

First 5 Marin's Newsletter: October 2023



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Spotlight:

Disaster Preparedness in Marin

Join us for the next **Marin Communications Forum: Disaster Preparedness in Marin**, Friday, October 20th from 9:30 am to noon at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael. This is a FREE event co-sponsored by the Marin County Office of Emergency Management and First 5 Marin. Please register to save your place. (See flyer below.)

The agenda includes:

- * a welcome from **Supervisor Eric Lucan**
- * opening remarks from **Steven Torrence**, the director of the **Marin County Office of Emergency Management**
- * a discussion about **equitable emergency communications** with Marimar Ochoa
- * a briefing on **Marin Alert Systems** with Woody Baker-Cohn
- * **community preparedness** with Elaine Wilkinson from **Ready Marin**
- * a discussion about **preparedness at schools and child care facilities** with Mike Grant from the **Marin County Office of Education** and Kelsey Lombardi with the **Marin Child Care Council**
- * and a focus on **wildfire preparedness** with **Fire Safe Marin** and the **Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority**

RSVP to Michelle@First5Marin.org and invite a colleague, client or community partner.

*** And **READ** the Marin Voice by Steven Torrence, the director of the **Office of Emergency Management** in [The Marin Independent Journal](#).

Join us for the next meeting of the
First 5 Marin Children and Families

Commission this Wednesday,
October 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm
at First 5 Marin, 1050 Northgate,
Suite 130, in San Rafael. Email
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:



The Marin Independent Journal **Marin Voice: Connecting with** **neighbors a great step to** **emergency preparedness**

When disaster strikes, it is too
late to learn your neighbor's
name or understand how best to
support their evacuation needs.
Communities must be connected
to be prepared.

The Hill

The shameful lack of women in Congress sent child care over a cliff

At the end of September, child
care in America went off a cliff.
Congress, consumed by a
potential government shutdown,
didn't move fast...

LAist

Federal Relief Funds For Child

Care Are Done. What Does That Mean For California?

Federal pandemic relief funds for childcare programs expired Sept. 30, leaving providers around the country worried about shutting their...

The New York Times

In Connecticut, Free Housing for Early Childhood Teachers

Kristen Calderon was making about \$37,000 a year as an early childhood educator in New Haven, Conn. It was more than the state's average...

The Hechinger Report

OPINION:

School district leaders must make early education a priority, so children enter school prepared

When children are not ready for kindergarten, schools must use their limited resources on remediation efforts, too often with limited...

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FORUM: Marin County Emergency Preparedness

Friday, October 20th

9:30 am to Noon

Embassy Suites Hotel | 101 McInnis Parkway, San Rafael

[A light breakfast buffet will be available at 9 a.m.]

*** Simultaneous Spanish interpretation will be provided; please arrive early! ***

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Parenting resources from First 5 California:

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*SPANISH

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