



**Family Resource & Referral Center**

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## **Post Event Press Release**

# **Stockton Chamber Welcomes Family Resource & Referral Center's New Location with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

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**Wednesday, May 11, 2022 3:30pm**

**(Stockton CA)** The Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce performed a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of Family Resource & Referral Center's (FRRC) new main location at 3127 Transworld Drive.

Centrally located in the heart of San Joaquin County, Family Resource & Referral Center's new main location is in close proximity to San Joaquin County Office of Education and Head Start San Joaquin. The Center's new and improved training facilities for Child Care Providers will allow more participants to register and benefit from the multiple trainings and workshops the Center offers throughout the year.

Providers and those who care for children may now access the robust and much larger Resource Center. Most services in the Resource Center are free of charge including the Lending Library, where Providers may check out curriculum kits and books on various child development topics. The Resource Center staff also guides and informs parents on how to select the best child care to meet the needs of the family.

CEO, Kay Ruhstaller lauded community partners for their collaboration and support throughout the pandemic and commended staff in her remarks. "This is your day to shine." Ruhstaller continued in her praise to staff, "What did we do on top of our normal jobs in the middle of the pandemic? We helped put 6.7 million dollars out to Child Care Providers in 6 rounds of funding."

The event was attended by several representatives of San Joaquin County, the City of Stockton, as well as the Stockton Chamber of Commerce. Representatives from Congressman Jerry McNerney's office, Senator Susan Talamantes-Eggman's office, Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua's office, San Joaquin County Board Supervisor, Miguel Villapudua, a representative from Board Supervisor, Tom Patti's office, Senior Policy Advisor for City of Stockton, Marla Livengood and Superintendent of San Joaquin County Office of Education, Dr. Troy Brown all presented certificates of appreciation-recognizing the new main location as a vital part of the community with the services it provides.

FRRC's Board President, Gillian Murphy, commented on the "herculean work of FRRC staff" who supported the Child Care Community while preparing for the major move to Transworld. Murphy, who is Adjunct Business Faculty at San Joaquin Delta College and former Director of the Small Business Development Center at the College, also recognized Child Care Providers, who are also small business owners in our County for their commitment in caring for the children of the essential workforce during the pandemic- "providing safe and caring places for children to go."

Following the ribbon cutting, attendees were able to tour the new facility including the 211 San Joaquin Call Center, Client Intake offices, and Administrative offices. The event also allowed for in-person networking amongst Providers, FRRC staff, and community members-making this a true celebration for many.

### **About Family Resource & Referral Center**

Family Resource & Referral Center's mission is to strengthen the lives of children, families, and community. The Center promotes community awareness about the needs of children and families, and participates in building community coalitions to develop solutions for those needs. The Center's staff works with parents, care providers, businesses, and community leaders to promote quality services for children and their families. Through its professional staff, the Center is a clearinghouse for information on child care services, parenting, nutrition, and child safety. The Center's staff provides child care referrals to all parents in San Joaquin County. It administers child care and nutritional resources and conducts workshops in effective practices of child rearing, child care, and child safety.

The Family Resource & Referral Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30AM to 5PM.

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