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# Winter News

MARIN CHILD CARE COUNCIL

## Striving for Excellence Conference Registration Details Inside!

Striving for Excellence is MC3's annual conference for early childhood educators and professionals in Marin County.

## NEW! California Car Seat Law Changes

What every parent should know about how to keep children safe while riding in a car.

# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

**A**s we begin the new year, I always like to take a step back and give thanks. I am particularly thankful for my role here at Marin Child Care Council and all we do.

In 2016 we gave hundreds of referrals for child care to families in need of help navigating the new world of 'choosing quality child care'. We provided child care subsidies for over 500 children. We brought together parents and offered the hugely successful training series called Abriendo Puertas in West Marin as part of our Access to Quality Child Care program. We supported our parents from Parent Voices and let our voices be heard over and over again at rallies, community meetings and at our legislators' offices - letting them know we need quality child care. And we offered support and trainings to our child care community, teachers, directors, family child care homes and staff. We provided trainings for over 650 child care professionals!

I am thankful we are able to provide all these amazing services and grateful for our communities appreciation and support of that!

I am also thrilled to let you know that our agency has been nominated for Heart of Marin awards for 'achievement in nonprofit excellence'. We are so proud of our team here at MC3 who work so hard for families and children and are honored to be nominated.

We look forward to continuing these amazing programs and services in 2017!

## Welcome Our Newest Team Members!



### Molly Schmidt - Board of Directors

Molly worked and consulted with International NGOs and community-based nonprofit organizations for 10 years on program operations, volunteer strategies, fundraising, grant management, marketing and events, and development. She has a technical background in community public health, and is an alumnus of Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Molly lived abroad in South East Asia for 8 years and worked for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies as a Community Based First Aid and Public Health officer, based in Bangkok, Thailand. She's a member of the NetImpact San Francisco Professionals, Girl Scouts NorCal service unit team member, American Red Cross volunteer in Marin County, and international volunteer with SpringBoard Foundation and Project Pearls in the Philippines.



### Giulietta Camden- Director of Finance

I am thrilled to be a part of the Marin Child Care Council team. MC3 is a terrific fit for where I want to be personally and how I want to contribute to my community professionally. What I bring to MC3 is 20+ years in public accounting. I have worked with many resource & referral agencies in California as their independent auditor which gives me a unique understanding of the programs of MC3. I look forward to many happy years as part of the MC3 team.



### Freddy Hernandez - Bilingual Case Manager

Hi my name is Freddy Hernandez and I am excited to be a bilingual Case Manager for MC3. I received my associate's degree in business from College of Marin. Growing up in Marin County, I am thankful for the opportunity to work with the community through Marin Child Care Council.

I can be reached at (415) 491-5782 or by email: [freddy@mc3.org](mailto:freddy@mc3.org). My work hours are Tuesday-Thursday 7:00am-5:00pm and Friday 7:00am-4:30pm



# Striving for Excellence 2017



Presented by Marin Child Care Council in conjunction with College of Marin ECE Department



Date: Saturday, January 21, 2017

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Four Points Hotel, San Rafael

**J**oin us at Four Points Hotel in San Rafael with keynote speaker, **Todd Wanerman** who has been contributing to the advancement of early childhood education for more than 25 years. He is a lecturer at San Francisco State University, where he earned a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education in 2010.

#### Day at-a-glance

8:30 -9:00 General Registration  
9:00 - 9:15 Welcome and Announcements  
9:15 -10:30 **Keynote speaker**  
10:30 -10:45 Stretch Break

10:45 -12:00 First Breakout sessions  
12:00 -1:00 Lunch  
1:15 - 2:30 Second Breakout sessions  
2:30 -2:45 Break, Raffle winner announcement  
2:45 -4:00 Third Breakout sessions

**Please detach:** Submit In-Person (cash or check only) or by Mail with **\$50.00** payment to: Marin Child Care Council: 555 Northgate Dr, #105, San Rafael, CA 94903  
Online registration available at [www.mc3.org](http://www.mc3.org)

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Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

*please note: no refunds will be given*

# MC3 Play Group



## New Play Group Dates!

- 1/12/17- Shapes match, pool noodle
- 1/26/17- Card slot drop, sponge painting
- 2/9/17- Ice painting, sand and rock box
- 2/23/17- Paint the snow, pom pom drop
- 3/9/17- Sticker line up, scoop and transfer
- 3/23/17- Ball walk, bubbles
- 4/6/17- Flower painting, egg match
- 4/20/17- Paper plate farm animals, rainbow balls
- 5/4/17- Rain cloud, bug houses
- 5/18/17- Flower prints with soda bottles, hand print fish
- 6/1/17- Color hop, painting with cars
- 6/15/17- Obstacle course, sensory bag

**M**arin Child Care Council's playgroup has grown in the past 3 months. We've had families 0-5 join us in creating a fun learning environment. Families and children have built relationships, the playgroup has provided developmentally and appropriate learning experiences. Through the playgroup experiences, children are using language to communicate with peers and family members in different environments. In the past three months we've created puppets, playdough, pizza making and much more.

The playgroup is here to support children that are not in a program and parents, family, friend and neighbor caregivers through developmentally and appropriate learning experiences. The playgroup is on Thursday's from 10am-12pm twice a month.

## A Special Congratulations to MC3 Staff Maria and Marisela!

Both ladies brought in the new year with a baby girl and baby boy.



# new! California Car Seat Law Changes

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017



### NEW ADDITION

Starting January 1, 2017, children under 2-years old must be rear-facing unless they weigh 40 pounds or more, or are 40 inches tall or more.

Children must be properly buckled in a car seat which is rear-facing until age 2

### CURRENT LAW

Children under age 8 must be buckled into a car seat or booster in the back seat.

Children age 8 or older, or who are 4'9" or taller, may use the vehicle seat belt if it fits properly with the lap belt low on the hips, touching the upper thighs, and the shoulder belt crossing the center of the chest. If children are not tall enough for proper belt fit, they must ride in a booster or car seat.

Everyone in the car must be properly buckled up.

## Most children will outgrow an infant seat before age 1

- The next step is a convertible car seat.
- Rear-facing is 5 times safer than forward-facing.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children ride rear-facing to the highest weight or height allowed by the car seat manufacturer.

## Kaitlyn's Law

It's against California law to leave a child under the age of seven alone in the car without the supervision of a person at least 12 years old if:

1. The keys are in the ignition or the car is running, or
2. There is a significant risk to the child.

### FINES & PENALTIES

For each child under 16 who is not properly secured, parents (if in the car) or drivers can be fined more than \$500 and get a point on their driving records.

Keep your children safe. It's the law!



For answers to your child safety seat questions, contact your local health department or visit [cdph.ca.gov/vosp](http://cdph.ca.gov/vosp).



# STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

Child Care and Early Education Conference

Saturday, January 21st, 2017 9AM to 4PM  
Four Points Sheraton - San Rafael

**Registration Fee \$50 per/person**

Register online at [www.mc3.org](http://www.mc3.org)

or by mail - registration form included on last page of newsletter

**S**triving For Excellence is our annual conference for early childhood educators and professionals in Marin and surrounding counties. The conference enables people who are working with children, directly or indirectly, to obtain training in a professional and relaxed environment. All are welcome -- licensed family childcare providers, childcare center staff, administrators, informal (non-licensed) caregivers and other interested community members. The participants engage in stimulating learning opportunities and gained knowledge that directly enhances the quality of care provided in their programs.

Educating and involving local communities and leaders, to understand child care issues and to plan effectively to address child care needs that are supportive of all families, is a vital role we play in this community. We are proud to work in partnership with a number of local and statewide organizations and groups on behalf of families and children.

**Conference Focus Areas:** ★ Track One: HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living)

★ Track Two: Spanish ★ Track Three: Children ages 0-5 ★ Track Four: School age children

## Workshop Information:

### Child Observation

This workshop addresses the continuum of formal and informal observation. Participants will learn to critically analyze assessment tools, as well as the appropriate use of documentation.

### School Age Children Learn Best Through Play Too!

This workshop will look at why school age children continue to learn best through play and experience. We will look at what learning through play in a school age program can look like. We will see many visual ideas of children learning through play and discuss how one might be able to incorporate this into their model.

### Bringing Nutrition Education to your Child Care Program

Madelene McCann is The Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Coordinator for the Marin Child Care Council. Join this class to learn easy and fun ways to bring nutrition education to your child care program. Learn to create a nutrition rich classroom and bring nutrition education into your dramatic play area, art, story and song time. We will also discuss best ways to implement nutrition policy's, cooking classes and family style eating practices. Plan to come away with inspiration and resources for referencing nutrition and garden curriculum.

### Fitness is Fun!

Positive movement experiences at school show children that being physically active is fun, and can even instill a life-long love of fitness. During this session, you will learn how to lead safe, inclusive, and enjoyable movement lessons that can be easily modified for different ages and abilities. This is a hands-on session, so be ready to play!

### Bringing Garden Education to Schools

In this workshop we will learn about the importance of having a school garden and learn some easy ways to get the most out of it. We will also learn about some garden resources and experience an easy to implement lesson.

### Aspectos basicos del Sistema CLASS

Este taller incluira, Que significala herramienta CLASS. De donde proviene CLASS. Dominios y Dimensiones del Sistema CLASS. En que consisten las observaciones de CLASS.

### PANELES DE DOCUMENTACIÓN: hacer visible el aprendizaje cotidiano.

Únase a nosotros para este animado taller explorando estrategias prácticas e ideas de paneles de documentación. Hablaremos acerca del POR QUE, así también el COMO crearlos y habrá un componente práctico. Este taller es adecuado para maestros de preescolar en el aula, al igual que para proveedores de cuidado infantil familiar

\*\*\*\* More Workshops Added Daily \*\*\*\*

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## Keynote Speaker Todd Wanerman

Todd Wanerman, M.A., has been contributing to the advancement of early childhood education for more than 25 years. He is a lecturer at San Francisco State University, where he earned a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education in 2010.

Todd was a Head Teacher at The Little School, in San Francisco, California, for 24 years, and he was the school's Development Coordinator for a decade. He played a key role in the development of the school's unique approach to inclusion of children with diverse needs. As a consultant and trainer, Todd has also worked around the world, helping teachers, educational centers and programs, and even counties and provinces implement positive, material change.

Todd has presented lectures and workshops privately and at early childhood education forums, including the CAEYC and NAEYC conferences, since 1999. He has led numerous workshops for parents and teachers in the Bay Area over many years. In April 2010, Todd received a Certificate of Honor from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in recognition of his contribution to the field of early childhood inclusion.