



## **Raising Quality! IMPACT Newsletter** August 2019

### **BIRDS OF A FEATHER . . .**

Yep, just like the Pigeon (and strong-willed toddlers), we all have trepidation about those first days of school. For kids, it's "What if I don't like the teacher?" For teachers, "What if I don't like the kids?"

But seriously, as author Mo Willems observes, this is not because the pigeon, who has a demonstrated stubborn streak, is being truculent, but because he is scared. "There's been a subtle change over time. The Pigeon can finally admit a weakness instead of trying to get by on bravado." Great idea to keep in mind as we start a new school year, face our fears, and build our and our kiddos' emotional vocabulary.



### **WHO IS YOUR HERO?**

It's time again for the [Action on Behalf of Children Awards](#)--nominate that exemplary child care provider, business or agency that goes above and beyond in serving children. [Nominations](#) are due September 13, 2019. Save-the-date for the event taking place November 7, 2019.

### **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 trainings and more on the [Countywide Training System Calendar](#) and on our website.

September 2, 2019 | [Black Family Day](#) - a celebration of Stockton's African-American community through art, music, education and fellowship.

September 13, 2019 | [Beyond Our Gates Community Dialogue](#) - Join the dialogue with Giannina Perez of Governor Newsom's office.

September 17, 2019 | [Ages & Stages Questionnaire](#) - ASQ-3

September 19, 2019 | [Let's Get CLASS-Y](#) in Instructional Support

September 24, 2019 | [The Protective Factors Framework](#) - Introduction

October 1, 2019 | [Ages & Stages Questionnaire](#) - ASQ:SE-2

October 12, 2019 | [San Joaquin County ECE Conference](#) Save the Date!

November 2, 2019 | [Ages & Stages Questionnaires](#) (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2) in SPANISH

Do you have other training topics in which you're interested? Let us know!

### Family Day at the Park - September 21, 2019 at Weber Point in Stockton!

New location this year, and still FREE and FUN! The one-day event features readings of popular children's books, free kid's health screenings, clowns, hands-on activities, storytelling, food and live musical performances. Be sure to check out Alphabet Alley, sponsored by First 5 San Joaquin. [Family Day at the Park](#)

### Raising Quality! Consortium Meeting - October 25, 2019 - Save the Date!

The Consortium--comprised of *Raising Quality!* stakeholders and providers--meets three times a year to get updates on trainings, legislation and local issues, and to weigh in on how we can improve *Raising Quality!* in our county. We'll be meeting from 9AM - 11AM at Public Health Services in Stockton. Stay tuned for more information about this next meeting--we'd love for you to join us!

### Peer Mentor Program

Our new Peer Mentor Program is underway! Three IMPACT providers - Gabriela Americo, Christina Hine, and Michele Smith - will mentor fellow providers to put developmental screening systems into place, so that children and families are connected to the services they need. Want more info? Call Dorene at (209) 468-8141.

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### IMPACT 2020

The First 5 California Commission met on July 25, 2019. Based on the success of programs statewide, the Commission voted to continue funding for the Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive (IMPACT) initiative. Many thanks to Wonderland Day Care co-owner

José Chavez, who provided a compelling testament to the value of IMPACT.

The current grant sunsets in June 2020, and the next iteration, "IMPACT 2020" starts in July 2020. Funding will be for a three year period through fiscal year 2022-2023. This investment will continue to address the needs of the whole child, including health, child development, and family strengthening through the early learning and care system. Stay tuned as we ramp up for IMPACT 2020 to continue our journey of *Raising Quality!*

Have a success story you want to share? If so, contact Dorene at (209) 468-8141 or at [dojow@sjgov.org](mailto:dojow@sjgov.org)



### IN MEMORY OF AILEEN LORD

Aileen Lord, a great champion for children and families, passed away on July 5, 2019. Aileen worked at San Joaquin County Office of Education, in partnership with First 5 San Joaquin on the *Raising Quality!* Quality Rating and Improvement System.

In the words of a colleague, "Her contribution to the field of Child Development was immeasurable. In the field, to some she was a teacher, a trainer, to some a coach, a mentor, a colleague and if you were lucky enough, a friend. You could not be in the same room with Aileen and not feel loved, whether a warm smile, a big hug or just a 'Girl, how have you been?'"

She was a Teaching Pyramid Champion and she led the cohorts in San Joaquin County for many years. She will be missed.

## 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:

**Crafty Kids! - Anime Club - Family Storytime:** Check out what else the San Joaquin Public Library has to offer! From drawing and movies to book art, aromatherapy and martial arts, look for [upcoming events](#) at Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library! All events are free and open to the public.

**The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!** is featured in Barnes & Noble's Storytime and Activities this month. For this and other events, like Harry Potter book clubs and children's conversation groups, go to [Barnes & Nobles Events](#).

**Free Webinars:** Professional learning that works with your schedule--explore the world of free webinars - live or on-demand. Earn a CE certificate for attending or viewing the recordings. Upcoming webinars include *Enrollment Essentials*, *Lessening Challenging Behaviors*, and *Pathways to Nature-based Play*. More info: [Early Childhood Webinars](#).

**News in Health Newsletter:** Sign up to receive the National Institutes of Health's new sletter and get email updates twice a month about healthy living and wellness. Check out July's new sletter: [New.s in Health New sletter](#)

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### 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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