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Spotlight:

Race Counts Marin

A report update from the
Advancement Project California

In 2017, The Advancement Project released a monumental report, "**Race Counts: Advancing Opportunities for All Californians.**"



In that report, Marin was found to be number one for racial disparities among ALL California counties! Let *that* sink in...

Two months later, the **Marin Communications Forum** (a project of First 5 Marin) invited the Advancement Project's executive director to present their findings. Our audience was racially mixed... and enormous. 450 people filled our hotel meeting space-- standing room only.

After all the data points were presented, and the audience was duly-shocked, the most powerful part of the forum began: public comments. We welcomed our guests to speak and share openly; it was an important opportunity to speak and to listen.

Now that The Advancement Project is completing updates to their report, it's time for us to gather the community together once again-- to hear the data, to listen to people from all neighborhoods across the county, and to talk about racial disparities issues and the need for change. JOIN US:

FREE PUBLIC FORUM:

Race Counts Marin

Wednesday, November 10th - 9:30 am to noon

RSVP to Michelle@First5Marin.org.

**** Save the date for "Fair and Affordable Housing" on Wednesday, December 8th.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
First 5 Marin's next Commission meeting: Wednesday, October 27th, from 5:15 pm to 7:15 pm-- online. Email Michelle@First5Marin.org for the Zoom link.



**Help Me
Grow**
MARIN COUNTY

Help Me Grow Marin connects parents, caregivers, and providers with information and

resources about early childhood development. Contact us for free support services!

Families can learn about community resources and tools to support your child's development or families need. Whether it be assessing your child's development, helping applying for health insurance or help with finding a food bank, parenting class, information on child development, or low-cost medical clinic, we are there to help!

Providers who work with children and families can also use support. Through Help Me Grow Marin, they can access resources such as screening tools, referral recommendations, resources and care coordination assistance. They can also refer parents and caregivers directly to Help Me Grow and feel confident that a family will be connected to supports and resources.

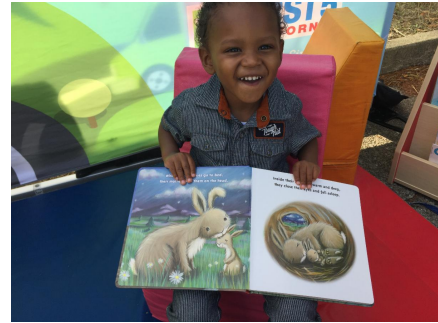
CALL US for free information and referrals. **415-720-1283**

VISIT THE WEBSITE: www.HelpMeGrowMarin.org

FOLLOW us on Facebook: www.Facebook.com/HelpMeGrowMarin

DESKTOP: **What We're Reading**

Take a look at some of the recent articles about important issues related to children and families:



The Economist: [How America Should Spend on Child Care](#)

“Some public spending on child care has such vast benefits in later life that in broad terms it is an investment that pays for itself.”

Marin Independent Journal: [Marin faces influx of unaccompanied minors](#)

The Sacramento Bee: [California the First to Allow Kids Add Parents to Insurance Plans](#)

Princeton University: [Baby and Adult Brains "Synch Up" During Play, Finds Princeton Baby Lab](#)

The Hetchinger Report: [Homebased Child Care Providers Deserve Better](#)

Stanford Social Innovation Review: [Improving Early Literacy Outcomes for All Children](#)

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NEW DATE:
First 5 Marin's Policy
Breakfast has been changed
to Friday, May 6, 2022.



This event is being planned for the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael. Agenda and keynote speaker coming in the new year!