

Headlines

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The Joys and Challenges of Social Work

**Holiday Food Fight
Champs Announced**

**CFS Director Kathy Marsh
Bids Farewell**

★ **Years of Service Recap**



A Holiday Food Fight Win for Community Members

By Larena Baldazo, Community Relations, Web Producer

The results for the 2023 Counties Care Holiday Food Fight are in!

Solano County won the friendly competition earning the Big Apple award, but...

Contra Costa County helped raise a whopping **\$55,648.24**, which breaks down to about **\$5.74** per employee. That's a very honorable showing and means our County is the winner of the World Peas award.

Winners in all categories are based on the amount raised per employee. EHSD came in third in Contra Costa County's large department (300+ employees) category and raised a total of \$3,813.89 or \$2.09 per employee. You can see the large department standings below. Congratulations to Public Works for top honors in this category.



Large Department Standings (300+ Employees)

DEPARTMENT	# EMPLOYEES	TOTAL RAISED	PER EMPLOYEE
Probation	360	\$520.24	\$1.45
Public Works	456	\$4,205.45	\$9.22
Contra Costa County Fire Dist.	623	\$1,239.80	\$1.99
Sheriff-Coroner	959	\$8,058.85	\$8.40
Employment and Human Services	1,828	\$3,813.89	\$2.09
Health Services	3,904	\$1,328.70	\$0.34

The costs of groceries and overall living expenses impact us all without a doubt, but it is especially hard on our community members who are struggling to make ends meet. Your generous support uplifted many individuals and families in more ways than one.

Together, we are better and the 2023 Holiday Food Fight certainly proved that once again.

CFS Director Kathy Marsh is Retiring

It is with gratitude and best wishes that we see **Kathy Marsh**, Children & Family Services Director, off to the land of retirement. As she wraps up 30 years dedicated to protecting, serving, and supporting children, youth, and families, Kathy expressed her sentiments in a letter to the CFS staff. Happy retirement, Kathy! We will miss you!



Dear CFS Team,

It is with mixed emotions that I write and share this message. I plan to retire at the end of March 2024.

I have spent 30 years, all in Child Welfare, starting as a temp social worker and holding numerous positions here in Contra Costa County. It has been a long journey and time to forge a new path.

It is hard to leave a job that's been so familiar to me for so long. Along the way, I have worked with so many wonderful people like you who have carried the passion, values, and drive to do this very important work. While it's not an easy job by any means, it is a job that is so rewarding recognizing the impact our work makes in the lives of the most vulnerable children.

For now, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you who do this work so well. I know you will all carry on the mission despite the many challenges. Please know I will be cheering you on and advocating from the sidelines for all of you and the great work you do.

Roslyn Gentry, our CFS Deputy, will be the TU CFS Director. As we all know, Roslyn is more than capable of being your leader and continuing our services without disruption. As so many of you supported me, please be sure to extend your support to Roslyn as I know she will work hard to support you in this work and serving the community.

Remember, it's what you do when you think no one is looking that provides that self-satisfaction to sustain you in this work. Those seeds you plant bloom and, if you're lucky, you are able to see it and relish in it.

With Much Gratitude,

Kathy Marsh



Cultivating EHSD's Next Generation of Leaders

By Iliana Choate & Antonio Vasquez, Mentoring Program Coordinators

The EHSD Mentoring Program started August 1, 2023, and officially ended on January 31, 2024. On February 1st, a graduation celebration was held at 2600 Stanwell in Concord.

The mentees, along with their mentors and supervisors/managers, attended the graduation, which included a fun interactive activity that the mentees put together. The group enjoyed refreshments, networking, receiving their certificates, and mingling with each other.

Staff Development Manager, **Tracey Lee**, handed out certificates and thanked everyone who participated in the program. The Director of Administration, **Tamina Alon**, also shared encouraging words with our group.

The successful 2023-2024 session gave mentees the opportunity to attend virtually and in-person. The leadership trainings and workshops include Emotional Intelligence, Difficult Conversations/ Crucial Conversations, Critical Thinking Skills,

Conversational Intelligence, You and a Successful Interview, Business Writing for Internal Customers, Developing a Professional Presence, and Public Speaking and Effective Presentations. They also participated and led a Facilitative Leadership session for mentees.

During our Mid-Session event, our mentors and mentees participated in a fun and challenging escape room team-building activity, provided by Brain Square Solutions.

A special thank you goes to the mentors who volunteered their valuable time to be part of the program. Without your commitment, knowledge, care, dedication, leadership, and wisdom the program would not have been such a success.

A thank you to the mentees' supervisors and managers for your support to the mentees during their journey and helping them be successful in completing the program.

MENTORS & MENTEEES

Front row (L-R): Brittanie Mills (Mentor), Mario Pando (Mentor), Tamina Alon (Mentor), Tish Gallegos (Mentor), Precious Jones (Mentee), Trichelle Smith (Mentee), Byron Devera (Mentee)

Back row (L-R): Farhad Ziaee (Mentor), Amrita Kaur (MAG), Rahsaan Robinson (Mentor), Ariana Martinez (Mentor), Tracy Murray (Mentor), Ellen Wienecke (Mentee), Maureen Nelson (Mentor), Tamika Bean (Mentee), Cynthia Mallory (Mentee), Tomi Smith (Mentee), Brianna Morris (Mentee)

Not pictured: Monica De Vera (Mentor), Kimberley Williams (Mentee), Maria Herrera (Mentee), Craig Roney (Mentor), Marla Stuart (Mentor), Cynthia Smith (Mentor)



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EMPLOYMENT & HUMAN SERVICES
Building Brighter Futures Together

Face to Face – GA Team Together & In Person

By Don Brown, Aging & Adult Services, Division Manager

On January 24, 2024, the General Assistance team held the first All Staff Meeting for General Assistance since 2018. Although our staff members communicate with each other daily, this event allowed folks to meet one another in person, some for the first time!

Senior Social Service Information System Analyst **Teri Rose** graciously presented our Hyland imaging system to staff and provided some helpful tips and best practices for navigating Hyland and storing documents accurately.

Social Service Senior Welfare Fraud Investigators **Michael Homa**, **Jacqueline Mendiola**, and **Christopher Valliere** gave staff valuable information on submitting an EFI, what information to include, and best practices.

Tracy Murray, EHSD Aging and Adult Services Director, addressed the team and shared a heartfelt story that served as a reminder of why we are here to serve the community.

GA supervisors provided program updates and shared valuable updates to business practices and workflows.

Lastly, staff were treated to a catered lunch, and had time to network and enjoy each other's company.

Kudos to our GA Eligibility Supervisors **Shannon Currie**, **Craig Roney**, and **Erica Trujillo**, for their hard work preparing this event.

Thank you to all staff for your participation, ongoing dedication, and commitment to serving the community. A job well done!



Experience Counts

Nearly 200 Employees Honored for Service

It was wonderful to celebrate the EHSD Years of Service event on Thursday, February 8th. EHSD celebrated those who reached milestone years of service – 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 – during 2023. There were awards, appreciative remarks, a video montage featuring EHSD staff members, pop culture notes from years past, and raffle prizes. EHSD staff who reach milestones *this* year will be the honorees for the 2025 event.

Many thanks and congratulations to our honorees for your dedication and contributions over the years!



CLICK the play button to find your friends in the video montage.



Renee Lawson Hamilton, one of our four 35-year honorees.

CLICK here to watch an interview with Renee.

10 YEARS

Aging & Adult Services

Dominga Apodaca
Jenese Culp
Michael Gallego
Navdeep Garcha
Alva Graham
Kriss Lima
Michael McGloin
Mary Ann E Rensch
Shelly Rodrigues
Abryan Seabron
Alexander Stockholm
Debra Stokes
Deborah Walker
Patrice Washington

Children & Family Services

Ann V Butler
Dabriya Card
Jennifer Chalco
Jason Colon
Chris Gulden
Tammy Hill
Amanda Johnson
Joyce E Lepas
Karen Malmberg
Markas O'Donnell
Heather Parsons
Juliette Scott
Tamesha T Shaw
Nancy Uzegbu-McGhee
Kimberly Voss
Satrina Waiwairole
Tiffany Wren

Community Services

Jessie Black
Monica DeVera
Manjeet Kaur
Dina Marie Lopez
Iris Lopez
Leticia Navarro
Roheen Rabbi
Sarah Reich
Darling Rivera

Workforce Services

Jeane K Allard
Lindsey N Baniqued
Omar Barajas
Karie Barksdale
Nicole C Beardslee
Patrick S Birmingham
Asha Bland

Eric Brandt
Paige A Bruzdowski
Adrienne N Bryant
Vera S Calhoun
Paul Carman
Iveth Carrasco
Alma Ceja
Gloria Coffey
Carlos F Colmenares
Valerio De Leon
Lisa Deslierres
Byron Devera
Deborah L Elms
Oscar J Estante
Olaolu A Fakayode
Puneet Gera
Teddric Harris
Jamilla M Heaven

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Experience Counts Nearly 200 Employees Honored for Service

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CLICK the play button to watch the Years of Service ZOOM video.

You can view the entire Years of Service Zoom video by clicking the play button on the photo.

10 YEARS

Workforce Services (cont.)

Maria Hendrickson
Lorena Herrera
Maria Herrera
Brent Johnson
Justina J Johnson
Maiko Johnson
Renita Johnson
Sterling Johnson
Sriamporn Khansuwong
Michael King
Ashleigh J Kitzhaber
Niketa Lee-Simonson
Ana L Lopez
Erick Lopez
Heidi J Lopez
Brianna E Mann
Deborah McKim
Gordon McMahon
Tina R Medeiros
Gerilyn Molina
Sherrill Monroe
Mario Montes
Elidia Y Morales
Sophia Moreno

Coretta M Morris
Clache' Mullins
Cassandra N Nevarez
Tari Newsom
Norma G Ortega
Simon Phommachit
Finaith Prak
Lesli Rudd
Amber Sandoval-Sullivan
Michael Schwartz
Elisa Spooner
Michael Stewart
Marie A Stith
Kimberly Thomas
Ebubechukwu Uzoukwu
Hao Voqui
Quinn P Walker
Chenoa Williams
Katherine Williams
Kennita Williams
Kimberley Williams
Romanye Willis
Martin Wilson
Nicole Wilson
Farhad Ziaee

Administrative Services - Information & Systems

Najah I Duran
Joanne Puccetti

Administrative Services - Internal Operations

Baboucar Diatta
Diana K Harryman
Amrita Kaur
Maria Lazaro
Shirly Naoom
Jonnie Sendaydiego
Natalie Shandera-Smith
Rashonda Trammel
Antonio Vasquez

15 YEARS

Aging & Adult Services

Lasonya Davis
Matthew Domnick
Meghan Schulze
Hugo Zambrano

Children & Family Services

Pat Ensley
Don Graves
Timothy Hamp
Janelle Pruitt

Community Services

Carmen Encarnación
Maria Ibarra
Dawn Jensen
Inderjeet Kaur
Erika Leyva
Patricia Moreno
Lorena Perea

Workforce Services

Kenneth Barnes
Vonita Brown
Lakiya Fitzpatrick
Joel Flamand
Ginger Green
Nancy Mc Donald
Frederick Routt
Courtney Stief

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Experience Counts Nearly 200 Employees Honored for Service



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20 YEARS

Community Services
Adriana Diaz
Ma-Teresita Saavedra

Workforce Services
Karla Davis
David Gomez
Monica Montano

**Administrative Services –
Information & Systems**
Uju Chimara
Terri Rose

25 YEARS

Aging & Adult Services
Michele Colbert
Kimberley Miles
Lynnette Watts

Children & Family Services
Sandra Clark
Sheila Daniel
Amy Drenik
Roslyn Gentry
Katie Nakasone
Lashonda Wallace

Community Services
Godofredo Rivera, Jr.

**Workforce
Development Board**
Kasandra Knox

Workforce Services
James Camacho
Michelle Ceelen
Janeth Ramos
Sandra Wall
Yvonne Ybanez

**Administrative Services –
Information & Systems**
Rodney Dixon
Celeste Dubay
Teri Howe
Patricia Perez
Bobby Stange
Amber Tillman

**Administrative Services-
Internal Operations**
Shelly Lynn Lunas
Reni Radeva
Rumita Raj
Tim Stiles
Yesenia Valdivia

30 YEARS

Community Services
Carmen Castillo-Valladares
Louis Sonico

Workforce Services
LaChawn Robinson
Sandra Zepeda-Lopez

35 YEARS

Aging & Adult Services
Mercedes Jaime

Children & Family Services
Nannette Dupree
Gyrlenn Ertmer

Workforce Services
Vondell (Renee) Lawson
Hamilton

Find Yourself in the Years of Service Photo Gallery

➔ Go to the Global (G:) drive ➔ In the top URL line, copy and paste:

G:\Community Relations\Years of Service 2024
to access more than 250 photos in the gallery.

Thank you!

Thank you to EHSD Director **Marla Stuart**, the Executive Team, Deputy Directors, and the EHSD Production Crew and Event Volunteers

Todd Roberts
Mark Reardon
Karen Esquivel
Annie Gant
Patty Lund
Daly Young
Jacque Mesner
Paige Lewis-Villa

Jennie Ann Mendoza
Laneisha Terrell
Jeane Allard
Deborah Drake
Gian Gutierrez
Cyn Sonaco
Alan Wang (emcee)
Larena Baldazo

Deb Johnson
Clifford Tracey
Tish Gallegos
Tracy Murray
Kathy Marsh
MJ Robb
Rebecca Darnell
Angela Bullock-Hayes

Tamia Brown
Susan Bain
Tamina Alon
Scott Thompson
Carolyn Foudy
Roslyn Gentry

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MARCH is SOCIAL WORKER MONTH

Juggling Case Loads, Mental Health Needs and a Baby Boomer Surge

By Alan Wang, Community Relations Media Specialist



Ana Echezarreta is a Social Worker for Aging and Adult Services, In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Unit at 4545 Delta Fair, in Antioch. She has worked 10 years, 6 months with Medical and CalFresh programs, 8 years with IHSS in the Richmond office and the past 2 years in the IHSS Antioch Office.

The demand for social workers is reflected in the statistics – the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) estimates the field will grow exponentially. There will be more than 782,000 social workers in the United States by 2030, according to BLS. “Overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 7 percent from 2022 to 2032, faster than the average for all occupations,” the BLS states on its website.

That growth will come with an increasing need for services. **Sequoia Stanley** is a Social Worker II for the Children and Family Services, Emergency Response Unit who says the demand for mental health assistance for foster children is creating more of a challenge in serving them. “Honestly, we’re really not equipped for it, but we’re getting there. We’re learning and partnering with different organizations,” she says.

Sharee McKey is a Social Worker for Workforce Services, Assessment/Intensive Services (AIS) Unit who agrees the demand for mental health assistance is on the rise. “Now the stigma of mental health services is not there, and people are wanting these services and sometimes not all of the services are there for the people in the community,” she says. Homelessness is the other big issue Sharee is dealing with while trying to help her clients obtain an education and jobs.

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Sharee McKey (above) is a Social Worker for Workforce Services, Assessment/Intensive Services (AIS) Unit at 4545 Delta Fair, in Antioch. She started at EHSD in 2014 as an Eligibility Worker, then promoted to Social Service Program Assistant with the WPR Unit. In 2018, Sharee was promoted to Social Worker in the Assessment/Intensive Service Unit

Meanwhile, there is a surge of Baby Boomers who have retired. According to Pew Research, about 28.6 million Baby Boomers are out of the labor force and many of them need In-Home Support Services. **Ana Echezarreta** is a Social Worker for Aging and Adult's In-Home Support Services (IHSS) who says, "There are just so many and it's just so hard to get to everybody in a timely manner."

This month, the National Association of Social Workers, the country's largest social work association, is raising awareness of the social work profession and highlighting the need for the government, regulators, and employers to work to improve pay for social workers as a way of investing in addressing challenging social issues.



Sequoia Stanley is a Social Worker II for Children and Family Services, Emergency Response Unit at 4549 Delta Fair, in Antioch. She has been with CFS since February 2022, and before that she was a Science Substitute teacher for 2 years in the Brentwood and Antioch Unified School Districts. Between 2008-2020, she worked for Contra Costa Community College District as a Sr. Program Coordinator for EOPS, the Student Employment, Educational Talent Search, and CalWORKs.

CLICK [here](#) to listen to Sharee, Sequoia and Ana talk more about their jobs with Contra Costa County EHSD.



Big Show in Store for Asian Heritage Month

Save the date and join us for the 2024 celebration to honor the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) cultures and traditions of Contra Costa County. On Tuesday, May 14th, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors will host the 2nd annual AANHPI Celebration featuring a rich and diverse program including cultural dance and music performances, heritage spotlights, and immigrant experiences.

The theme for this year's AANHPI commemorative celebration is "Building on Our Legacies." From participating high school students to local elected officials, the celebration

will be a memorable experience highlighting how AANHPI legacies are built and carried forward through generations of Chinese, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Indian heritages and more.

The celebration will be held at the Board of Supervisors' Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

EHSD is the sponsoring department for the 2024 AANHPI celebration.

Learn more by visiting the [County website](#) and by following the County on X [@CCCounty](#).

**Asian American, Native Hawaiian,
and Pacific Islander**

2024 AANHPI CELEBRATION **Building on Our Legacies**

JOIN US!

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Presented By The Contra Costa Board Of Supervisors
Board Of Supervisors Chambers
1025 Escobar Street, Martinez

Event will be aired live by Contra Costa County Television (CCTV) and simultaneous language interpretation via Zoom will be available.

Stay tuned for details



Performers, special guests, and event organizers at the 2023 AANHPI event.

Black History Celebration



1275 Hall Avenue celebrates Black History Month in grand fashion with poetry, music, trivia and food. "We had an amazing celebration that included all the departments in the building. The event began with a procession to traditional African music, pouring of libations, poetry, songs, trivia and of course amazing food. It was definitely a team effort," said **Tammi Cason, MSW**. Pictured (L-R): **Stacey Govan, Damian Williams, Tania Anderson Brown, Marie Mosley, Tammy Hill, Tammi Cason, Myles Burton, Virginia Pararzo**



We Care...You Care

We Care...You Care is how we recognize our peers, emphasizing internal customer service. **We Care...You Care** nominations tie directly to one or more of our six Core Values. The program gives you the opportunity to show your coworkers how much you appreciate them. If you work with someone who deserves special recognition for internal customer service, check out the We Care...You Care link to the guidelines, then fill out a nomination form and submit it to the supervisor of the person you are nominating.

WE care guidelines: [WeCareThatYouCare Guidelines_FINAL.pdf](#)

We Care nomination form: [WeCareThatYouCare Nomination Form_FINAL.pdf](#)



We ♥ Government Communications

By Larena Baldazo, Web Producer, Community Relations



February 24 was Government Communications Day and your Community Relations team recognized this by featuring a “day in the life of” excerpt on social media, highlighting **Alan Wang**, Community Relations Media Specialist. Read Alan’s rundown on our Facebook page [here](#).



Alan Wang, Community Relations Media Specialist

EHSD’s Community Relations team consists of **Tish Gallegos**, PIO/Division Manager, **Alan Wang**, Community Relations Media Specialist, **Deb Johnson**, Senior Clerk, **Larena Baldazo**, Web Producer & **Clifford Tracey**, Temp Program/ Projects Coordinator.

- Community Relations manages media inquiries, prepares talking points, and engages stakeholders involved
- Our small-but-mighty team works cohesively with P&P to drive data-driven campaigns, support our clients, and meet their information needs
- We coordinate community outreach events, prepare Board presentations, and collaborate with our County partners to promote our programs and services
- Support the PIO function for the County Office of Emergency Services
- We produce the annual Years of Service event and other staff activities such as the Halloween Pet Parade and IWalk Challenge
- We produce EHSD Live!, *Headlines*, and manage social media and ehds.org
- And much more!



February 24
A day to highlight all the good work public communicators do.

So, what does our team do?

- We are the creative minds behind media advisories, campaigns and public outreach
- We are the holder of the EHSD brand so we have a consistent look and tone across the department
- We lead the creative process and execution when it comes to all visuals, print, digital, video and broadcast (we also team up with our counterparts at the County Office of Communications, CCTV, and other departments!)
- When EHSD receives recognition, whether it’s as a bureau, team, or individual – it is our job to spotlight the accomplishment

Although you may not see us behind the scenes interviewing, writing, editing, distributing materials, posting to social media, planning the next campaign, or planning and producing events, we are here – and we are proud to tell EHSD’s stories from both a public and internal perspective.

Could you or your team use our support? Submit a Community Relations Request [here](#). Be sure to also follow us on [Facebook](#) and [X](#) @ ContraCostaEHSD, on [Instagram](#) @HumanaCosta, and [NextDoor](#).

#GovCommDay

PLEASE SHARE WIDELY—IF NON-CFS, PLEASE REGISTER THRU MARI SOLIS, SOLISMA@EHSD.CCCOUNTY.US

Contra Costa County Children & Family Services
CSEC Services Team Presents:

NOLA BRANTLEY SPEAKS

**Tues.,
April 18,
2024
9AM—4PM**

300 Ellinwood,
Monterey Room
1st floor
Pleasant Hill

Commercially
Sexually
Exploited
Children

CSEC Definition:
The commercial
sexual exploitation
of children refers to
the act of sexually
abusing a child or
youth for economic
gain.



“Harm Reduction Strategies for Working with CSEC”

Harm reduction is identified as a best practice for working with CSEC youth. This one-day training will provide an overview of harm reduction and how to utilize it with the CSEC population.

Participants will be able to:

- 1) Define harm reduction.
- 2) Describe why harm reduction principles are a necessary aspect of treatment with CSE youth.
- 3) Apply harm reduction principles with youth when they are in different stages in the Stages of Change model.
- 4) List at least three (3) harm reduction strategies that can be utilized with CSE youth.
- 5) Develop advocacy plans with commercially sexually exploited youth.



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SERVICE AWARDS | NEW EMPLOYEES | RETIREES

SERVICE AWARDS

30 YEARS

Wurn Waa Phan, Sr Soc Svc Info Sys Analyst, Admin
Alicia Samuel, Calvin Help Desk Specialist, Admin

20 YEARS

Kimberly Baker, EHS Division Manager, CFS
Vernadette Pina, Eligibility Work Supervisor, WFS

25 YEARS

Rita Loza, Comprehensive Svc Man-Prj, CSB
Adriana Martinez, Soc Svc Program Assistant, WFS
Leilani Lunch, Soc Svc Staff Dev Specialist, Admin



NEW EMPLOYEES

Ozgul Logan, Teacher Assistant Trainee (Temp), CSB
Zoey Hill-Ford, Child Nutrition Assistant, CSB
Gabrielle Ruhter, Teacher Assistant Trainee (Temp), CSB
Patty Rincon, Teacher Assistant Trainee (Temp), CSB

Angil Morris, Social Casework Assistant, CFS
(Olga) Janet Rivera, Comprehensive Svcs. Manager, CSB
Angeline Rattan, Teacher Assistant Trainee (Temp), CSB
Nova Gates, Social Casework Assistant, CFS

RETIREES

Celia Acu, Clerk-Senior Level, CFS
Ana Caballero, Eligibility Work Supervisor, WFS
Tammy Campers, Administrative Analyst, Admin
Elizabeth Dondi, Executive Director IHSS Public Authority
Shari Garrity, Sr Soc Svc Info Sys Analyst, Admin

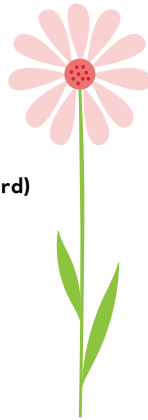
Cornelius Jennings, Eligibility Worker II, AAS
Kathleen Marsh, Children & Family Services Director, CFS
Leah McIntosh, AAS Svcs Staff Assistant, AAS
Colleen McLaughlin, Sr Soc Svc Info Sys Analyst, Admin

Are you planning a retirement celebration for a staff member and would like to present them with a retirement certificate? **If so, please contact Deb Johnson at djohnson@ehsd.cccounty.us or (925) 608-4904.**

SPREAD THE WORD

March 2024

- NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH
- NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH
- IRISH HERITAGE MONTH
- MARCH 1 – Employee Appreciation Day
- MARCH 8 – International Women's Day
- MARCH 10 – Daylight Savings Time Begins (spring forward)
- MARCH 10 – Ramadan starts
- MARCH 14 – EHSD Live!
- MARCH 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- MARCH 19 – Spring Equinox
- MARCH 23 – Purim
- MARCH 25 – Holi
- MARCH 29 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day
- MARCH 31 – Easter Sunday
- MARCH 31 – Cesar Chavez Day



Is there room in your home for one more?

Make a change in a child's life and become a Resource Parent/ Family for a foster child. Contra Costa County needs your support to provide care for children 0–18 years of age. Please join us for a virtual orientation and learn more about becoming a caregiver.



FREE VIRTUAL ORIENTATIONS

March 7 or 21 • 4 to 6 p.m.

April 4 or 18 • 4 to 6 p.m.

May 2 or 16 • 4 to 6 p.m.



For more information about becoming a Resource Parent visit us at www.ehsd.org. If you belong to an organization or community group interested in learning more about Resource Family Approval/ foster parenting, we can schedule an individual session for your group, in English or Spanish.

To register for a class, please call (925) 655-4230 or

email ResourceFamilies@ehsd.cccounty.us.

We Care... You Care

CLICK here to learn more about nominating a coworker.
Updated We Care...You Care nomination form: click here and see page 12

Want to know what else we're doing at EHSD?

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

EMPLOYMENT & HUMAN SERVICES

Building Brighter Futures Together



The next Issue of *Headlines* will publish in early April. Email EHSD *Headlines* at Headlines@ehsd.cccounty.us, by **Tuesday, March 19th** if you have an upcoming event, article, or idea you would like to submit.