



Raising Quality! Newsletter February 2017

Making an IMPACT

We're excited to continue our *Raising Quality!* journey with IMPACT! Coordinators Cathy and Dorene have been making the rounds, visiting 38 center-based and 43 family child care home-based early learning programs. Programs are in various stages--some have just been re-rated, others are holding steady while they continue to employ best practices, and still others are getting ready for their first observations and ratings! An exciting time for all as the Quality Movement gains momentum! We're also exploring possibilities to expand the IMPACT! program and work with more providers--stay tuned!



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 contact First 5 San Joaquin at 953-5437 or email sjkids@sjgov.org for registration information on the trainings below:

- >> **Strengthening Families by Building Protective Factors**
Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 8:30AM - 12:30PM at FRRC
[Strengthening Families Flyer and Registration](#)
- >> **Environment Rating Scale Overview**
Thursday, March 9, 2017 from 6:30PM - 8:00PM at FRRC
- >> **Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Overview**
Thursday, April 11, 2017 from 6:30PM - 8:30PM at FRRC
- >> **Coaching Opportunities: One on One with Cathy Cole**
Take advantage of this opportunity for one on one coaching sessions with Cathy Cole, an Early Care and Education professional with many years of experience. Cathy will observe the provider/teacher's facilitation of the classroom and interactions with the children. At the end of the session, Cathy gives immediate feedback.

Providers' feedback has been overwhelmingly positive:

- "I was first a little skeptical about having someone come in and seeing how I do or don't do things right, but... she (Cathy) was supportive and helped me with the issues I needed to work on."

- "(Cathy) came out and helped in what I asked for and more."

Coaching sessions will be held in April, specific dates to be determined. To sign up, contact Dorene

>> Bachelor's Degree Program

Working towards your degree in Child Development? See [info](#) on Sacramento State's flexible degree completion program.

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Provider Stories & Highlights

ASQs - Connecting Children with Services

Lisa Van Scoy, Director of Tracy Learning Center, was excited to implement developmental screening in the two-year old center. She and her staff worked with parents to complete the Ages & Stages Questionnaires, with great success. As a result, 12 children were referred to school districts for services!



While Lisa was familiar with the principles of screening and early intervention, this was her first hands-on experience in administering the questionnaires from Start to Finish. She says, "The Ages & Stages Questionnaire has been a really, really helpful tool. Since the parents do the ASQs, it helps me connect with them, especially first-time or single parents who may not know how a 'typical' child develops. All of my teachers and I were happy to see real results through working with the parents and getting children the services they need!"

Partner Programs



San Joaquin County Family Child Care Association invites Family Child Care Providers throughout the county to join them. SJCFFCA offers its members a host of benefits including networking and support, free and low cost professional growth and development trainings and workshops, business referrals, resources and information to help providers improve their businesses, further their education and more! For more information, please visit them online at www.sjcfcca.org.

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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:

- **California Early Childhood Online (CECO)**
www.caearlychildhoodonline.org
CECO provides free, online access to comprehensive resources and courses in one centralized location to meet the ever-changing needs of the early childhood field.
- **Child Development Training Consortium** www.childdevelopment.org
See the "Training Portal" tab for information on an array of high quality trainings and online ECE/child development courses.



- **Talk Read Sing Draw Play e-toolkit**

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!

- **Ready4K**

Check out this new text-messaging program for parents and caregivers! When you sign up you'll receive FUN facts and research-based tips on boosting children's learning. [Ready4K](#)

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About *Raising Quality!*

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!* will improve the quality of early learning programs and help close the achievement gap for our youngest learners.

The next *Raising Quality!* Consortium meeting is April 28, 2017 from 9:00-11:30AM at Public Health Services of San Joaquin at 1601 E. Hazelton Ave, Stockton, CA 95205.

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