



Raising Quality! Newsletter April 2017

Making an IMPACT, 2.0!

As reported in our last newsletter, we were in the process of applying for additional funding to expand the IMPACT program. We're happy to announce that this "expansion" funding came through, and we are now able to serve 36 more sites in what will become the "IMPACT 2.0" cohort.

There are limited slots still 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.



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:

>> Change Your Attitude, Change Their Mindset

May 16, 2015 from 12PM - 4PM at SJCOE

Call 209.468.5979 for more information, or [Click Here](#) for registration information.

>> Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Overview

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 6:30PM - 8:30PM at FRRC

>> Coaching Opportunities: One on One with Cathy Cole—she's back!

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:

- "Cathy simplified (the DRDPs) and made me feel like I really could do it!"

- "Cathy came out and did a mock FCCERS observation, then gave me a lot of good ideas. She understands where you're coming from and doesn't judge you. I felt so comfortable with her; she is professional and well-informed."

Coaching sessions will be held the week of May 22nd. To sign up, contact Dorene at (209)468-8141

>> California Early Childhood Online (CECO) Modules available in Spanish!
The California Department of Education (CDE) Early Education and Support Division (EESD) is pleased to announce that CECO will now be available in Spanish beginning April 3, 2017!
[Click here](#) to visit CECO!

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Provider Stories & Highlights

Still Raising Quality! at First Steps

Sonia McCoy, Owner/Operator of First Steps Sonia's Childcare, celebrates three years of quality improvement, first with Race to the Top and now with **Raising Quality!** IMPACT.

Sonia, shown here with children at her family child care home, has been teaching and caring for kids for over 25 years. She has implemented the Ages & Stages Questionnaires and completes the Desired Results Developmental Profiles for the children, and hopes to keep improving – "That's my goal!" She's proud to let parents know that she's a part of **Raising Quality!** in her First Steps [Welcome Letter](#).



Way to go, Sonia!

Have a success story you want to share? Contact Dorene at (209) 468-8141 or at dojow@sjgov.org.

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. Some modules are now available in Spanish!
- **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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