



## Raising Quality! Newsletter November 2016

### Making an IMPACT

We're excited to embark on another leg of our *Raising Quality!* journey with IMPACT! Our new roster consists of 38 center-based and 43 family child care home-based early learning programs. All of these providers have committed to improving the quality of their programs and will embark on a journey of exploration, discovery and growth, all at the same time as they achieve better outcomes for our youngest learners!



In the next few months, providers will work closely with their *Raising Quality!* Coordinators to navigate the Quality Rating & Improvement System processes, as well as conduct self-studies to determine their readiness for observations and ratings. Coordinators Cathy and Dorene will be calling to visit you soon!

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### 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:

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

- >> Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Overview  
December 6, 2016 from 6:30PM - 8:30PM at FRRC
- >> Geometry in the Transitional Kindergarten Classroom  
December 14, 2016 from 9:00AM - 3:30PM at SJCOE See flyer and registration info at: [Geometry in the TK Classroom](#)
- >> Environment Rating Scale (ERS) Overview  
January 12, 2017 from 6:30PM - 8:00PM at FRRC
- >> CLASS Overview  
February 7, 2017 from 6:30PM - 8:30PM at FRRC

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Coming next year . . .

### California Infant/Toddler Learning and Development Foundations

February 25, 2017 from 8:30AM - 3:30PM at San Joaquin County Office of Education  
[Foundations registration information](#)



### California Infant/Toddler Learning and Development Program Guidelines

April 8, 2017 from 8:30AM - 3:30PM at San Joaquin County Office of Education  
[registration information](#)

[Guidelines](#)

### Scholarship Program:

Don't forget to send in your transcripts after you complete your Fall coursework!

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## New Providers to Raising Quality!



Welcome the newest group of Family Child Care and Center based providers. Our community is better with you participating in the Raising Quality! program.

#### Family Child Care Homes

Gabriela Americo (Little Strivers Family Day Care)  
Karla Yadira Topete Maya  
Jer'Nee Williams (Nea's Daycare and Preschool)  
SoDonia Bell (Bell's Bright Beginnings Family Home Daycare)  
Denise Fields (Helping Hands Childcare)  
Rosa Arjelia Torres  
Tina Smith (Busy Bee's)

#### Centers

Community Action Partnership of Kern (St. Mary's)  
Community Action Partnership of Kern (Chrisman)  
Child Abuse Prevention Council (Building Futures Academy)  
Child Abuse Prevention Council (School for Adults)  
Child Development, Inc. (STEAM Academy)  
Latonya Wiley (Wiley World)  
Creative Child Care, Inc. (Lindbergh)  
Lisa Van Scoy (Tracy Learning Center Pre-K)

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**San Joaquin County Family Child Care Association** invites Family Child Care Providers throughout the county to join them. SJCFCCA 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](http://www.sjcfcca.org).

Interested in learning more about *Raising Quality!*? Find more information [here](#).

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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](http://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](http://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](#)

[View complete Resources List...](#)

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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 **January 27, 2017 from 9:00-11:30AM at Public Health Services of San Joaquin at 1601 E. Hazelton Ave, Stockton, CA 95205**

[Read more about Raising Quality!](#)



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