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Spotlight: Congressman Jared Huffman to Speak at October 21st Forum

First 5 Marin is honored to welcome **Congressman Jared Huffman** as the special guest at the next **Marin Communications Forum**.

We are so fortunate to have the time with our 2nd district representative. Congressman Huffman plans to address our gathering and to take your questions--so come prepared!

The forum is a free event sponsored by First 5 Marin. Guests are invited to join us for this interactive event on on Friday, October 21st at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael.



If you would like to attend, please register by emailing Michelle@First5Marin.org.

RSVP to save your place!

JOIN US for the next hybrid meeting of the **First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission**. We will be meeting in-person at **Wednesday, October 19th** from **5:30 to 7:30 pm**. at **First 5 Marin**,

1050 Northgate, Suite 130, in San Rafael. (You may also join the meeting online; for the Zoom link, please email Michelle@First5Marin.org.)



[Coming Soon!](#)
**Forum on Updates
to the Marin County
Housing Element**

First 5 Marin is happy to partner with the County of Marin for a special interactive session about updates to the housing element at a special forum on November 17th.

State law requires the County to update their housing element as part of the Countywide Plan. The draft says: "The primary objective of the Marin County Housing Element is to plan equitable and environmentally sustainable communities by supplying housing affordable to the full range of our diverse community and workforce."

That gives us a lot to talk about!

Join us for informative presentations and important community response. (Meeting details and registration will be announced soon.)

For more information, email Michelle@First5Marin.org or follow the event page on [Facebook](#).

First 5 Things to Read in

the News Today!

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

1. Education Week:

Young Children Were Massively Overlooked for Special Education. How Will Schools Respond?

Forty percent fewer **preschoolers** received special education services during the pandemic.

2. MarketWatch:

Child care is slipping farther and farther out of reach': Rising child-care costs outpace inflation

In most states, the cost of placing two kids in a center-based **child care** program would exceed a family's annual housing costs.

3. First 5 Years Fund:

Spotlighting Contributions of Latinx Educators and Inclusive Programs in the ECE Field

Hispanic children in particular are more likely to live in a **child care** desert and lack access to high-quality early learning compared to their peers.

4. American Academy of Pediatrics:

Pediatric Shared Decision-Making: Creating Better Communication for Your Child's Care

AAP Publications

Blog: Family Connections with Pediatrics. Shared decision-making (SDM) is a set of processes where **health care** decisions are made through respectful collaboration between doctors, parents and caregivers.

5. The New York Times:

Can 'Kinship Care' Help the Child Welfare System? The White House Wants to Try.

The Biden administration proposes spending \$20 billion over a decade to help some of the most vulnerable families in the country.

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