

LOCATIONS SERVED

The Children's Collective, Inc. has 12 locations in the following communities:

- Greater Crenshaw
- Exposition/Los Angeles
- Manchester/Figueroa

We serve approximately 10,000 children, youth and families each year and have served the community since 1972.

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CELEBRATING HEALTHY BLACK BABIES

The Children's Collective, Inc.'s Black Infant Health Program addresses issues not widely known in the community.

- The infant mortality rate for African American babies (8.7 per 1,000 live births) in Los Angeles County is twice as high as the overall County rate (4.3 per 1,000 live births) and that of White babies (3.7 per 1,000 live births).

- Among all races/ethnic groups, African American mothers had one of the highest percentages of low birth weight births (12.1 per 100 live births) and preterm births (13.6 per 100 live births).

Acknowledging the impact of BIH in reducing the high mortality rate and low birth weights, BIH recognized women and their children with positive birth outcomes, by hosting "Celebrating Healthy Black Babies" at Center of Hope located in Inglewood, CA.



A parent and her baby take a moment with Kiesha Nix, Executive Director, Lakers Youth Foundation.

The inspirational keynote speaker was Kiesha Nix, Executive Director of the Lakers Youth Foundation. Ms. Nix spoke to the young ladies about the importance of perseverance and keeping focused on their goals. Ms. Nix also donated tote bags and water bottles to everyone who attended! BIH extends special thanks and appreciation to Ms. Nix!

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The Children's Collective Inc. continuously enrolls for Infant, Toddler, Full Day and Part Day Preschool Programs. Call 213-747-4046.



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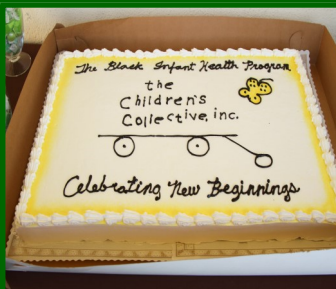
As the mothers arrived, they were surprised to see a baby boutique with clothing for their infants. The items were donated and free to the parents. Each mother and baby was able to leave with two or three outfits. In addition, the mothers also received diapers, shoes and other important infant support items from Baby 2 Baby, Inc.



Adding to the celebration event was the generous donation by The Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica and Delicious Southern Food. They provided the sumptuous and healthy meal for the attendees.

Following lunch, the clients played education based games such as SIDS awareness "What's wrong with this bassinet?" for prizes such as car seats, walkers and crib toys. There were poetry readings, face painting for the children, raffles and a great time was had by all!

It was a successful event with the help of some amazing volunteers from the Rita Walters Learning Complex, Community Volunteers and the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention program.



NEOP AFTER SCHOOL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The Nutrition Education Obesity Program (NEOP) in collaboration with Rita Walters Learning Complex implemented an after school physical activity program. The grand opening for the physical activity program was a very successful event, with about 40 students from Y.O.U. High School in attendance. Students were able to participate in fitness games, raffles and receive a healthy snack.

The After School Physical Activity Program meets three times per week after school for 1 hour and 15 minutes. The program is a fun and safe option for the students of Y.O.U. High School. During the scheduled program, students have the option of participating in boxing drills and/ or basketball. The program averages about 15 students daily and they have stated that the program helps them stay off the streets and out of trouble.

Students who participate in the program regularly have experienced great results. Shaquille Hall has attended consistently since the inception of the program started and has lost a total of 8 lbs. Shaquille expressed how the after school physical activity program has helped him and he responded, "Before I started the after school program, I felt a little sluggish and unfit. I couldn't run two laps without getting tired. Now I can run 6 laps. After about 3 weeks, I slimmed down about 8 lbs. and have built stamina and muscle." **Great work, Shaquille!**



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SITE SUPERVISOR:

Must have Site Supervisor Permit & three years experience. BA Degree

SUBSTITUTE SITE SUPERVISOR:

Must have Site Supervisor Permit & three years experience. BA Degree

TEACHER/SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS/SUBSTITUTE ASSOCIATE TEACHERS:

Must have Permit & three years experience. BA Degree

TEACHER ASSISTANTS/SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT:

Must have 6 ECE units & 1 year experience.

CASE MANAGER:

Conducts family needs assessments, makes referrals for low income and high risk populations; Provides follow-up services; maintains case management files and records. Must have BA in Social Work, Psychology, Human Services or related field; Minimum three years case management experience required.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT:

The Program Assistant ensures effective and efficient implementation and processing of program procedures and systems. AA Degree/ BA Degree preferred. Three years experience providing advanced level administrative support. Strong interpersonal, communication and organizational skills.

Must pass criminal background check for all positions and take a TB test.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Casa Dominguez Child Care Center held a wonderful Black History Month program. The children were provided with diverse, multicultural experiences outside of their ethnic groups, offering opportunities to teach them to be tolerant, respectful, and accepting of differences in others.

The full day class focused on “Dream Big!” in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s civil right legacy. The children were taught about Dr. King’s memorable speech “I Have A Dream” and that he believed that one day all children could hold hands with children of other races. The teachers encouraged the children to become anything they aspired to in life. When the children were ready to put on a fashion show tribute, they dressed as black inventors and experienced being famous black inventors. The children walked in one at a time and stood next to the photo of the person they represented. Each child called out their inventor’s name and shared what they invented.

The part day class performed two songs by Ella Jenkins, “Jambo” and “You’ll Sing A Song and I’ll Sing A Song”. By singing these songs, the children were able to learn how Ella shares with children of one culture what she’s learned from children of other cultures. Children also learned about how Ella gained knowledge and inspiration by performing and working with children on seven continents for four decades, as she encourages active participation using music from diverse cultures. The children also recited a poem “My People” by Langston Hughes. The children did a great job. The event helped them develop communication skills and self-confidence when performing in front of others.



BLACK DIAMONDS PERFORM & WIN COMPETITION



The Rita Walters Learning Complex's Black Diamonds Drill Team and Drum Squad had a very busy and exciting schedule during the month of March.

On March 5, the drill team and squad travelled to Full Gospel Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles and performed in a televised event for the Gospel Channel.

The following week, both squads competed in the Pacesetters Competition in San Bernardino, CA and won in three divisions. According to David Beavers, they "Showed up and showed out" by taking 1st Place in the seniors division and also winning \$100. Risma Neal received "Best Captain Award." In addition, the Drill Team Adult division also took 1st place and received \$100. Daishon Sims received "Best Captain Award" for the Adult Division. The momentum didn't stop there. The Junior Drummers won 1st Place, receiving \$100 and Angie Bell also received "Best Captain Award" in their division.

The Black Diamond Drill Team and the Drum squad were very excited as were their families. Overall, the Black Diamonds Drill Team was the highest scoring team at the Sweepstakes Trophy Competition. The theme of the night was "A Diamond is a gift that lasts forever."



NEW STAFF MEMBERS REACHING OUT

The Children's Collective, Inc. is committed to providing services to city wide residents.

TCCI has added two new persons to the RWLC staff: LaTosha Wright (case manager) and Candy Gonzalez (health educator). Every Thursday, they have been doing outreach in the community. This has been a great way for residents, businesses and other community organizations to get familiar with the services we provide free of charge for those that reside in the City of Los Angeles.



SAVE THE DATE THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016



Annual Last Day of School Celebration Day
in the park.
Watch for additional information.

FSC OFFERS ESL CLASSES



The Children's Collective, Inc. FamilySource Center (FSC) has operated ESL classes for approximately the past 3 years. The program works in collaboration with Los Angeles City College's Office of Economic Development and Workforce Education. FSC leverages their services to provide the classes at no cost to the program or its participants. The classes are non-credit and include ESL, citizenship, and civics. Students are equipped with basic oral and written English language skills. The students are introduced to basic concepts in U.S. History, as well as dictation and interviewing skill strategies to prepare those who taking the US Citizenship exam. All students entering this program are given a pre and

post test in the classroom using the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System. FSC provides all participants with case management and other supportive services, such as transportation assistance, to ensure they are able to stay connected to the class.

Since its inception, the program has served approximately 207 participants with 123 receiving a certificate of completion for at least one class. More importantly, some participants are mastering the English language and preparing to take the US Citizenship exam. Within the last year, two participants successfully become US Citizens.

