



Raising Quality! Newsletter

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Aaaah, Summer!

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](#). Here are just a few:

- **IMPACT (Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive)**
Having filled all slots for Race to the Top, we are excited to announce continued funding for our work in *Raising Quality!* New funding through First 5 California will allow us to transition to the IMPACT program, dubbed "Race, Jr.", when Race to the Top ends in June 2016. While we are currently serving around 200 providers, there will be half as many slots available for IMPACT. Stay tuned for more information . . .
- **Requests for Reconsideration**
Thanks for sending in your Requests for Reconsideration of your ratings! Since the window for submitting requests closed last month, we have been reviewing the requests, and are happy to hear of the work you've been doing in your programs.

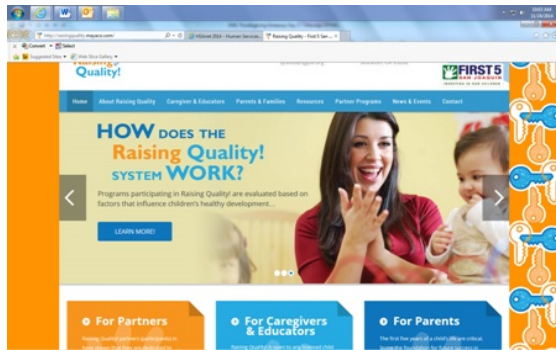
Coaching Opportunities: One on One with Cathy Cole

Both center and home based providers took advantage of this opportunity for four-hour, one on one coaching sessions. Cathy Cole, an Early Care and Education professional with many years of experience, observed and analyzed the provider/teacher's facilitation of the classroom and interactions with the children. At the end of the session, Cathy met with the provider/teacher to give immediate feedback.

Provider's feedback has been overwhelming 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."



You're Famous!

Check out the **Raising Quality!** website (www.raisingqualitysjc.org) which has been updated to acknowledge your commitment to quality and the investments you've made in raising the quality of your early care program.

If you need a lawn sign, give us a call or email! They're free, and will let everyone know that you're part of the Quality movement.

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Provider Stories & Spotlights

There are so many wonderful community programs that participate in **Raising Quality!**

We're excited to share the following success stories. We salute these providers and others for the tremendous work that they do to help the children of our community.

- **Little Sprouts growing by leaps and bounds:** Samantha Groom, owner of Little Sprouts Daycare, had this to say when she realized she had nearly doubled her FCCERS score –
"Oh my goodness... I'm beyond excited and happy to see the improved scores and hear your words of encouragement and praise! THANK YOU! Thank you so much . . . I have tears of joy. This means so much to me. I have taken everything this program has offered and used it to its fullest to improve my daycare. I couldn't have done it without First 5, Race to the Top and YOUR ENTIRE TEAM! My clients who have supported me through this are going to be excited as well!!!"
- **Health & Safety Assessments:** Assessments were completed for the second round of this initiative, which included family child care as well as private and faith-based providers. Participants are reimbursed up to \$1,000 to improve their child care environments.

If you'd like to share your success story, contact us at (209) 953-KIDS (5437) or email us at sickids@sjgov.org.

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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

Graciela Garnica	Mr. & Mrs. T Day Care
Amyee Hawkins	Amyee's Daycare
Elvia Hernandez	Children's Garden
Tami Gamez	17 Silly Monkeys Daycare

San Joaquin County Family Child Care Association invites Family Child Care Providers throughout the county to join them on the **last Thursday** of each month at **7PM at Brookdale Senior City, 3rd Floor, located at 355 W. Grant Line Road in Trac**. SJC FCCA 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! Individual Membership is \$40.00 per year or \$5.00 per meeting for non-members. For more information, please visit them online at www.sjcfcca.org. Call them at 877-835-ABCD or 209-914-5934.



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. This month we highlight two 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.
- California Childcare Health Program
<http://ucsfchildcarehealth.org/>
Check out this site to get the most up-to-date knowledge of the best practices and concepts of health, wellness and safety into all child care programs. Download free (or low cost) resources such as training curricula, illness sheets, fact sheets for families, health and safety notes, posters, forms and Child Care Health Connections newsletters.

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

About *Raising Quality!*

Raising Quality! is a quality rating and improvement system for early care and education programs in San Joaquin County. Funded by a federal Race to the Top grant 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.

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