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Spotlight: **Marin Communications Forum** **Topics for 2023**

The **Marin Communications Forum**, a project of First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission, invites you to mark your 2023 and plan to join us at some great events- - and as always, they are free!



***February 24th: Participatory Budgeting** with the County of Marin. Learn how to submit your ideas for spending up to \$2.5 million in the County Budget. (*10 am to noon at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael*)

***March 24: Community Schooling** - learn about this strategy for organizing voices and resources around student success-- for the benefit of the whole community! (Tentatively 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael)

***April 27: Help Me Grow Marin** - connecting parents, caregivers and providers with information and resources to support optimal early childhood development with personal assistance. (Embassy Suites; times TBD)

***May 18: Foster Care and Adoption** with Marin County Social Services (online)

***June 1: Marin County Race Action Plan** - presented by the Office of Equity. (Embassy Suites; times TBD)

For more information or to register for February 24th, email Michelle@First5Marin.org.

NEW COMMISSION MEETING DATES AND TIMES in 2023! Join us for the next meeting of the First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission. We will be meeting in-person at **Wednesday, January 25th from 10 am to noon 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.Consumer Product Safety Commission: **RECALL! Baby Rockers from Fischer-Price**

CPSC and Fisher-Price Warn Consumers About 13 Deaths in Fisher-Price Infant-to-Toddler and Newborn-to-Toddler Rockers: Advise Rockers Should Never Be Used for Sleep AND

New York Times: 100 Infant Deaths Linked to Recalled Fisher-Price Sleeper

The fatalities occurred over 13 years, including eight since the Rock 'n Play Sleeper was recalled in 2019, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

2.POLITICO:

Baby formula whitewash alleged

Parents of dozens of babies who suffered illnesses last year are convinced that the infant formula crisis was worse than FDA officials have acknowledged.

3.Fortune:

The pandemic intensified the childcare crisis—and it could be a permanent and expensive problem for working parents

It was the Friday before Halloween when Jenna Clark Embrey got a call at work from her daughter's

childcare program. Her 18-month-old was coughing, and a parent needed to come pick her up.

[4.Washington Post:](#)

BMI adjustments made to children's growth charts

For parents, a visit to the pediatrician usually involves a discussion of where their child falls on a growth chart established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

[5.Salon:](#)

"Millions" of kids may fall into poverty because Congress won't extend child tax credit, expert says

American parents face greater financial burdens all thanks to Congress' decision not to continue the credit.

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