



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2006

- Wednesday, March 1
CWP/CExecutive Board Meeting
- Wednesday, March 8
Day One County Wide Parent Conference
- Thursday, March 9
Day Two County Wide Parent Conference
- Monday, March 13
EOC New Hire Orientation
- Wednesday, March 15
County-Wide Policy Council Meeting
- Thursday, March 16
EOC Management Training Session
- Monday, March 20
Buddy Walking Program Begins (8 weeks)
- Thursday, March 23
EOC Employee Appreciation Day
- Monday, March 27
EOC New Hire Orientation
- Friday, March 31
Cesar Chavez Holiday



Attention!
All Health Plan Participants
You've Got Questions?
"HealthView" Has Answers!

Which hospital is best for me?

What is the status of my claim?

Is my procedure covered?

How do I choose a new doctor?

Are there any side effects with this medication?

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3. You have access to a free on-line health and wellness tool that helps you manage medical conditions, prepare for procedures, compare hospitals and look up prescriptions. HealthView also provides medical resources and tools to look up network providers, review benefits, and check claims status.

**Welcome New Employees
January-February 2006**

Laura Gutierrez	Teacher Assistant II	Head Start
Janet Morris	Nurse	Head Start
Tenia Romo	Teacher I	Head Start
May Her	Secretary I	Head Start
Guadalupe Garcia	Food Services Assistant I	Head Start
Merry Lee	Family Connections Home Visitor	Early Head Start
Marlene Perez	Family Connections Home Visitor	Early Head Start
Sandra Romero	Teacher Assistant II	Head Start
Dominga Herrera	Teacher Assistant I	Head Start
Anita Unruh	Maternal/Child Coordinator	Early Head Start
San Juana Prieto	Teacher Assistant I	Head Start

Please take time out of your busy schedules to welcome our new employees to the Head Start/Early Head Start family.

FIRST 5 AND FCEOC

During 2005, FCEOC began managing two First 5 funded programs. They are **Family Connections Program, West Fresno** and **Westside School Readiness Program**. Both programs use the home visitation model. Differences between the two programs are details within the funding, scope of work, and reporting. Please be aware that both of these programs are in development. Some changes may take place.



Family Connections Program, West Fresno

Staff will be 1 Coordinator, 2 Home Visitors, and an Information Systems Clerk.

West Fresno Elementary School and surrounding neighborhood will be the target area. We look forward to developing many partnerships in the area. Head Start Centers in the target area will include Ivy Head Start and Franklin Head Start.

Westside School Readiness Program

Staff will be 1 Coordinator, 2 Home Visitors, and an Information Systems Clerk.

The targeted area includes these elementary schools within Fresno Unified: Columbia, King, Kirk, and Lincoln. Again, Ivy and Franklin Head Start centers and Mt. Carmel Early Head Start will have families in the targeted area.

HOME VISITATION, ON SITE MEETINGS WITH ENRICHED CHILD CARE, AND SUMMER KINDERCAMPS

First 5 programs use a model of home visitation focusing on families with children 0-5 years of age. The home visitation program can bring services to socially or geographically isolated families, and through which services can be tailored to meet the needs of individual families.

The families will be supported with not only home visits, but also participate in meetings and workshops on a monthly basis. These meetings and workshops will focus on information and activities for families to meet their needs.

During these workshops and meetings, enriched child care will be available to the children. Developmentally appropriate activities will be planned for these sessions.

Also, a summer KinderCamp will be made available to families with children about to enter Kindergarten in the targeted areas.

Funnies: "Watch For These Major Mergers In 2006"

1. Polygram Records, Warner Bros., & Zesta Crackers join forces and become Poly, Warner Cracker.
2. 3M will merge with Goodyear and become: MMMGood.
3. FedEx is expected to join its major competitor, UPS and become FedUP.
4. Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization of Women will become: Knott NOW!



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