



Hands Prints Family Focus

Manitas Enfocados a la familia



Featuring the Summit on Disabilities
June 18-20, 2010
Disney Coronado Springs Resort

The Family Café began in 1998 as an attempt to meet an urgent need for information among persons with disabilities and their families. To meet that need, the Family Café created an annual event that would serve as a clearinghouse of information. The conference would provide a unique environment, where families could connect with peers, commercial service providers, and public entities to find out what services were available to them, which best met their needs, and how to go about securing those services. The guiding principle of The Family Café has always been the belief that well-informed people make the best decisions for themselves and their loved ones.

Registration for the **12th Annual Family Café** is now open!

To register go to www.familycafe.net or Call Eliana Tardio FRS (239) 433-6700 to request a printed registration form.

Financial assistance is limited and will be distributed through a lottery system.

The Annual Café will once again be held at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort and Convention Center next June 18-20, 2010. A block of rooms is available at the Coronado for the reduced rate of \$113 per night. To make your reservation, call (407) 939-1020 or visit Disney's Family Café at www.disneymeeting.com/familycafe2010



El Family Café comenzó en 1998 como una iniciativa para cubrir las necesidades urgentes de las personas con discapacidad y sus familias. Para eso se creo la Conferencia Anual que se llevará a cabo este año en el Disney Coronado Springs Resort de Junio 18 al 20 del 2010. El precio especial para la convención es \$113.- por noche y puede hacer su reservación llamando al (407) 939-1020 o visitando www.disneymeeting.com/familycafe2010

Para registrarse puede hacerlo en línea en www.familycafe.net o solicitar una forma impresa a Eliana Tardio FRS al (239) 433-6700

La ayuda financiera es limitada y será otorgada a través de una rifa automatizada!



March/April/May 2010

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Free Identification Cards from National Missing and Exploited Center next March 25th in Naples Library!
- ☺ Parenting Classes with Children's Advocacy Center in Little Disciples in Naples!



It is time to play! March & April Playgroups !

Tiempo de Jugar! Grupos de Juego para Marzo y Abril!

Lee County

Shandler Community Hall

419 Florence Ave. Fort Myers
Friday April 2nd at 10:30
Friday May 7th at 10:30

New Life Academy

5146 Leonard Blvd S, Lehigh Acres
Friday April 16th at 10:30
Friday May 21st at 10:30

Bonita Springs Library

26876 Pine Ave, Bonita Springs
Friday March 26th at 1:30
Friday April 23rd at 1:30

Karl Drew Community Park

18142 Lee Road, Fort Myers
Friday March 26th at 10:30
Friday April 23rd at 10:30

Labelle Health Department

1140 Pratt Blvd Hendry County
Friday April 9th at 10:30
Friday May 14th at 10:30

Cape Coral

Impact

120 Del Prado Blvd S

There is no playgroup in April!
Thursday, May 13th at 10:00

Faith Presbyterian Church

4544 Coronado Parkway

Thursday, March 25th and April 22nd at 10:00
Thursday, May 27th at 10:00

Collier County

Immokalee Library

417 N 1st St
April 13th and May 11th at 10:00

Grace Place

4300 21st Ave SW
April 19th and May 17th at 11:00



The National Missing and Exploited Children for Collier County

Next **March 25th** The National Missing and Exploited Children for Collier County will be providing free identification cards for the children in Early Steps! Siblings are welcome too!

To participate you need to fill the registration form that was sent to you home, if you did not receive one or live in another county and still want to come to Naples to participate, please call Eliana Tardio **FRS** to get one!

The event will be held at the **Headquarters Regional Library in 2385 Orange Blossom Dr, Naples FL 34109** from 4 to 7 pm.

Why is so important to participate?

One of the most important tools for law enforcement to use in the case of a missing child is an up-to-date, good-quality photograph and important information such height and weight.

Porqué es importante participar?

Una de las herramientas más importantes que los encargados de la ley usan en caso de la pérdida de un niño es una fotografía de Buena calidad y datos como ser peso y altura!

El próximo Marzo 25, El Centro Nacional de Niños perdidos y Explotados del Condado de Collier estará otorgando tarjetas de identificación gratuitas para los niños del Programa Pasos Tempranos!

Para participar porfavor llene y devuelva la forma que le fue enviada a su domicilio, si no recibió una o vive en otro condado y aún asi quiere participar, porfavor llame a

Eliana Tardio **FRS** y solicite una!

El evento se llevará a cabo en la **Biblioteca ubicada en la 2385 Orange**

Children's Advocacy Parenting Classes start on April 7th!

Las Clases de Padres del Children Advocacy Center empiezan el 7 de abril!

"Early Steps Families" are invited to participate in the "Nurturing Parenting Workshop" brought to you by "The Children's Advocacy Center of Collier County" and the "Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida"

Classes are going to be held at "Little Disciples Preschool" at 1789 Mandarin Rd, Naples FL. This class meets every Wednesday during 8 weeks from 5:30 to 8:00 **FREE FOOD AND CHILDCARE**

"Las Familias de Pasos Tempranos"

están invitadas a participar en los Grupos de Clases "Padres que crian con Amor" ofrecido a ustedes por "The Children's Advocacy Center

Free Food and Childcare provided!

Cuidado de Niños y comida Gratis!

del Condado de Collier" y el

"Hospital de Niños del Suroeste de la Florida"

Las clases se llevarán a cabo en la guardería "Little Disciples Preschool" ubicada en 1789 Mandarin Rd, Naples FL. Estas clases se llevarán a cabo cada miércoles durante 8 semanas de 5:30 a 8:30.

Fingerplay games available in your local Library!

Juegos de Manos disponibles en tu Biblioteca Local más cercana!

Fingerplay games are the most exciting learning experiences. You can have them for free by visiting your library now! You will find both the text and a video with some of the favorite fingerplay and nursery rhymes. You might even learn a new one!

They also have Mother Goose and other nursery rhymes. Take a look at their bibliography and start now!

Some titles available are : **Fee fi fo fum, Five little Monkeys, Happy and you Know it, Hickory Dickory Dock, I saw a little bunny, Now It's time to**

say goodbye, Twinkle Twinkle, Two little pigs, Five Little Ducks, Hands up high, Here is the Beehive, I have ten fingers, itsy bitsy spider, Open them shut them, Two Little birds.

To get directions to the nearest library in your area, please call:

Para bibliotecas en su area, llame:

Lee County (239) 479-4636

Collier County (239) 593-0334

Hendry County (863) 983-1493

Glades County (863)

Glades County (863) 964-0744



Los juegos de Manos son las experiencias de aprendizaje más divertidas para los niños. Puedes obtenerlas totalmente gratis visitando la biblioteca más cercana a tu casa. No sólo tienen los libros, también la música y videos de los ritmos más famosos y divertidos.

Al lado podrás revisar los títulos y teléfonos donde llamar para pedir mas información acerca de tu Biblioteca mas cercana y recursos en español en tu área!

Puppet Pets Craft! Artes Manuales de Animalitos!

Family Craft is always a good idea and not only gives you the opportunity to get together and have fun, is also a funny way to teach your toddler and empower him to develop his individual skills!

The "Dog Craft" will use and develop fine motor skills.

Materials:

- Brown, black and red crayons
- Tape, glue and Scissors
- White business envelope
- White Construction paper

Directions:

1. Fold Envelope and cut in half
2. Place pieces together and tape one side together.

3. Draw and paint dog ears on the construction paper with brown crayon, do the same with the nose, tongue and eyes using the crayons

4. Cut out and glue onto the envelope

Your puppet is ready to talk! Place your fingers in to the top part of the envelope and the thumb in the bottom part.



You can also do other kind of pets, like cats and birds, just by changing the ears, mouth and nose!



Las artes manuales son una excelente idea para compartir en familia y divertirse, también para ayudar a tu hijo a aprender y desarrollar sus habilidades manuales.

Materiales:

- Papel cartulina blanco
- Sobres blancos
- Cinta Adhesiva, goma y Tijeras
- Crayones color café, negro y rojo

Instrucciones:

1. Dobra un sobre por la mitad y córtalo
2. Pon las dos piezas juntas y únelas de un solo lado con cinta adhesiva
3. Sobre el papel de construcción dibuja las orejas, ojitos, nariz y lengua del perrito. Píntalas y recórtalas.
4. Pega las piezas al sobre como se muestra en la ilustración.

Ahora tu marioneta está lista para utilizarse y comenzar a hablar. Puedes utilizarla introduciendo tus dedos en los orificios abiertos del sobre para darle vida. Nombra cada uno de las partes mientras enseñas a tu hijo y lo entretienes!

Mira las figuras de arriba para entender mejor las instrucciones!

Events for Families – Eventos para Familias

National Conference in Autism—Conferencia Nal de Autismo

Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sabado Abril 10 del 2010 de 8 am a 4 pm

Florida Gulf Coast University

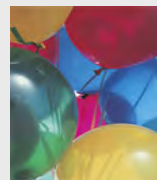
Student Union Ballroom

Ft Myers, FI

Space is limited. Reservation is required by April 4, 2010 to ensure your seat.

El Espacio es limitado y se requiere reservacion hasta el 4 de abril !

Register on www.fgcu.edu/events/promisingpathways



If you have difficulty registering contact pdp@fgcu.edu or Call (239) 590-7747

Si tiene algun problema registrandose escriba o llame al numero de arriba!

“ Third Annual Early Childhood Conference”

Get the Big picture: Mental Health, Early Intervention and Treating the Whole Child
Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8 to 5 pm

2400 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 303
Naples, FL

“ 3era Conferencia Anual acerca de la Niñez”

Salud mental e intervención temprana
Sábado, Marzo 27, 2010 de 8 a 5 pm
2400 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 303 Naples, FI

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Mobile Autism Screening Program

The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, offers a free monthly autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to 36 months of age.

The next one will be held at East County Regional Library on 881 Gunnery Road North, Lehigh Acres FL 33971, next April 16, 2010 from 9:30 to 2:00

The ASD screening is conducted by the Neurosciences Center of The Children's Hospital, under the guidance of pediatric neurologist Jose Colon MD, MPH and pediatric psychiatrist Marianne Krouk, DO. The screenings are administered by an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner who has intensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders.

A physician referral is not required. To schedule a screening, please call **239-985-3608**

Programa Movil de Evaluacion de Autismo

El Hospital de Niños del Suroeste de la Florida, en conjunto con Las Caridades de la Casa de Ronald McDonald del Suroeste de la Florida, ofrecen una evaluación gratuita de Espectro Autista para niños de 18 a 36 meses de edad.

La proxima evaluación se llevará a cabo en East County Regional Library ubicada en 881 Gunnery Road North, Lehigh Acres FL 33971, en Abril 16, 2010 de 9:30 a 2:00

La evaluación es conducida por el Centro de Neurociencia del Hospital de Niños, bajo la guía del pediatra neurológico José Colón MD, MPH y pediatra psiquiátrica Marianne Krouk, DO. Las evaluaciones son administradas por una Enfermera licenciada quien ha tenido entrenamiento intensivo y cuenta también con experiencia en el desarrollo típico de niños y otros con desórdenes de desarrollo.

No se requiere un referido por parte del doctor.
Para hacer una cita, llame al **239-985-3608**
Se Habla Español!