



El Centrito Family Learning Centers

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EL CENTRITO SPRINTS TO OPEN NEIGHBORHOOD PRESCHOOL

Bilingual Preschool Opens in 6 Weeks with Community Wide Support

El Centrito Family Learning Centers opened a Bilingual Preschool with community support in 6 weeks, and will host an Open House on Friday, October, 8 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. The Preschool is located at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1800 South "C" St. Oxnard. Parents, community members, St. Paul's congregation members, and El Centrito staff beat astounding time limitations and renovation obstacles to open a licensed preschool in South Oxnard, by August 31. "We are celebrating at the finish line together with a Ribbon Cutting and Open House, community members can visit our site and see what an awesome place we have for preschool children in South Oxnard", says Luann Rocha, El Centrito's Executive Director.

Lorena Perez, a former preschool parent, commented when hearing about the Grand Opening, "All families are interested in the safety and education of their children, and that's why the new preschool site is very important for our whole community. The new space means El Centrito is more present in the community, and everyone knows this means great preschool programs." The agency moved rapidly to create the preschool because the need is urgent, 68% of Latino children do **not** attend preschool in Ventura County, and only 18% of children below poverty level in Ventura County attend center based preschool (2007, Ventura County Child Care Portfolio).





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El Centrito Family Learning Centers' Preschool is located in the south wing of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, please enter through the South (back) Parking Lot. The Church is located at the intersection of South "C" St., and Guava St. The Ribbon Cutting will begin at 3:15PM and the Open House will continue until 5:00 p.m. Funding to operate this Preschool is made possible through grants from the Oxnard First 5 Program, California Department of Education Even Start Program, and the Los Angeles Times Fund. For more information contact: Luann Rocha at (805) 483-8685 extension 227, (805) 216-4868 or email at luannrocha@elcentrito.org

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