



FIRST 5 MARIN

Learn. Grow. Thrive.

Spotlight:

Jan. 13th Forum to Meet Our New Representatives

The **Marin Communications Forum**, a project of First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission, invites you to the first event for 2023.

Join us to meet the new Marin County representatives

***State Assemblyman Damon Connolly**

***Marin County Supervisor Eric Lucan**

***Marin County Supervisor Mary Sackett**

We will be meeting online on Friday, January 13th from 10:30 am to noon.

To RSVP, email Michelle@First5Marin.org.

The forum will include time for each elected official to introduce themselves and talk about their background and their plans and priorities for their new office. They will also be taking your questions, *so plan to participate!*

[The Marin Communications Forum has more great events planned for 2023, including: the County's **Participatory Budgeting** program, the concept of "**Community Schooling**," the **Help Me Grow Marin** program, **Foster Care and Adoption** with Marin County Social Services, and the **Marin County Race Action Plan**. We will be sharing dates and details soon.]

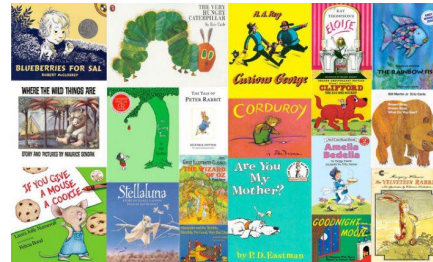


JOIN US for the next meeting of the First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission. We will be meeting in-person at Wednesday, January 18th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. at First 5 Marin,

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

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. The Hill:

White House previews 2023 economic priorities: child care, housing prices, workforce training

The Biden administration previously sought to increase funding for **child care** and establish universal pre-K in its Build Back Better package.

2. K-12 Dive:

6 strategies to help children and families ease into kindergarten - K-12 Dive

Elementary schools and **preschools** should build relationships with each other so kindergarten teachers visit **preschools** and **preschool** teachers visit kindergartens.

3. The Washington Post:

Opinion | The Pass the Pump Act is the best gift Congress could give to families

Lawmakers should end 2022 by passing the Pump Act, a bill expanding protections for **breastfeeding** workers.

4. Bloomberg.com

The US Child-Care Industry Braces for the End of Pandemic Assistance

Much of the \$24 billion handed out as part of the pandemic-era American Rescue Plan (ARP) has been used by **child-care** providers to give wage increases

5. U.S. News & World Report:

Combo of COVID Plus Flu Can Bring Severe Illness to Kids

Kids who get the flu and COVID-19 together may be in for a serious, even deadly, bout of illness, U.S. health officials said Friday.

*** FOLLOW [First 5 Marin](#) on
Facebook! [CLICK HERE.](#)



**Happy
Holidays
from First 5
Marin!**