



September 2010

- Wednesday, September 1
County-Wide Policy Council Executive Board Meeting
- Friday, September 3
County-Wide Staff In-Service—Fresno Convention Center
- Monday, September 6
EOC Holiday
Labor Day
- Monday, September 13
EOC New Hire Orientation
- Wednesday, September 15
County-Wide Policy Council Meeting
- Thursday, September 16
EOC Management Training Session
CD/TD Meeting at Franklin Center
- Wednesday, September 22
EOC Board of Commissioners Meeting
- Friday, September 24
Site Office Day (SOD)
- Monday, September 27
EOC New Hire Orientation

September

**“By all these lovely tokens
September days are here
With summer’s best of
weather
And autumn’s best of
cheer.”**

**Helen Hunt Jackson
1830-1885**



It Was a Jungle at the Head Start Preservice



The new school year has just begun, and our Head Start and Early Head Start staff geared up for what is to come during their annual three-day pre-service training at the Golden Palace. The annual training allows new and returning staff members to become acquainted with the Early Head Start and Head Start programs, with their colleagues, as they “hunt for perfection”.

This year’s jungle and pre-service fun and informative. Staff members enjoyed dressing in theme and participating in a comical fashion show. Head Starts Registered Nurses once again delivered a very creative blood borne pathogens training by combining a skit and video titled “The Pirates of the Well Being”. During the program, staff was informed of program updates, given refresher courses in sexual harassment and safety, and received specific job training.

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Shana Burns in her jungle themed outfit with other Head Start employees.

It’s going to be a jungle out there! We wish our Head Start and Early Head Start staff a great school year! Welcome Back!



Head Start nurses playing the Pirates of Well Being on stage at Golden Palace.

EOC News: Business, Entertainment, Sports, & Food

Autumn Weather Makes for a Welcoming Evening

The fall weather made for an enjoyable evening at Arte Américas as staff, local leaders, and the community came out to welcome our Executive Director Brian Angus to the Central Valley. The Arte Américas Plaza was the perfect venue for Mr. Angus to shake hands and meet members of the community.



A small program began with a few words from Board Member Chair Vong Mouanoutoua and Board Commissioner Reverend Paul McCoy. During a message to the attendees, Mr. Angus explained how much Community Action has impacted his life and how his goal in the upcoming months is to figure out the needs of Fresno County by meeting with the leaders within our community.



WIC Opens New Location on Ashlan and West

There's a new WIC office in the neighborhood! Our Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program opened its doors at our newest location in northwest Fresno. The new site is located on Ashlan and West avenues at 1426 W. Ashlan, right next to Hungry Howie's Pizza.

"We are excited to be expanding our services across Fresno County," says Linda Shelton, WIC Program Director. "We know that transportation is an issue for many of our current and potential WIC clients, and we hope our newest locations are more convenient and easily accessible to those in the surrounding areas."



Families grow healthy with WIC. The program provides nutrition education, nutrient-rich supplemental food, and health and social service referrals to pregnant mothers, new mothers (breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding), and infants and children up to 5 years of age and younger. Our WIC Program currently serves 35,500 participants.

Don't Wait In Line! Get Your Tickets Now!

The Big Fresno Fair tickets are available now in the Human Resources office.

Tickets are only \$8.00. That is \$2.00 off the regular admissions price of \$10.00 at the gate. The Big Fresno Fair runs from October 6th through October 17th, 2010. See you there at the Big Fresno Fair.



Be Recognized in Staff Milestones



Do you have an important milestone you would like to share? Are you overjoyed with the birth of a child, celebrating a wedding anniversary, excited about an upcoming graduation, or have a client that has had a recent accomplishment? Make sure to submit the occasion so it can be highlighted in our *Staff Milestones*.

To submit your milestone, please e-mail Augie Blancas, Public Relations Intern at augie.blancas@fresnoeoc.org, or e-mail Yahaira Garcia-Perea, Public Relations Specialist, at yahaira.garcia-perea@fresnoeoc.org.



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