



Raising Quality! Newsletter

AUGUST 2017

Family Day at the Park

Come visit Alphabet Alley, sponsored by First 5 San Joaquin, at The Record's Literacy & Book Fair—Family Day at the Park 2017! This year's event is on September 16, 2017, from 9:30AM - 2:30PM at University Park (at Magnolia & California Streets in Stockton).

Free admission with kids' games, live music, downs, storytelling, free books, and more! Get there early to catch the mascot parade at 9:30AM. For more information, visit: familydayatthepark.com, or call (209) 957-7277.



News & Events

For events and the latest news on *Raising Quality!* and other important efforts in San Joaquin County, stay informed by visiting our updated [News & Events page](#) for a complete listing of events. Here are just a few:

Upcoming Trainings and Opportunities:

Please check out the following trainings on the [Countywide Training System Calendar](#).

September 8, 2017: Team Building for Communication Excellence

September 9, 2017: Looking Deeper at the Environment Rating Scales

September 30, 2017: Desired Results Developmental Profile

October 17, 2017: CLASS Overview

California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN) Workshops:

Please mark your calendars for upcoming CPIN Network Meetings and workshops at the San Joaquin County Office of Education. **Check out the attached [Save-the-Date flyer](#)!** These hands-on, engaging events focus on research-based, developmentally appropriate practice. Come and network with fellow early educators as you participate in fun and interactive activities with practical interactions and strategies to take back to your early childhood setting.

Referral Program:

There are limited slots available for Family Child Care Providers in IMPACT 2.0. If you refer a provider, you could be eligible for a **\$100 bonus!** [Click here](#) for more information on our Referral Program.

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Provider Stories & Highlights

Cathy Cole made the rounds . . .

Cathy Cole, an Early Childhood consultant with more than 30 years of experience in the field, provided trainings and coaching this spring. Her trainings on aligning planning with assessments and positive guidance, along with her onsite coaching sessions, were well attended, with participants saying,



"Cathy always gives real life examples that you can relate to."

"We loved how Cathy is willing to customize materials to meet our needs!"

Do you have other training topics in which you're interested? Have a success story you want to share? If so, contact Dorene at (209) 468-8141 or at djow@sjgov.org.

Partner Programs



Welcome the newest *Raising Quality!* IMPACT Partners!

Expansion funding allowed 25 more providers so far to enroll in IMPACT 2.0. Some, like *Presentation Parish Preschool* and *Child Development, Inc.* sites, were former Race to the Top participants. Others are brand new to *Raising Quality!*:

- Bella Vista Christian Academy
- The Campus Downtown
- Country Kids Child Development Center
- Doloras's Daycare
- Aida's Love Land Daycare
- Manteca Christian Preschool
- Child Abuse Prevention Council (3 sites)

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Resources to Help Raise Quality!

As they say, "It takes a village." There are many resources throughout San Joaquin County to help support, collaborate and encourage the work done by *Raising Quality!* Partners. In this edition, we highlight these resources:



- ***Raising Quality!* IMPACT Coaching:** Does the smiling face pictured at the right look familiar? Yes, it's Coach Oletha, who is available to work one-on-one with you to help you move through the IMPACT program and develop goals for our Quality Growth Plan. If you'd like free, onsite coaching sessions, contact your *Raising Quality!* Coordinator.
- **edWebinars:** Professional learning doesn't have to end with the school year! Summer is a great time to explore the world of free edWebinars - live or on-demand. Earn a CE certificate for attending or viewing the recordings. Past and upcoming webinars: *Tips from the Encyclopedia of Infant and Toddler Activities*; *What is Your Student's Behavior Telling You?*; and *Supporting Preschoolers' Brain Development through Music Activities*. More info: edweb.net.
- **Child Development Training Consortium:** See the "Training Portal" tab for information on an array of high quality trainings and online ECE/child development courses. More info:

- **Talk Read Sing Draw Play:** Talking, reading, singing, drawing and playing with children are the easiest and most powerful ways of helping them grow up smarter, happier and better prepared for a bright future. Check out the toolkit for resources to help you raise a reader! More info:
www.sjckids.org/Parents-and-Caregivers/Early-Literacy.

[View complete Resources List](#)

About the *Raising Quality!* Program

Raising Quality! is a quality rating and improvement system for early care and education programs in San Joaquin County. Funded by First 5 California and organized by First 5 San Joaquin, *Raising Quality!* improves the quality of early learning programs and helps to close the achievement gap for our youngest learners. [Read more about *Raising Quality!*](#)



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