

THE COLLECTIVE EXPRESS

A Non-Profit Corporation

Summer 2018

Caring for Kids Since '72

LOCATIONS

The Children's Collective, Inc. has 15 locations in the following communities:

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

We serve approximately 12,000 children, youth and families each year and have served the community since 1972.

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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.

Mission Statement: To improve life outcomes for children, youth and their families in South Los Angeles by providing high quality, comprehensive, educational and support services.



CULMINATING PRESCHOOLERS 2018



More than 300 Preschoolers were very excited as they transition to kindergarten.

Nineteen Culmination Ceremonies were held. The student participated by singing, dancing and reciting poems.

Each participant received a backpack full of school supplies to give the little graduate a head start for their new school in September.

Family members and staff were so very proud to congratulate them.



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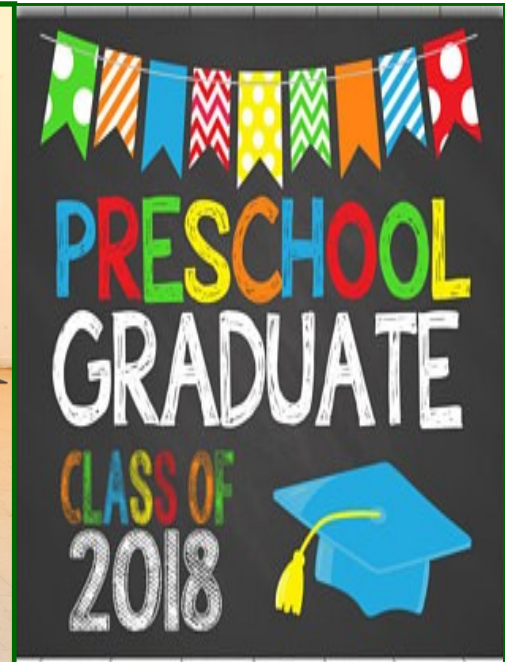


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EDUCATIONAL JAMBOREE AT KENNETH HAHN PARK



The Child Development Department held its annual "Educational Jamboree at Kenneth Hahn Park" with over 700 Toddlers and Preschoolers.

The children had a rip roaring fun time. With over 13 activity centers, they ran through the mazes, climbed on equipment, played Noodle Hockey and hiked up the beautiful hills in the park. In Parent Corner, they engaged in Zumba dancing.

There was a lot face painting, sack races, storytelling puppet shows, healthy meals and snacks.

A good time was had by all attendees. Then they boarded the buses to go home.

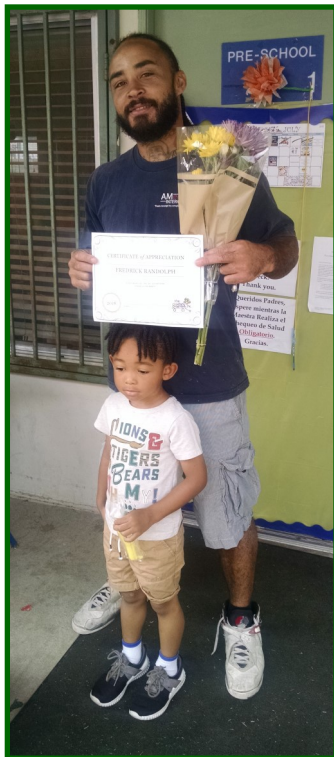


PARENT SPOTLIGHT

Fredrick Randolph is the father of Adon Randolph, a 4yr. old student who attends 56th Street Child Care Center. Fredrick is a very active parent at the site where his child attends.

Anytime the teachers are in need of a parent volunteer or supplies for a special activity, Fredrick is the first in line to aid in any way that he can. Fredrick works in construction, but still finds the time to be engaged in his son's educational needs each and every day.

Fredrick loves spending time with Adon doing outdoor activities like playing basketball or reading to him before he goes to bed at night. Fredrick loves the family atmosphere that exists at the school, and feels like 56th Street is Adon's second home.



BIH RANKED #1 IN CA

The State of California operates 18 Black Infant Health programs in communities where 90% of African-American births occur. The Children's Collective, Inc. Black Infant Health program is ranked number 1 as the top performing program based on the most recent scorecard by the California Department of Public Health.

Factors that make up the scorecard include:

- *Number of Clients recruited*
- *Pre-natal & Post-partum groups initiated*
- *Group/Size attendance*

"Congratulations to Morgan Taylor, Project Supervisor and her staff for their dedication and commitment to the mission of improving birth outcomes for African American women and their children. The team operates the program conscientiously, with a sense of duty and respect for its participants. The BIH Staff's love for the work they do on a daily basis is the 'secret sauce' of their success," according to Fernando Reyes, Program Manager. The Children's Collective, Inc. is very proud of the Black Infant Health team!

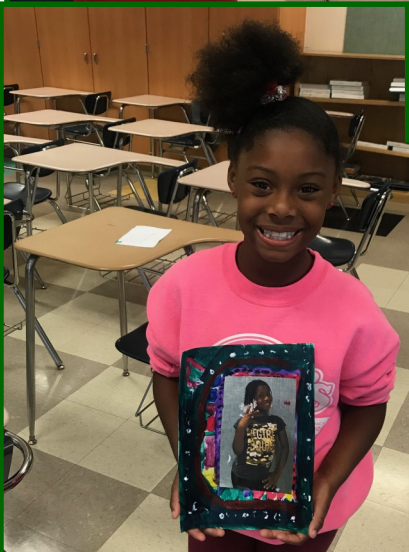
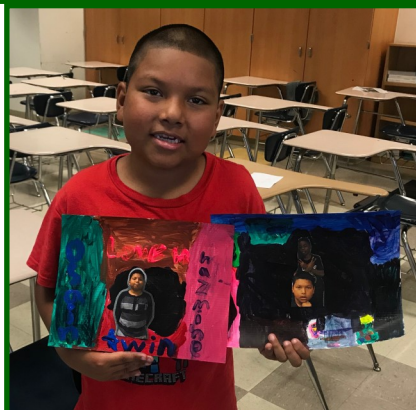


SUMMER CAMP AT RITA WALTERS LEARNING COMPLEX

The Rita D. Walter's Learning Complex summer program kicked off on Monday, June 18th. There are twenty-five youth enrolled in the program, ages 7-12 years old.

For the past two weeks the youth have learned about self-portraits and well known artist Kehinde Wiley, a New York City based artist. Kehinde Wiley is an African-American portrait painter who portrays African-Americans in European styles of art, mainly Renaissance art. Kehinde Wiley is most recently known for his portrait painting of former U.S. President Barack Obama for the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery. The youth took self-portraits posing as royalty and created colorful patterns and backgrounds to decorate their portraits.

For the first field trip the youth visited the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach, California. While at the Museum of Latin American Art the youth used different art medium to create their very own masterpieces.



CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE SUMMER SMOOTHIES

MANGO SMOOTHIE

Makes 4 servings.

Prep time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 cup 100% orange juice
- 1 small banana, peeled and sliced
- 2 fresh mangos, peeled and chopped or 2.5 cups frozen mango chunks, thawed
- 5 ice cubes

Preparation

1. Combine orange juice, banana, and half the mango into a blender container. Blend until smooth.
2. Add remaining mango and ice cubes. Blend until smooth. Serve Immediately.



STRAWBERRY SMOOTHIE

Makes 3 servings.

Prep time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 cup 100% orange juice
- 1 large banana, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup fresh or frozen strawberries, thawed
- 1 cup lowfat vanilla yogurt
- 5 ice cubes

Preparation

1. Combine orange juice, banana, and half the strawberries into a blender container. Blend until smooth.
2. Add yogurt, strawberries, and ice cubes. Blend until smooth. Serve Immediately.

BLACK INFANT HEALTH PRESENTS “MAMA MORPHOSIS”

On May 31st, Black Infant Health Program held “MamaMorphosis- Transformation into Motherhood” at the Foundation Center in South Los Angeles.

Over 100 African American prospective mothers, mothers with babies and family support members attended the event to gather information on raising healthy babies, eating better as well as developing their own entrepreneurial business. Additionally, each mother was able to select an item of clothing from the baby clothes rack.

Another highlight of the half day “MamaMorphosis” event was the opportunity to listen to young women focus on the importance of life planning, self-care and developing their own vision for their future and their baby. During the program, an uplifting praise dance was performed. The inspirational and motivational event was supported by over 15 community partners. At the close of the event, each attendee received a beautiful gift bag.

The Children’s Collective Inc.’s Black Infant Health Program (BIH) is designed to reduce the high infant mortality rate among African American babies, as well as reduce the high death rate from pregnancy complications among African American women in SPA 6.

