SG/PRC (909) 868-7730 for meeting times and dates.

P.A.T.H. (Parents Acting for the Handicapped): For details, call Joanne East at (626) 919-4983.

Filipino Support Group: Contact Christina Macasaet at SG/PRC, (909) 868-7700, for information and details. Meeting held in English; however, most parents speak Tagalog.

Down Syndrome Association of L.A., Pomona: Sub Group – “Up for Down.” Meets 3rd Thursday every other month, 7:00-8:30pm. Little Steps for 0-3 meets every Thursday of the month from 6:00—8:00pm at same location. For information, call Carol Anten at (909) 268-6344

DIR®/Floortime™ Parent Support Group—for parents of children with all types of disabilities to support each other in using DIR®/Floortime™ strategies at home. Meets 2nd Tuesday each month, 6:30-8:00pm. Call Felicie Standley at (626) 793-7350, Ext 257, for more information or E-mail Felicie@pasadenachilddevelopment.org.

Epilepsy Foundation of Los Angeles County – Call for date and time (310) 670-2870.

Fiesta Educativa: Spanish-speaking Support Group for all Disabilities. Meets three times monthly on different topics. Call Laura Ruesga at (323) 221-6696 for dates, times and topics.

Foothill Autism Alliance: For information concerning upcoming meetings, time and place, please call (818) 66-AUTISM, or visit their website at www.foothillautism.org

FUERZA – Spanish-speaking Support Group for Down Syndrome & Cerebral Palsy – Call (800) 200-4323 or (310) 391-7153.

Parent Connections Support Group *In His Image* Special Needs Ministry provides support and encouragement between parents who have a child/ adult with special needs. Held at PazNaz church in Pasadena, Meets 2nd Saturday monthly. Call Rubina @ (626) 351-2478 for time and directions.

Pomona Valley Learning Disability Assoc. — Care & Share Support Groups. Meetings held 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30-9:00p.m., at Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730. For further info, call Arline (909) 621-1494, Pam (909) 980-0592, Martha-Spanish (909) 476-3540, or e-mail us at PVLDA@aol.com. Young adult social group meets during all regular PVLDA meetings.

SUPPORT GROUPS MISCELLANEOUS

A.B.L.E. Academy for “Mommy or Daddy and Me” – 0—3 years old with caretaker. Ongoing Wednesdays & Fridays 9:00—11:30am in Hacienda Hgts. Call 626-812-0055 for info.

CH.A.D.D.—Support group for Adults with ADHD: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00-9:00pm, at The Frostig Center, 971 N. Altadena Drive, Pasadena. TEL: (626) 943-3100.

CPAD (Chinese Parent Assoc. for the Disabled) – San Gabriel, CPAD holds support group meetings and trainings for Chinese-speaking parents. Call Rose Wang (626) 202-4773 for dates and times. Hot Line: (626) 307-3837.

Club 21—Learning & Resource Center is dedicated to the inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome in home, school and community life. Weekly open play groups, parent chat nights, peer social events, sign language classes, therapy consultations, IEP/school support. Call 626-844-1821 or email info@clubtwentyone.org for general questions. Located in Pasadena.



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Calendar of Events

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2011

PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO SIGN UP FOR ALL WORKSHOPS
NOTE: NO CHILD CARE AVAILABLE FOR WORKSHOPS

IFSP (0-3) & IPP (Over 3) TRAINING WORKSHOPS
(Facilitated by: The Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy; Disability Rights California)

No Meetings in July/August
Friday September 9, 2011 10:00am - 12:00pm English

IEP TRAINING WORKSHOPS
(Facilitated by: The Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy; Disability Rights California)

No Meetings in July/August
Friday, September 16, 2011 10:00am - 12:00pm English
Friday, September 23, 2011 10:00am - 12:00pm Spanish

PARENTS' PLACE SUPPORT GROUPS; REACH/ NUEVO DÍA
FAMILY PICNIC

Thursday, August 4, 2011 5:00 — 8:00pm

22nd ANNUAL BIRTH TO THREE
DISABILITIES/POSSIBILITIES SEMINAR
BUILDING BLOCKS *"For Play and Communication"*

Saturday, September 24, 2011 8:30am—1:15pm English with Spanish /
Chinese/Mandarin Translation

SAVE THE DATE!

5TH ANNUAL TRANSITIONING FROM HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE —
"WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW"

Saturday, November 5, 2011 Time: TBD English with Spanish /
Chinese/Mandarin Translation

PARENTS' PLACE SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS
CHILD CARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL SUPPORT GROUPS
REACH (English) 1st Thursday of Each Month 7:00 - 8:30pm
NUEVO DÍA (Spanish) 2nd Wednesday of Each Month 10:00 - 11:30am
DAD ROCKS (Father Support Group) Friday, August 19, 2011 6:30-8:30pm

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Website: www.parentsplacefrc.com



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CALENDARIO DE EVENTOS

JULIO 1, 2011

POR FAVOR LLAME PARA REGISTRARSE A LOS TALLERES
No Habra Cuidados de Niños en todos los Talleres

IEP TALLER DE ENTRENAMIENTO
(Facilitado por: The Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy)
(Disability Rights California)

Viernes, Septiembre 23, 2011 10:00am — 12:00pm En Español

GRUPOS DE APOYO DE EL LUGAR DE LOS PADRES;
REACH/ NUEVO DÍA PICNIC FAMILIAR

Jueves, Agosto 4, 2011 5:00pm — 8:00pm Inglés y Español

22^{vo} SEMINARIO ANUAL DE DISCAPACIDADES/POSIBILIDADES
DE CERO A LOS TRES AÑOS
“Construyendo Bloques para El Juego y La Comunicación”

Sábado, Septiembre 24, 2011 8:00am — 1:15pm Traducción al Español
será Proveída

Guarde el día!
TRANSICIÓN DESPUES DE LA PREPARATORIA...
“Lo que Usted necesita Saber”
Noviembre 5, 2011

GRUPOS DE APOYO DE EL LUGAR DE LOS PADRES
CUIDADO DISPONIBLE PARA LOS GRUPOS DE APOYO

NUEVO DÍA (Español)	2 ^o Miercoles del Mes	10:00am—11:30am
REACH (Inglés)	1er. Jueves del Mes	7:00 — 8:30pm
DAD ROCKS (Inglés/Español)	Agosto 19, Noviembre 18, 2011	6:30m—8:00pm

Para mas información, llamenos a El Lugar para Los Padres al (626) 919-1091,
o mande por correo electronico a empower@parentsplacefc.com
página electronica www.parentsplacefc.com



**22nd ANNUAL
BIRTH TO THREE
DISABILITIES/POSSIBILITIES SEMINAR**



BUILDING BLOCKS
“For Play and Communication”

**Saturday, September 24, 2011
8:30am to 1:15 p.m.**

Citrus College ▪ 1000 W. Foothill Blvd., Glendora, CA, Campus Center, East Wing

<p>Registration & Coffee: 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. FRC Activity boxes presentation 9:30am -- 9:45am First Session: 9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Break: 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Second Session: 11:45a.m. —1:15pm</p>

First Session: **Building Blocks for Playing**
Presenter: **Julie M. Miller MOT,OTR/L, SWC**

Enjoy running, drawing, or swings at the park? Learn how early gross and fine motor skills set the building blocks for play. Understand how your child’s sensory systems support their participation and attention during daily activities.

Second Session: **There’s More to Communicate Than just Talking**
Presenter: **Ballad Sweeney, M.S., CCC-SLP**

Communication is the Key to relationships and learning. Did you know there is more to communication than just talking? Come for a discussion of early communication development and practical strategies to discover your child’s style and encourage their development.

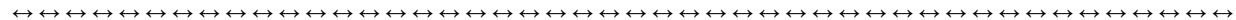
For more information or to sign up, please call:
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 TRANSLATION PROVIDED**

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City/Zip Code		E-Mail:	

Seminar funded by the San Gabriel Consortium Foster/Kinship Care Education Program, Parents’ Place Family Resource Center and Department of Developmental Services.



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Cordially invites you to attend our

Transitioning from High School... What you need to know

This conference is dedicated to Parents, Foster Parents, Guardians and Professionals who work with young adults with special needs and have an IEP or 504 plan from ages 14-22.

Secondary transition is a time of great change and opportunity as youth prepare for their adult lives in the areas of employment, education, training,

Saturday, November 5, 2011

8:00am - 3:15pm

Coronado Alternative School

1500 E. Francisquito Avenue
West Covina, CA 91791



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OUR FUND RAISING PROGRAMS IN 2010/2011.
YOU'RE TERRIFIC!!!

BY YOUR PARTICIPATION, YOU HAVE HELPED PARENTS' PLACE
CONTINUE TO SERVE OTHER FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY WHO
HAVE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. IF YOU WANT TO HELP,
JUST JOIN ONE OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS.

1. **Do you shop at  ?**

All Rewards card members must re-register every September to have a portion of their purchases go to Parents' Place. All you need to do is connect our organization number to your Rewards card. Connect your card at the store, or do it on line as follows:

1. Go to www.ralphs.com
2. Click on "Sign In/Register" to sign up as a new online customer. You will need your Ralph's Rewards number and the zip code of the store you shop at.
3. If you have registered before, use your email and password to sign in. Ralph's requires that you re-register once a year.
4. Go to "Community Contribution" to link to our Organization # 8 4 7 5 5.

2. You can also help us by bringing in your used inkjet and laser cartridges or your old cell phones. Just drop by anytime between 9:00am and 3:00pm, Monday through Friday. We receive ALL proceeds when we turn these in for recycling.

3.  For you Internet Users—Parents' Place is registered in the *Good Search Program*. For every search or purchase you want to make on the internet:

- a) Go to: www.goodsearch.com
- b) Place our name in the favorite charity box (we are listed as San Gabriel Pomona Parents' Place) and then start your search. All searches are done through Yahoo and we receive credit every time you search.

We also receive a percentage of all purchases you make through their "Good Shop" link. After you're signed in, choose "Good Shop" and go to your favorite store...Sears, Target, etc. ...make a purchase.

*And of Course.....
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Thank You for Your Support!*

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Topics of Interest: _____
Temas que le Interesan

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