



# Spring Newsletter 2017



## CDA Annual Conference 2017

In the past 43 years, CDA has grown in unimaginable ways, but our vision has always remained the same: *To Create Positive Change!* CDA recently held its 3rd Staff Annual Conference. It's not often we are all in the same room, but this conference allows the CDA team to reflect on our history, highlight our recent accomplishments, and set our sights towards our future.



We'd like to thank to our honorable guest speaker, Dr. Afsaneh Nahavandi, Professor and Chair of the Department of Leadership Studies at the University of San Diego, who shared her insights in the field of cross-cultural leadership!

## CDA Community Events Recap!



### 17th Annual "Day of The Child" in Chula Vista!

CDA hosted a booth at the "Day of The Child" event that honors young children. We were excited to be part of many agencies that offered parents community-based resources and information on children's health, safety, education.

Each booth had a child centered activity to engage children of all ages. CDA had the opportunity to network with other community agencies. We look forward to strengthening our connection with other organizations and initiatives in the near future.

### 4th Annual "Art in The Garden"

For the 4th year, CDA Hilltop Child Development Center hosted a creative art show! Over 100 CDA Preschoolers participated. Some of the art displayed included clay sculptures, collages, easel and water color paintings, as well as observational drawings. The children were excited to share their art work with their families, some parents were moved to tears seeing their children's creativity expressed.

In the spirit of Cinco de Mayo, families were treated to a cultural Folkloric dance performance!

## CDA Nutrition Awarded Expansion Grant!



We are excited to announce the CDA Nutrition program was recently awarded an “Expansion Grant” of \$11,000! This grant was funded by the California Department of Education to increase the number child care providers participating in the USDA Food Program. From January-February 2017, our CDA Nutrition team conducted child care provider outreach in collaboration with community partners. We're excited to share that we were successful in registering and training 26 new child care providers to participate in our Nutrition Program!

Way to go, team!

## CDA Parks Child Development Center Project Update!



Earlier this year, CDA Parks Child Development Center was awarded a Quality Preschool Initiative (QPI) Grant of \$246,000 to transform the current playground into an outdoor classroom that will encourage learning through nature, art, and science while promoting self-directed play and strengthening gross motor skills.

We are happy to report that we've officially broken ground! We have a few weeks left to completion, but can't wait to share with you the final results!

Details to come!



(Here's a sneak peek at our current progress!)

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