

June/July 2024



# Curious Minds

PACCC's Monthly Newsletter

Welcome back to Curious Minds, PACCC's monthly newsletter where you'll discover curated news on early childhood development, education and care, events and fundraising, and personal stories about our unique community!



PACCC is a community where children thrive, educators are valued, and families are supported. Providing exceptional, accessible education and care for Palo Alto's children since 1974!

## Hello, Summer!

The sounds and sights of children laughing, playing, and making their way through a summer day is a joy like no other. From the simple pleasures of running through the sprinkler to running a lemonade stand, to loading up the car for a family vacation – summer is a special memory-making time for kids. If we don't see you at one of our summer programs, we hope to see you out for one of **Palo Alto's Summer Events!** Whether your plans include Family Movie Night in



the park or the Twilight Concert Series – or getting together with friends, we wish you a safe, happy, and healthy summer!

Stay connected and share your summer moments with us on instagram, using **#pacckids!**

## PACCC 50th Anniversary Celebration



It's our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we want to celebrate with you! Come out to the ball game on August 17<sup>th</sup> and help us celebrate what it means to create community together! **Enter promo code: PACCC** on **PACCC's SJ Giants Ticket Site** for your specialized pricing of \$12, per ticket. Select **Section F** on the map and choose any of the available orange seats (seat # does not matter, we will have open seating in PACCC's section at the game). Finalize your checkout and we will see you at the game!

*For the safety of all, PACCC recommends that each person has their own ticket, regardless of age. Children under the age of 4 who do not have their own ticket will be required to sit on their parents' lap for the duration of the event.*



**GET TICKETS  
NOW**

## June is National Safety Month

It's National Safety Month and PACCC is tuning into Stanford



Medicine Children's Health Podcast series, **HealthTalks!** HealthTalks poses some interesting topics and answers parents' most common questions about raising happy, healthy children. We are always on the lookout for resources to help create a community where children can better learn, play, grow, and thrive. Stanford is ranked as one of the top children's hospitals in the country by U.S. News & World Report, and in this podcast, you'll hear from "pediatricians and specialists who are part of one of the few health care systems in the country exclusively dedicated to children and expectant mothers."

**LISTEN TO  
PODCAST**

**Here are some sample podcasts you may find useful:**

- [Child proofing your home](#)
- [Avoiding/ What to know about Choking Hazards](#)
- [Doctor Visits – What to know at urgent care/emergency](#)

## Did Someone Say Parks and Recreation?!

July is **National Parks and Recreation Month**. That works out well since many of us will be enjoying the recreation at Palo Alto's veritable feast of parks! The **City of Palo Alto** has nearly "4,000 acres of parks and open space to explore, recreate, and relax in. Whether you are looking for a place to picnic with your family, playground for your kids, or trails that will help you to escape to nature, there is a broad assortment of open space areas to enjoy!"

Check out the HealthTalks podcast on the subject of **staying safe while hiking with kids!**



## National Parent's Day!

Parents, we see you!





We like to recognize parents every day, but in keeping with **National Parent's Day**, we're giving an extra shout out. "In 1994, Congress unanimously passed "The Parents' Day Resolution" establishing the fourth Sunday of July as a perennial day of commemoration" when we recognize "outstanding parents, [and] celebrate the teamwork in raising children, and support the role of parental guidance in building a strong, stable society."



## Thank You to Our 2023-2024 Board of Directors!

It is an honor to thank and recognize PACCC's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors play a special role in our vision as "a community where children thrive, educators are valued, and families are supported." They are involved in crucial decision making and activities at PACCC. They must be passionate about the PACCC mission, while also offering high-quality skills and relevant, functional experience. Thank you to these passionate and talented individuals:

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## A Heartfelt Welcome to our 2024-2025 Board Officers



Please welcome our new PACCC Board Officers, beginning on July 1, 2024! We are so honored to receive your combined talents and expertise.

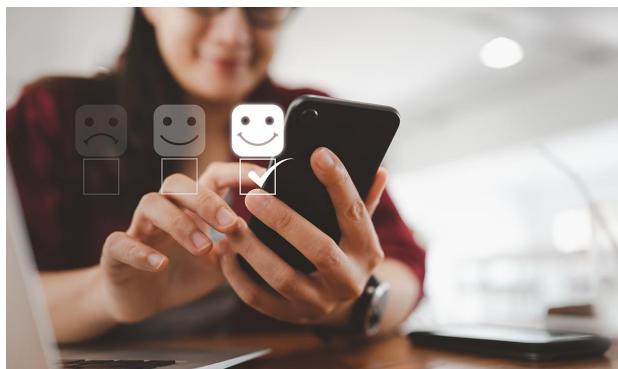
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## Palo Alto Community Services – Office of Human Services Survey

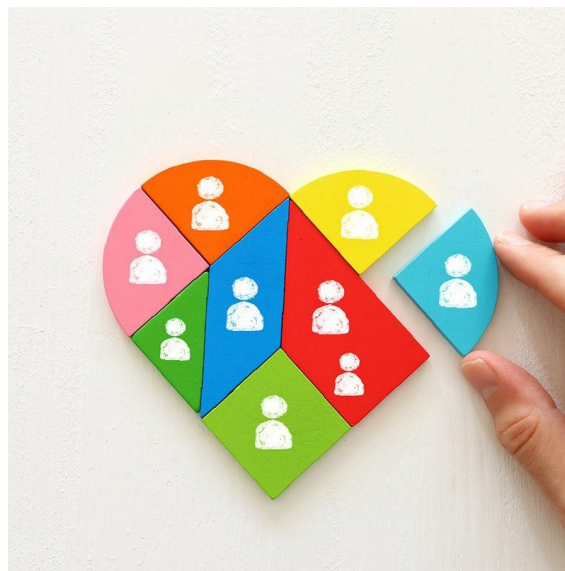
We've always thought that the best way to find out the needs of a community is to ask the people living, working, and raising families in that community. We're pleased to share this survey with you from the Palo Alto Community Services Department Office of Human Services (OHS), which will help to "identify and prioritize human service needs, gaps, barriers, challenges, and resources to guide future funding priorities and service grant allocations." OHS has partnered with RDA

Consulting to facilitate and conduct this [Human Services Needs Assessment \(HSNA\)](#).

Please join your fellow PACCC parents in completing this important Human Services Needs Assessment. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and aids the Human Services Resource Allocation Process (HSRAP) grant program to create more nuanced programs to serve the unique challenges and goals of Palo Alto. Thank you!

*(Please note that this survey is completely voluntary and all information you provide will remain confidential. Nothing you share in this survey will be directly attributed to you nor will it impact your access to services.)*

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## **PACCC Out in the Community**

As a community leader in Palo Alto, and in keeping with our Strategic Plan and commitment to build and foster community, PACCC partners with families and regional agencies to provide and advocate for exceptional and accessible childhood care and education. You will find PACCC engaged in the following advocacy efforts and events this month:

- Palo Alto Advisory Committee on Early Care and Education Committee (PAACECE)
- Palo Alto Unified School District Board Meetings
- Palo Alto Mother's Symposium Advisory Board
- Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce
- Palo Alto Rotary Club
- Palo Alto Kiwanis Club
- Silicon Valley Nonprofit Council
- Santa Clara County Office of Education Local Early Education Planning Council
- Santa Clara County Office of Education Title 5 Provider Group
- Santa Clara County Office of Education Early Education Workforce Committee
- Santa Clara County office of Education Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Workgroup
- Mid-Peninsula Health Equity Coalition
- Kids In Common Children's Agenda Network
- Stanford Children's Health Community Benefits Council
- State of California Early Childhood Rate and Quality Advisory Panel

Make it a great summer!



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LEARNING, PLAYING, GROWING TOGETHER

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Be with PACCC all day long.

JOIN THE FUN  
#PACCCCKIDS



**Celebrate with us at  
America's favorite game!**



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