

First 5 Solano: Children and Families Commission

April to June Quarterly Newsletter

2017

2017 Monthly Observances

April

*Month of the
Military Child*

May

*Mental Health:
Your Child's Brain*

June

School Readiness



What's New in Solano!

Child Start Inc. has opened a new Head Start Center located at the Solano County Health & Social Services Building at 275 Beck Avenue in Fairfield. Child Start is a nonprofit organization that serves low-income families, with priority given to families who receive TANF, SSI are in foster care, or are determined homeless.

The Beck Head Start Center will be hosting an open house on Thursday April 20th from 5pm -7pm to celebrate and all are invited to come tour the site.

For more information about the Beck Head Start Center please call 707-252-8931.



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April is Children's Month in Solano

April Children's Month is an opportunity to support celebrations and observances for children. Events aim to support the health, safety and well-being of Solano's children by ensuring that children have a safe and nurturing environment to reach their full potential.



El Dia de los Libros

Come to the "Reach Out and Read" event for onsite library card registration and book giveaways! The event will be held on **April 17th** at La Clinica North on 220 Hospital Drive in Vallejo.

Award winning illustrator Susan Guevara will be at the JFK Library on **April 29th** from 2pm-4pm. Meet Susan Guevara and stay for refreshments and book giveaways!

Children's Memorial Flag Day

Show your support for children who have been lost to violence. On Friday **April 28th** there will be a ceremony in the Garden of Hope at 275 Beck Avenue in Fairfield from noon-1pm.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

On Monday **April 3rd** Child Haven, located at 801 Empire Street in Fairfield, will be holding Pinwheels for Prevention at 1pm to honor every child they served in 2016.

Children's Light of Hope Day

Join the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Solano County on **April 24th** at noon by stopping what you are doing wherever you are and lighting a candle to commemorate the thousands of abused and neglected children and the many agencies and volunteers who bring hope back to them.

The First 5 CA Express Tour is Back!

Come talk, read and sing with your child at the Vallejo Farmers market at 400 Georgia St. Vallejo on Saturday, **April 8th** from 9am-2pm. Pick up some healthy fruits and veggies while you are there!

The Month of the Military Child

To kick off the Month of the Military Child Travis Airforce Base is having their 5th Annual Family Fun Fest on **April 5th** from 3pm-6pm at the Airman and Family Readiness Center on Travis Airforce Base.



Bridges Out of Poverty

Workshop based on the book by Ruby K. Payne, Phillip E. DeVol, & Terie Dreussi Smith

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

8:30am-3:30pm

Solano County Event Center

Conference Room A

601 Texas Street

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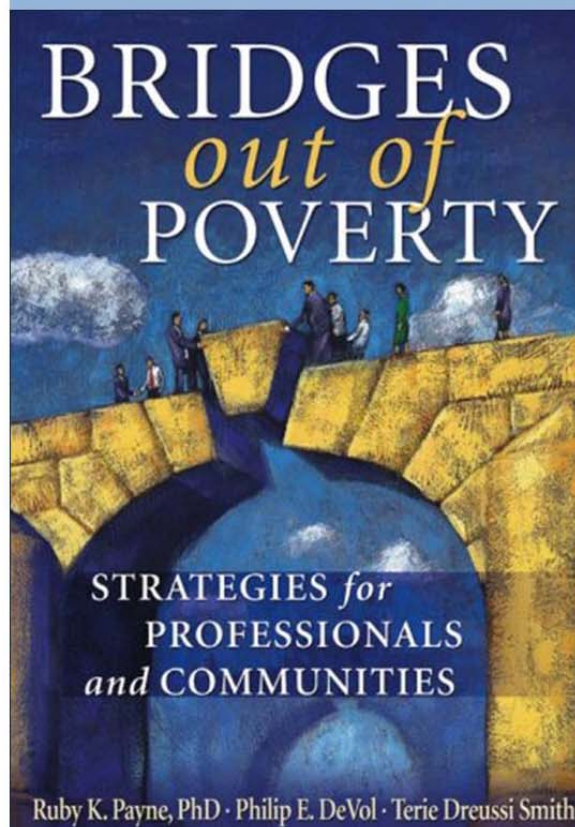
*Register for this **no-cost** training via
Eventbrite by Friday, April 7th, 2017
Limit 3 attendees per agency*

[Click Here to Register](#)

*All attendees who register by April 7th
will receive a complimentary copy of the
book "Bridges Out of Poverty".*

*Additional individuals may be allowed to register after
April 7th if space permits. Please call First 5 Solano to be
added to the waiting list.*

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided



This workshop is based on the book "Bridges Out of Poverty" by Ruby K. Payne, Phillip E. DeVol, & Terie Dreussi Smith. Consultant Jodi Pharr will help First 5 Solano grantees and community partners who work with children 0 to 5 years old to develop a common understanding of poverty and how it relates to services provided within Solano County.

For questions, please call
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Please give us your feedback!

In an effort to improve our newsletter we ask that you please spend a few minutes taking the short survey. We want to ensure our newsletter is as helpful as possible for your organization and clients.

Thank you!

[Take our survey here!](#)



Funding Opportunities

Business Challenge Grant Fund (up to \$10,000)

The purpose of this fund is to assist Solano County non-profits to work with and fundraise with local businesses.

Community Engagement & April Children's Month Fund (\$300)

To support community activities and events designed to inform and increase awareness about child development.

Co-Sponsorship of Training and Conference Fund (up to \$3,000)

To improve the capacity of individuals and organizations in Solano County.

Organizational Support Fund (up to \$5,000)

To assist community organizations with funds for grant writing.

Visit our website www.first5solano.org for more information or to apply!



Meet the Commission

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