

# Main Family Resource Center of Carpinteria

## Carpinteria Unified School District

The Main Family Resource Center of Carpinteria is based on a cutting-edge, integrated service delivery model that utilizes research-based practices to provide coordinated services. Research shows that there is a direct correlation between a child's school success and utilized services that meet families' basic needs. Studies demonstrate that family literacy is linked to child literacy and that children exposed to high quality learning environments lay the foundation for school success. Moreover, studies indicate that children who have a solid foundation (social and academic) and are healthy and happy enter Kindergarten academically ready, and that readiness enables them to succeed in subsequent school years. Successful academic performance throughout the educational continuum creates opportunities for life-long success.

The services and programs being offered through the Main Family Resource Center of Carpinteria target specific family outcomes that include: Early Child Development and Education, Family Strengthening, Family Literacy, Parent Education, Wellness and Nutrition, and overall Integration of Services. Moreover, each family participates in a confidential intake appraisal, case management, and cross-agency referrals to address all focal needs. By helping families connect with community organizations and agencies, the process builds parents' "social capital" that enables them to access the network of resources that can assist them in meeting their needs.

### Core Agency Participants

- Community Action Commission Head Start Preschool
- Carpinteria Education Foundation
- Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (CALM)
- Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA)
- Diabetes Resource Center
- Family Service Agency
- Santa Barbara County Office of Education Health Linkages Program
- Santa Barbara County Public Health Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program.

### Goals

Through a well-coordinated and integrated service delivery approach, the Main Family Resource Center aspires to attain three overarching goals:

- Children will demonstrate readiness for kindergarten.
- Children will master State grade-level academic standards through grade 3.
- Children will demonstrate expect-

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