

What is a Family?

by Sudie Hofmann



Families are groupings of individuals who may or may not be living together, but are perceived by the child to be "family." They may be permanent, temporary, or fluid. Children define their families as units that include adults who make them feel safe and happy. They want stability, tradition, and love. Many children get this in large doses, and for others it's

more elusive. Even in cases of abuse, children may still choose to be with their "family." As children from all types of families face challenges at home, the school setting should be one that offers comfort and that validates all family structures.

Teachers can walk a fine line between validating all types of families and singling out students for that validation. By providing appropriate curriculum, media materials, and visual images in the classroom, teachers can send a powerful message about respect and diversity without embarrassing students or violating their privacy.

¿Que es una familia?

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Las familias son agrupaciones de personas que pueden o no estar viviendo juntos, pero son percibidas por el niño a ser "familia". Ellos pueden ser permanente, temporal, o intercambiable. Los niños definen a sus familias como unidades de adultos que hacen que se sientan seguros y felices. Ellos quieren estabilidad, tradición y amor. Muchos niños reciben esto en grandes dosis y para otros es más difícil de alcanzar. Incluso en casos de abuso, los niños podrían preferir estar con su "familia". Ya que los niños de todos los tipos de familias enfrentan desafíos en el hogar, la escuela debe ser un lugar que ofrezca comodidad y que haga valida todas las estructuras familiares.

Los profesores pueden caminar en una línea fina entre la validación de todos los tipos de familias al singularizar a los estudiantes por estas validaciones. Al proporcionar un plan de estudios apropiado, materiales de los medios de comunicación, e imágenes visuales en la clase, los profesores pueden enviar un mensaje poderoso sobre el respeto y la diversidad sin avergonzar a los estudiantes o violar su privacidad.

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RCCS Week of the Young Child Festivities



Thanks to our wonderful chefs for the tasty burrito breakfast fare.

Among those joining us for breakfast and preschool tour : Elizabeth McCarthy, District Representative for State Senator Noreen Evans and 5th District Supervisor Efren Carrillo.



Nuestra misión es cultivar el desarrollo saludable de los niños y familias en nuestra comunidad. Ofrecemos recursos, referencias, apoyo y oportunidades a los proveedores de cuidado de niños, familias y comunidades en el Oeste de Condado de Sonoma

"Our mission is to nurture the healthy development of children and families in our community. We offer resources, referrals, support and opportunities to child care providers, families and communities in western Sonoma County".

El Divertido Carnaval de Verano:

14 de Junio, 10am-12pm
en el Forestville Youth Park.

**Juegos, diversiones, música,
premios, pintura de caras, y
más! Gratis, para los niños y
niñas de todas las edades.**

Summer Fun Carnival:

June 14, 10am-12 pm at the
Forestville Youth Park
7045 Mirabel Road in
Forestville

**Fun, games,
music, face
painting, and
prizes!!! No charge,
open to children of
all ages.**



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For
information call
RCCS at 869-3613

CALENDAR MAY 2013 MAYO CALENDARIO

- ◆ 5/1: Kindergym in Forestville
- ◆ 5/5: Attendance sheets due in RCCS by 5 PM y Hoy es el día límite de las Hojas de Asistencia a las 5 PM
- ◆ 5/6 & 7: Kindergym in Guerneville
- ◆ 5/8: Kindergym in Forestville
- ◆ 5/9: Kindergym in Bodega Bay
- ◆ 5/11: Human Race at Slater Jr. High in Santa Rosa
- ◆ 5/13 & 14: Kindergym in Guerneville
- ◆ 5/15: Padres Abriendo Caminos (PAC) se reúne a las 6:00 PM en RCCS. Por favor llamar a Soledad al 707-869-3613 x 107
- ◆ 5/15: Kindergym in Forestville
- ◆ 5/15: Provider Workshop, Taller de proveedores, 6:15 to 8:15 PM, at/en RCCS
- ◆ 5/20 & 21: Kindergym in Guerneville
- ◆ 5/22: Kindergym in Forestville
- ◆ 5/22: Board of Directors meeting / Mesa Directiva de RCCS se reúne, 6:30 at RCCS
- ◆ 5/22: Outreach Committee meeting 5:30 PM at RCCS y El comité de publicidad de RCCS se reúne de 5:30 PM en RCCS
- ◆ 5/23: RCCS Provider Appreciation Evening, 6 to 8 PM at the Guerneville Vets Hall, RSVP Mendy at 869-3613 ext 117 before May 16.
- ◆ 5/27: Memorial Day, OFFICE CLOSED / OFICINA CERRADA
- ◆ 5/27 & 28: NO KINDERGym IN GUERNEVILLE
- ◆ 5/29: Kindergym in Forestville

Ongoing Children's Activities from RCCS:

Kindergym:

- ☑ River to Coast Children's Services brings Kindergym to Forestville on Wednesday 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Held at the Forestville United Methodist Church, 6550 Covey Road in downtown Forestville. A bilingual program, features activities for children 0 to 5 years (accompanied by their care givers) FREE, but donations are accepted, Call 707.869.3613 for current schedule or check the current RCCS newsletter online at www.rccservices.org
- ☑ River to Coast Children's Services offers Kindergym Monday and Tuesday mornings 9:45 AM to 12:20 PM in Guerneville at the Guerneville Vets' Hall, located on the corner of 1st and Church Streets in downtown Guerneville. Features activities for children 0 to 6 years (accompanied by their care givers). FREE, but donations are accepted! Call 707.869.3613 for current schedule or check the current RCCS newsletter online at www.rccservices.org
- ☑ NEW! River to Coast Children's Services offers Kindergym in Bodega Bay starting Thursday, Dec 13, 2102 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM continuing on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Held at the Bodega Bay Union Church, 1320 Bayview St. Features activities for children 0 to 5 years (accompanied by their care givers) FREE, but donations are accepted, Call 707.869.3613 for current schedule or check the current RCCS newsletter online at www.rccservices.org

River to Coast Children's Services

Staff and their phone number extensions.

(707) 869-3613 (toll free calling from the Sonoma Coast 1-800-994-3613)

- Jynx Lopez (Executive Director) 111
- Kellie Nunez (Fiscal & Operations Manager) 105
- Andy Hildale (Bookkeeper) 106
- Soledad Cardona (Lead Family Case Manager, Senior NHTSA Certified Car Safety Seat Technician) 107
- Tess Lowe (Family Case Manager) 114
- Ana Martinez (Family Case Manager) 109
- Mel Wainwright (Case Management) 110
- Mendy Behrens (Child Development Resource Specialist) 117
- Cara Colombo (Child Development Resource Specialist) 112
- Lupita Dominguez and Jayme Melum 118
- Elaina Boyce (Community Resources Coordinator, Resource & Referral, Newsletter Editor) 104
- Vesta Griffith (Resource & Referral Counselor, NHTSA Certified Car Safety Seat Tech) & Front Desk Staff 101
- Counseling: call 869-3613, leave a message with your request if calling when office is closed.
- David Cameron (Program Manager - Vets Hall) (707) 604-7725

Please join
River to Coast Children's
Services
for the 8th Annual
*Enchanted
Wine Country
Evening*
HOSTED BY:
*Korbel Champagne
Cellars*
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2013
6:00 - 10:00 PM

ON THE PRIVATE GROUNDS OF KORBEL WINERY, WE WILL ENJOY THE ELEGANT BEAUTY OF THE MANICURED GARDENS, DINE ON EXQUISITE FOOD, AND DELIGHT IN THE LIQUID BOUNTY OF SONOMA COUNTY. MOONLIGHT DANCING AND A SILENT/LIVE AUCTION WILL FINISH OFF THE EVENING!

\$100 PER PERSON
\$900 PER TABLE OF TEN

SEATING IS LIMITED! PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BEFORE MAY 31, 2013 BY CALLING RCCS AT (707) 689-3613

RIVER TO COAST CHILDREN'S SERVICES
P.O. BOX 16
GUERNEVILLE, CA 95446

La seguridad en al Agua es Diversión en el Agua

- SESIÓN 1 del 15-19 de julio en la alberca Roadhouse de Rio Nido
- SESIÓN 2 del 22-26 de julio en la alberca Roadhouse de Rio Nido

Edades: ¡de 3 años para arriba, hasta adultos pueden participar!

Escoja clases de media hora empezando de:

10:00AM, 10:30 AM, 11:00AM, y 11:30AM,

Costo: \$10.00 por una sesión **entera**

Inscríbese pronto para poder obtener el tiempo de su preferencia porque el espacio es limitado:

Llame a RCCS al 707.869.3613

O mandenos un mensaje por correo electrónico a info@rccservices.org



Swim Lessons Return to west Sonoma County

Water Safety IS Water Fun

SESSION 1 July 15-19 at Rio Nido Roadhouse Pool

SESSION 2: July 22-26 at Rio Nido Roadhouse Pool

Ages: 3 years old to adult welcomed to participate!

Choose 1/2 hour classes starting at:

10:00AM, 10:30 AM, 11:00AM, & 11:30AM,

Cost \$10.00 per **entire** session

sign up early for a preferred time because SPACE IS LIMITED:

phone: RCCS at 707.869.3613

or email: info@rccservices.org

RCCS in collaboration with the Sonoma County YMCA, Rio Nido Roadhouse & Russian River Recreation and Parks



You're Invited! ¡Le invitamos!

RCCS Provider Appreciation
Celebration 2013

Celebración Para Apreciar a los
Proveedores de RCCS 2013

May 23, 2013

6:00 - 8:00 PM

at/en Guerneville Vets Hall



Come enjoy the...
Food
Raffle Prizes
Certificates

Venga a disfrutar de...
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Reserve su lugar llamando a RCCS al
869-3613

antes de Mayo 16

RSVP RCCS at 869-3613
by May 16



NEWS FROM THE STARS PRESCHOOLS:

All Preschool locations will be participating in the Human Race on May 11. All sponser money will go to your preschool for new supplies!

We will be opening a new site at Guerneville Elementary School!

Call now to get on the waiting list for Fall 2013.

River to Coast Children's Services

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Fax(707) 869-2616
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http://www.rccservices.org

Sirviendo el Oeste del Condado de Sonoma con:

- Referencias para el Cuidado de Niños
- Recursos para los Niños y sus Familias
- Apoyo para los Proveedores del Cuidado de Niños
- Ayuda Monetaria para el Cuidado de Niños
- Programa de suministros de Emergencia
- Gimnasio para Niños en Guerneville, Forestville y Bodega Bay
- Programa de Asientos de Seguridad
- Programa de Conserjería
- Prescolar

ALGUNOS PUNTOS DE NUESTRA POLIZA DE REFERENCIAS

La poliza de referencias de RIVER TO COAST CHILDREN'S SERVICES respeta la preferencia de los padres. La responsabilidad de escoger el cuidado de niños es de los padres. Asistimos a los padres a encontrar la variedad más amplia de cuidado de niños que se ofrece y ofrecemos información para evaluar el cuidado de niños. Una recomendación de RCCS no significa una garantía de calidad. Les pedimos a los padres que hagan una entrevista cuidadosa y que examinen las recomendaciones antes de que dejen un niño al cuidado de otra persona.

Padres que están buscando información acerca de quejas previas de una casa o centro con licencia para cuidar niños, pueden llamar a Community Care Licensing tel. 588-5026.

Para registrar una queja llamen al mismo numero al River to Coast Children's Services. 707.869-3613.

OUR REFERRAL POLICY

RIVER TO COAST CHILDREN'S SERVICES' referral policy is based on respecting parental choice. Responsibility for selecting child care rests with each parent. RCCS assists parents in finding the widest range of available child care and offers information to help families evaluate available child care options. A RIVER TO COAST CHILDREN'S SERVICES referral is not a recommendation or a guarantee of quality care. Parents should carefully interview and check references of potential child care providers before leaving a child in their care.

For Information on all licensed family child care homes and centers call Community Care Licensing at 707.588.5026

River to Coast Children's Services. 707.869-3613. info@rccservices.org / www.rccservices.org

News from the Vets Hall

Sister's Bingo: we are proud to announce that bingo on April 13th was sold out. "Horton Hears a Bingo" benefiting the Aids Nutrient Bank had over 250 participants raising much needed funds and packing the hall with a party!

Russian River Chamber of Commerce: **May 11th**. Come along and get to know your local businesses better. For more info visit the Chamber of Commerce's website: www.russianriver.com or call (707) 869-9000

THE NEW VETS HALL WEBSITE IS UP @
<http://www.guernevillevetshall.org/>

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Serving west Sonoma County with:

- Help paying for child care
- Referrals for child care
- Resources for children and their families
- Support for child care providers
- Emergency Resources Program
- Kindergym and Infantergym in Guerneville, Forestville and Bodega Bay
- Car Safety Seat Program
- Counseling Program for children and their families
- Preschools

ADDENDUM TO HANDBOOK

Our Service Delivery Area. RCCS' service area includes the West Sonoma County Union High School, Monte Rio, Guerneville, Harmony, Fort Ross, Oak Grove, Montgomery, Sonoma County portion of Shoreline Unified School and the Kashia Reservation School Districts.

For AP funding: For families in the Alternative Payment Programs, either the care must be used OR the family must live in the service area described above.

For CFCC Funding: For families in the Family Child Care (CFCC) programs, child care must be provided by our contracted providers in the RCCS Family Child Care Network

YOUR CASE MANAGER WILL SHARE NETWORK PROVIDERS WITH YOU.

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& NEW VETS HALL FACEBOOK PAGE:
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Elevar los Estándares de Educación

2013-2014



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www.scoe.org/cares

For information in English, please contact Sonoma CARES at 707-524-2639.



¡Sonoma CARES Plus esta inscribiendo!

Talleres de Inscripción ¡Registro previo requerido!

Fecha	Tiempo	Lugar
17 de Jul, 2013	4pm-6pm	Sonoma County Office of Education 5340 Skyline Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA 95403
18 de Jul, 2013	4pm-6pm	Sonoma County Office of Education 5340 Skyline Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA 95403
1 de Agos, 2013	4pm-6pm	4Cs Community Child Care Council 131-A Stony Cir, Suite 300 Santa Rosa, CA 95401
7 de Agos, 2013	4pm-6pm	4Cs Community Child Care Council 131-A Stony Cir, Suite 300, Santa Rosa CA 95401
21 de Agos, 2013	4pm-6pm	RCCS, Riverco Coast Children's Services 16300 First St Guerneville, CA 95446
4 de Sep, 2013	4pm-6pm	SRJC, CALL Center, 2nd Floor, Rm 3867 1501 Mendocino Ave Santa Rosa, CA 95401
7 de Sep, 2013	9am-11am	4Cs Community Child Care Council 131-A Stony Cir, Suite 300 Santa Rosa, CA 95401
10 de Sep, 2013	4pm-6pm	SRJC, CALL Center, 2nd Floor, Rm 3867 1501 Mendocino Ave Santa Rosa, CA 95401
12 de Sep, 2013	4pm-6pm	SRJC, CALL Center, 2nd Floor, Rm 3867 1501 Mendocino Ave Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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The Sonoma CARES Plus program is NOW ENROLLING!

Enrollment Workshops Pre-registration Required!		
Date	Time	Location
Jul 17, 2013	4pm-6pm	Sonoma County Office of Education 5340 Skylane Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Jul 18, 2013	4pm-6pm	Sonoma County Office of Education 5340 Skylane Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Aug 1, 2013	4pm-6pm	4Cs Community Child Care Council 131-A Stony Cir, Suite 300 Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Aug 7, 2013	4pm-6pm	4Cs Community Child Care Council 131-A Stony Cir, Suite 300, Santa Rosa CA 95401
Aug 21, 2013	4pm-6pm	RCCS, River to Coast Children's Services 16300 First St Guerneville, CA 95446
Sep 4, 2013	4pm-6pm	SRJC, CALL Center, 2nd Floor, Rm 3867 1501 Mendocino Ave Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Sep 7, 2013	9am-11am	4Cs Community Child Care Council 131-A Stony Cir, Suite 300 Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Sep 10, 2013	4pm-6pm	SRJC, CALL Center, 2nd Floor, Rm 3867 1501 Mendocino Ave Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Sep 12, 2013	4pm-6pm	SRJC, CALL Center, 2nd Floor, Rm 3867 1501 Mendocino Ave Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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Wednesday May 8, 2013



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**Standing together for
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Call for more information regarding the departure location and time.

To register, reserve breakfast, lunch and a seat on the bus,
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Miércoles 8 de Mayo, 2013



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Si todos defendemos juntos a nuestros niños –
¡NOSOTROS podemos hacer la diferencia!

Para saber el lugar y la hora de salida, por favor llame para más información.

**Para registrarse, reservar su desayuno, almuerzo y el espacio en
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Debe Reservar. Los espacios son limitados.

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