

# Newsletter: April 2023



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## Spotlight:

### **Forum on Community Schools**

First 5 Marin is proud to be offering the next **Marin Communications Forum** about "**Community Schools**"-- a **FREE** event on **Friday, April 28th** at the Embassy Suites Hotel (from 9:30 am to 3:15 pm, with a breakfast buffet at 9 am).

Community schools are a partnership of educators, community-based organizations, government agencies and parents working together for student opportunity and achievement by engaging the child, supporting the family, and improving education and life outcomes.

**JOIN US** to learn all about it!

This forum will open with a presentation from the **National Center for Community Schools** in New York. It will also feature

- successful community school programs from around the Bay Area
- local organizations that support schools and families, and
- Marin school districts that are already working on the community school approach.

For more information, visit our event page on Facebook [\*\*HERE\*\*](#). Watch for email invitations with a registration link.

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## Update:

# Executive Director Search Continues

First 5 Marin re-posted the job announcement for a new **Executive Director--** and the response was tremendous. The position remains "open until filled." Check out the job description [HERE](#). Interested individuals are encouraged to apply immediately.

Please visit the [First 5 Marin](#) website for more information about our organization.

**Join us for the next meeting of the First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission Wednesday, April 19th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at First 5 Marin, 1050 Northgate, Suite 130, in San Rafael. Email [Beatriz@First5Marin.org](mailto:Beatriz@First5Marin.org) for more information.**

## 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. Business Insider: 3 Democratic lawmakers want to give parents \\$393 a month per kid for 18 years](#)**

On Thursday, Reps. Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, and Chuy Garcia reintroduced the End Child Poverty Act, which would create a universal benefit giving families \$393 a month per child until the child turns 18.

### **[2. Axios: COVID-19 Played A Role In U.S.'s Increasing Maternal Mortality Rate](#)**

The U.S. maternal mortality rate increased during the COVID-19 pandemic, disproportionately impacting Black women, with far higher odds of severe complications among pregnant patients with COVID infection

at delivery, a new analysis published in JAMA Network Open found.

### [3.Salon: Infant formula shortage often led to alternative, less-healthy means of nourishment](#)

One-third of families who relied on formula were forced by severe shortages to resort to suboptimal feeding methods.

### [4.U.S. News & World Report: Colic in Babies: Causes, Symptoms & Treatment](#)

Most new parents have experienced the agony of colic: hours of inconsolable crying from their newborn, leaving them at wit's end. Schreiber shares tips for parents.

### [5. KQED: Child Care Providers Still Waiting For Pandemic Pay](#)

California child care providers are still waiting on hundreds of thousands of dollars in pandemic financial relief from Governor Newsom and the Department of Social Services.

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