



Happy Spring!

This course is one of the most valuable tools we have," states
Judge Katherine Lucero, Family Treatment Drug Court of Santa Clara County

Exciting times continue! I've learned from NACoA (National Association for Children of Alcoholics) that *Celebrating Families!* has passed the first two review points for the Registry of Evidence Based Programs and has been accepted for review for the UN Parenting and Family Skill Building Programs and the California Evidence Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare. Locally, Friends Outside of Santa Clara County has announced that the new *Celebrating Families!* Santa Clara County Partnership has successfully begun with community-based sites committing to providing groups on a regular rotating basis in 2008-09, based on funding. Our last group offered through the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health and Santa Clara County Child Abuse Council funding is currently running at ARH-Parisi House on the Hill – and it is FULL.

Our last significant project with *Celebrating Families!* started this month – the translation and adaptation of *Celebrating Families!* for the mono-lingual Spanish speaking families in Santa Clara County. We were able to "launch" due to a significant contract with FIRST 5 of Santa Clara County covering most of the translator's fees and based on commitments by MACSA and Community Solutions to pilot the model in 2008-09. This project is incredibly important as a critical need exists for substance abuse prevention programs for Spanish speaking families: Hispanic youth are more likely to use alcohol and illicit drugs¹; Hispanic parents are disproportionately represented in Dependency Court system²; and Hispanic mortality from cirrhosis is high³.

And, we have been honored - The National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACoA) selected me as one of 25 individuals nationally to be honored for my work to help "save, protect and guide children of alcoholics." This is part of NACoA's 25th Anniversary Gala, April 17th in Washington DC

"Rosemary saw the need and responded passionately and effectively in her community to provide support and hope to thousands of children and families who needed trusting adults and supportive programs to intervene. She created program tools and worked to change systems to ensure that children and families continue to be supported," stated Sis Wenger, President/CEO of NACoA.

As I feel we do this work together – community agencies, county departments, funders and PPI– this is OUR award! As always, I truly appreciate your on-going support!

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¹ Kids In Common

² Judge Katherine Lucero

³ Public Policy Institute of California, Vol. 9 No 1, 8/07.