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Spotlight: First 5 Marin's Strategic Plan for 2022-2030

Join us to review the draft update for our Strategic Plan-- Wednesday, May 18th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Marin Child Care Council (555 Northgate in San Rafael).



The First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission will be reviewing final edits to our **Strategic Plan for 2022-2030**-- and we invite the community to participate. We will be looking at: our Vision and Mission Statements, our Commitment to Equity, our Guiding Principles, our Investment Priorities, our Strategic Priorities and our Goals and Objectives.

We will be meeting in the conference room at the Marin Child Care Council-- and dinner will be provided; please let us know if you'd like to attend. RSVP to Michelle at 415-257-8555.

First 5 Marin's Policy Breakfast: Child Care Keeps Marin Working

Our Policy Breakfast for 2022 was a big success! There were about 250 people in attendance to hear a passionate keynote address from **State Senator Mike McGuire** and a robust panel discussion with **Mike Blakeley** (CEO of the Marin Economic Forum), **Aideen Gaidmore** (Executive Director of the Marin Child Care Council), and **Joanne Webster** (President and CEO of the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce)-- moderated by **Pegah Faed** (Executive Director of

First 5 Marin).

GET THE VIDEO! Did you miss the breakfast but would like to watch the video? You'll find the link on First 5 Marin's YouTube channel [HERE](#).



JOIN US for First 5 Marin's MAY COMMISSION MEETING-- Wednesday, May 18th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. We will be meeting at the offices of Marin Child Care Council, 555 Northgate in San Rafael. On the agenda: Q3 Financials for FY 2021-22, Budget preview FY 2022-23, Strategic Plan update + Implementation Plan, Summer Tote Bag funding, and new commissioner recommendation.

DESKTOP: What We're Reading

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

NPR:

[The Case for Revolutionizing Child Care](#)

A new book argues that greater public support for parents is critical for the brain development of America's kids.



Yahoo Finance:

[What's being done to address the baby formula shortage](#)

The U.S. is experiencing a shortage of baby formula. The real turning point came in mid-February...

The Washington Post:

[Vaccines for young kids could be available in June, FDA official says](#)

A top FDA official said at least one of the two coronavirus vaccines for younger children could become available as soon as June.

CNN:

[How soon Covid-19 shots for younger kids could come and what parents need to know now](#)

Covid-19 vaccines could be authorized for the United States' youngest children as early as June, according to the US Food and Drug Administration.

Motherly:

[CDC and AAP changed developmental milestone guidelines for the first time in decades](#)

Here's what parents need to know.

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Save the Date!

**Marin
Communications
Forum: Immigrant
Heritage Month**

Thursday, June 23rd
4 to 7 pm
San Rafael Community Center
(dinner buffet from Los Moles will be served)

Agenda coming soon!