



WEEKLY UPDATE | April - 11 - 2022



Partnering on Children's Dental Care

Dental problems and pain are a leading cause of missed school days. Tooth decay and oral health problems can interfere with learning and academic success. It can be difficult to pay attention in school and can lead to poor attendance. Likewise, if children are experiencing dental pain or tooth decay, they can have trouble eating, communicating, learning, and feeling confident.



School readiness depends on positive physical, social and emotional, language, and cognitive development. Oral health impacts each of these areas and is a key aspect of a child's school readiness. Children with poor oral health may:

- Have a hard time concentrating and learning because they are in pain
- Develop other serious health conditions, such as infections
- Stop smiling, cover their mouth with their hands when they speak, or

withdraw from family, friends, and teachers if others comment on the appearance of their teeth.

Learn More by clicking the link below:

<https://nhsa.org/brushing-up-head-start-oral-health/>

- Request a **Head Start Classroom Kit**. Colgate offers a free kit that includes easy-to use-in classroom materials, as well as toothpaste and toothbrush samples for 25 students. [Apply for your kit!](#)

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Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Awareness Campaign is here!

#ChildStartWearBlue4Kids

As we continue celebrating the [Week of the Young child](#) and the [Child Abuse Prevention \(CAP\) Awareness](#) campaign, I invite you to share those moments with all of us.

Send your pictures and video clips to lpineda@childstartinc.org.

We are looking forward to highlighting them in our Weekly Update.

Thank you, Suisun, Kidder, Mayacamas, Westwood and Mariposa Teams, for all the great pictures and videos!



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Suisun Head Start Celebrates CAP!

At Suisun Head Start, we celebrated *The Week of the Young Child* and *Child Abuse Prevention* by wearing blue. Staff took this opportunity to celebrate the children and share smiles.

Our center made musical instruments with drumsticks and jingle bells. The children very much enjoyed making music and dancing to the rhythm.



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MAYACAMAS: WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD



With the collaboration of our families, the children were provided the opportunity to choose what they wanted to plant in our garden; fruit, vegetables, as well as flowers.



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"ON THE SPOTLIGHT"

Thank you for volunteering your time and expertise!



THANK YOU, Yolanda Villalpando and Lorena Cazares, for volunteering last Wednesday April 6, 2022, at Napa Valley Adult Education Community Resource Fair.

Volunteers are special. We appreciate you and everything you do!

Alma Jimenez, ERSEA Department.



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Human Resources Department

PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS



On March 31st, the Administration for Children and Families Office of Early Childhood Development and the U.S. Department of Education jointly hosted a webinar for the early care and education (ECE) workforce that highlighted flexibilities offered through the Limited Public Service Loan Forgiveness Waiver and how the ECE workforce can take advantage of this time-limited opportunity. Nearly 17,000 people registered for this event, demonstrating strong interest in this topic.

For those who were unable to join the livestream in real time, you can access the recording of the webinar at this link: ACF/ED Webinar: [Public Service Loan Forgiveness for the ECE Workforce](#)





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FA2 Monitoring Protocol

Boot Camp upcoming sessions

Part 2

- **April 12: 3:00-4:00 – Education, Disabilities, & Mental Health.**
- **April 18: 3:00-4:00 – ERSEA / Family Services.**

Follow the link below:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

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This Week Question, TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



▶ What word from Child Start's Mission Statement strongly resonates with you?



▶ Submit your answers by sending an email to:
lpineda@childstartinc.org by April 14, 2022.

Last week's trivia answer:

In Early Childhood Education vocabulary what's the meaning of "Alliance"?

If your answer is A connection based on kinship **You are Correct!**

"100 years from now it won't matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in the bank, nor what my clothes looked like. But the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child."

– Forest Witcraft –



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