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*“Do not let what you can't do
interfere with what you can do.”*

~ John Wooden~

FIRST 5 LA FAMILY LITERACY GRANTEES and FLSN IN THE NEWS:

- Kudos to the *North Valley Caring Services (NVCS)* TEAM! On Thursday, March 18, NVCS hosted a ribbon cutting for families and the community to acknowledge their recent grant award for a new children's library from the Bring Me A Book Foundation. The ceremony included parents representing the group who thanked FLSN, Dale Petrulis of Bring Me A Book Foundation, and the funder, the Koch Family Foundation and shared plans for using the library with their children. The excitement in the children's faces as they got to pick a book to enjoy with their mothers was worth a \$1,000,000. *[FLSN staff in attendance noted that parents were using excellent reading strategies as parents read and discussed the book with their children.]*
- If you are attending NCFL's National Family Literacy Conference in San Antonio on April 11-13, look for all three **FLSN staff** (Liz Guerra, Elida Garcia, and Armando Argandoña) who will be presenting at conference. We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- **April 1, 2010 – Los Angeles County DRDP (2010) training developed specifically for teachers.** This training will focus on the new DRDP (2010) and its use in the classroom. Teachers will learn about using the DRDP to document children's growth. Continuing Education Units (CEU) and academic units are available through California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) for an additional fee. To register go to: http://www.wested.org/desiredresults/training/training_pages/feeforservice.htm (Thanks to CPIN for sharing)
- **April 6, 2010 – Los Angeles County Partnership** to Eliminate Disparities in Infant Mortality- for a Complimentary training on: **“Health Care Disparities: Closing the Gap.”** At The Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 North Grand Avenue, 5th Floor – Salon A, Los Angeles, 90012. A workshop to educate healthcare providers on effective solutions that they can use in their clinical practices to improve the quality of care for racial and ethnic minority patients. **(Continuing Education Credit Pending)** For more information contact Rozana Ceballos at (213-639-6464), or roceballos@ph.lacounty.gov. To register log on to: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phcommon/public/conf/confPubAddForm.cfm?unit=mc&ou=ph&prog=fhp&confID=42>
- **April 8 – June 24, 2010 – The Incredible Years.** Come and meet other parents while you learn in this new and fun parenting class. This class is for English-speaking parents with children ages 3-10. **It is FREE!** Classes will be held at: The Help Group (Conference Room 1), 15339 Saticoy Street, Van Nuys, 91406 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Certificate

of Completion will be provided. To register and arrange for child care, call Tanya at 818/267-2709 **BY** April 1, 2010. (*Thanks to LA Best Babies for sharing.*)

- **April 11-13, 2010 – 19th Annual National Conference on Family Literacy. San Antonio, TX.** Visit www.famlit.org/conference to register online, see a full conference schedule, and learn more about Preconference session. [Register now!](#)

TEACHER AWARDS:

- **LAUP is Accepting Preschool Teacher of the Year Award Nominations**
Los Angeles Universal Preschool is accepting applications for *the 3rd Annual Los Angeles County Preschool Teacher of the Year Awards*. The award recognizes five outstanding educators (one from each supervisorial district) who teach preschool in Los Angeles County and have gone beyond the call of duty to better prepare preschool students for elementary school and life. The *Los Angeles County Preschool Teacher of the Year Awards* are open to all preschool teachers in Los Angeles County, including those who work in non LAUP-affiliated preschools. Candidates may nominate themselves, or be nominated by anyone associated with the nominee's preschool, such as parents or co-workers. Nominations will be screened and scored by a panel of educators, and early childhood education experts. Nominees will be evaluated on their commitment to quality preschool education. To obtain the nomination application and further details, please visit www.laup.net/teacher.
The submission deadline is Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

WEBSITE PICK:

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has many free resources and materials to download for providers serving parents with young children. Items include, printed fact sheets, milestone checklist, posters, a growth chart, and much more. Additionally, CDC recently released new data that shows an average of 1 in every 110 children in certain parts of the United States has an Autism Spectrum Disorder. To learn more, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html> (*Thanks to Carol Bakken, from Wexford for sharing this information.*)

FUNDING RESOURCES:

- **Green American Awards (Deadline: April 1)** – The Nature Hills Nursery Green America Awards will be presented to groups and organizations that are making a difference in their communities. Eligible applicants include community groups who are committed to improving their local environment by planting trees, bushes, and shrubs to make their communities a better place to live. One grand prize winner will receive \$2,500 in plant materials. The first place winner will receive \$1,500 in plant materials, and the second place winner \$1,000 in plant materials. The plant materials can contain trees, fruit trees, bushes and shrubs, perennials, and vegetable seeds. For more information visit: www.naturehills.com/green_america_awards.aspx
- **McCormick New Media Women Entrepreneurs Program (Deadline: April 6)** – This program gives one-time funding of \$12,000 to women with original ideas to create new websites, mobile news services, or other entrepreneurial initiatives that offer interactive opportunities to engage, inspire, and improve news and information in a geographic community or a community of interest. These can be solo ideas or team projects spearheaded by women. For more information visit: www.newmediawomen.org/site/proposal_guidelines
- **2010 Spirit of Service Awards (Deadline: April 12)** – The Corporation for National and Community Service is committed to recognizing and celebrating outstanding services by their volunteers and members. The Spirit of Service Awards pay tribute to the most outstanding participants in each of the Corporation's programs – including Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America. Awards will be presented to the winners during

special ceremonies at the 2010 National Conference on Volunteering and Service, June 28-30, in New York City. Nominations are currently being sought through April 12, 2010. Nominees must exemplify the spirit of national service, demonstrate exceptional service or leadership, and serve as role models for others in their community. Nominations should include information about the impact of the nominee's service. For more information visit: www.nationalservice.gov/about/spiritofservice/index.asp

- **Pepsi Refresh Project** – Pepsi is looking for people, businesses, and non-profits with ideas that will have a positive impact. Look around your community and think about how you want to change it. Pepsi is accepting 1000 ideas every month. Tell them your great idea. Pepsi will be awarding grants of all sizes 5K, 25K, 50K and 250K. The grant categories are health, arts and culture, food and shelter, the plant, neighborhoods, and education. Submission: Each month, submission will be accepted from the 1st through the 15th, or until they receive 1,000 ideas, whichever comes first. The submissions process is designed to clarify and hone your idea, and as a way for them to filter ideas that are inappropriate or illegal. Pepsi is looking for projects that are beneficial, achievable, constructive, and “shovel-ready” (meaning it can be finished within 12 months of funding). Keep in mind, too, that you can save your work and come back later and revise what you've already filled out. You can even start working on your project before submissions are open for the next month. For more information visit: www.persirefresheverything.com
- **April 12 & 29, 2010 – Introductory Workshop: “Building a Solid Foundation for Successful Grant Proposal.** The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Tobacco Control and Prevention Program is offering a workshop titled "Introductory Workshop: Building a Solid Foundation for Successful Grant Proposal Writing". This training will discuss the planning and components that go into a well-presented grant proposal with an emphasis on submitting for federal, state, county, or city funding. This training is FREE OF CHARGE. Parking is FREE OF CHARGE and lunch will be provided. Please note: the workshop is not open to organizations that have applied for Tobacco Control funding. For additional information and register online at <http://pphtc.org/GWtraining/registration.htm>
- **2010-11 Child Development Grant Application Process:** The California Student Aid Commission is pleased to announce that the 2010-11 Child Development Grant Program application is now available. The Child Development Grant Program is designed to encourage students to enter the field of child care and development in a licensed children's center. Students who plan to enroll at least half-time in coursework leading to a Child Development Permit are eligible to apply through the postsecondary institution they plan to attend. To receive funding, students must sign a Service Commitment Agreement stating they will provide one year of full-time service in a licensed children's center for each year they receive the grant. The Child Development Grant awards are from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year, up to \$6,000, depending on the type of school the recipient is attending. The award is renewable for one year. The Coordinator's Guide, which includes the program nomination forms are available on the Commission's website at www.csac.ca.gov. Select “Financial Aid Programs”, then “Child Development Grant Program”. *The postmark deadline to submit applications to the Commission is Tuesday, June 15, 2010.* If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Commission's Specialized Programs Operations Branch at (888) 224-7268, option 3 or at specialized@csac.ca.gov, attention: Child Development Grant.
- **LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION – RFQ 1408R-09/10 – REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS – FOR NEW CHILD CARE PARTNERS – NOTICE TO ORGANIZATIONS – NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, hereinafter referred to as LACOE, will receive up to, but not later than, 3:00 PM on April 22, 2010, qualifications for new child care partners through the

Los Angeles County Office of Education in Los Angeles County. All qualifications shall be in the format specified by LACOE. Qualifications shall be received in LACOE by Cindy Maloney-Mueller, Procurement Services Manager. If proposals are mailed, mail to Los Angeles County Office of Education, Contracts Section, Room 153, ECW, 9300 Imperial Highway, Downey, California 90242-2890. If proposals are hand-delivered, deliver to Los Angeles County Office of Education, Contracts Section, Room 153, Clark Building, 12830 Columbia Way (formerly Clark Avenue), Downey, California. Each qualification must conform and be responsive to the Request for Qualifications documents, copies of which may be obtained at LACOE from Lilibeth Morelos, Procurement Services Assistant, Contracts Section, 12830 Columbia Way (formerly Clark Avenue), Downey, California, or by calling (562) 401-5775, or via e-mail to Morelos.Lilibeth@lacoedu.edu.

NOTE: THESE ARE NOT ENDORSEMENTS OF ANY KIND. WE ARE SIMPLY SHARING INFORMATION

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES:

- **Cal State Long Beach – The Department of Teacher Education is offering a Master’s Degree in Curriculum & Instruction** for middle & high school teachers working with English language learners. Program applications are available in the College of Education, Graduate Studies Office – EDI – 7. Contact the program advisors: Dr. Corinne Martinez, cmarti26@csulb.edu or 562/985-1138, Dr. Trini Lewis, tlewis2@csulb.edu or 562/985-2078. Find more information on CSULB College of Education program at: www.ced.csulb.edu/teacher-ed/

COMMUNITY/PARENT/FAMILY EVENTS:

- **April 9 – 11, 2010 –ART FOR EVERYONE: Active Arts at the Music Center. Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Ahmanson Theatre.** Hubbard Street Dance Chicago (HSDC) is among the most original forces in contemporary dance. Critically acclaimed for its exuberant and athletic repertoire, the company’s ensemble of dancers displays unparalleled versatility and virtuosity. For more information visit: <http://www.musiccenter.org/>. For tickets call 800/982-2797 or the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion box office or call – 213/972-0711.
- **On April 27 – May 3, 2010, Remote Area Medical (RAM) will provide free medical, dental and vision care** to thousands of needy individuals in the Los Angeles area. The free clinic will be held at Los Angeles Sports Arena located at 3939 North Figueroa Street, near USC. 1,200 people a day will be treated—possibly more depending on the final number of volunteers and participating organizations. The event is planned and operated by Remote Area Medical, a Volunteer 501(c) (3) charity providing free care to uninsured, underinsured, and indigent Individuals throughout the United States. For more information visit: www.ramusa.org

ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES:

- **First 5 LA Strategic Plan Important Dates**
April 8, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. – First 5 LA Commission Meeting- The plan to transition four major initiatives whose grants are ending will be discussed and approved at this meeting. For more information visit: <http://www.first5la.org/Strategic-Plan>
May 13, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. – First 5 LA Commission Meeting- Communities selected as part of First 5 LA's place-based strategy and the First 5 LA grantee transition plan (approved at previous meeting) will be reviewed. Target communities will be approved at this meeting. <http://www.first5la.org/Strategic-Plan>
- **April 20, 2010 – Slum Housing, L.A.’s Hidden Health Crisis.** St. Vincent’s School Auditorium, 2335 South Figueroa Street (at Adams Blvd.), Los Angeles, 90007, at 5:30 p.m. Join the community-based Better Neighborhoods, Same Neighbors Collaborative and other public health and housing professional community leaders, and public officials in an evening

briefing and strategy discussion addressing the detrimental effect of slum housing on the health of children and families in our community. Parking is **FREE**. **RSVP by April 15th**: Paulina Gonzalez, 213/745-9961 ext. 202 or pgonzalez@SAJE.net Sponsored by the Better Neighborhoods, Same Neighbors Collaborative.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES:

- **Director, Early Childhood Directions and Infant, Toddler, and Preschool Program**
Saint John's Child and Family Development Center (CFDC) are seeking an energetic candidate to assume the directorship of its employee-based infant, toddler and preschool child care and development program. (Approximately 50 children enrolled / NAEYC-Accreditation renewal needed.) This position requires a Master's Degree in Elementary or Early Childhood Education, a Children's Center Supervision Permit, and a Regular Children's Center Instruction Permit. Qualified candidate will possess a minimum of four (4) years' foundation in teaching experience of preschool aged children, plus three (3) years administration / supervision. For immediate consideration, please apply to: **Attention:** Ray Holdgrafer, HR Manager, Saint John's Health Center, 2020 Santa Monica Blvd., 3rd Floor, Santa Monica, CA 90404, (310) 829-8633.

BOOK REVIEW BY ARMANDO ARGANDONA (FLSN):

- At the last School Readiness Transition Plan (SRTP) Project meeting, I highlighted two books during the regional that are classics and deal with a child's transition from either preschool or home to kindergarten. The two books used at this regional were *Wemberly Worried* by Kevin Henkes and *The Kissing Hand* by A. Penn. Both books are available in Spanish. By clicking on: http://flsn.lacoe.edu/resources/documents/starting_school_books.pdf you will see a list of 25 books that I have compiled that focus on the transition to school or are about starting school. As the end of the school year nears, you may want to start to read these to the children, discuss them in parent education classes and/ or have parents read them to their children during PCILA. Please let me know if you have a good book on the topic that I can add to the list. "Life is a series of transitions from birth to death. Some of us deal with them better than others, but we all get through them." ~ Anonymous~

FIRST 5 LA FAMILY LITERACY GRANTEE NEWS/UPDATES:

- **FLSN trainings/meetings through June 2010:**
 - **April 6, 2010 – FLSN Presentation to LACOE Board recognizing the two EVP Cycle II sites, Shenandoah/Westside Fairfax Community Adult School, LAUSD and Garfield Community Adult School, LAUSD**
 - **May 21, 2010 – Regional – Super Heroes Parent Event**
 - **May 28, 2010 – Regional – Analyzing and Using Your Participant (Adult and Child) Data, EC - 280 (Lab), 8:30 – 12:00**
 - **June 11, 2010 – Regional – Year-End Meeting,**

Your work does make a difference for children and families in Los Angeles County. Continue to do the good work that you do and please document what you do to share with others.

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