



HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START SERVICES TO CONTINUE IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY

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FREMONT, CA – The Office of Head Start, through the Designation Renewal System (DRS), has named Kidango and CAPE to provide services within Alameda County, CA: Cities of Hayward, Fremont, Union City, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, Newark, Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and San Leandro. Therefore, on July 1, 2020, the administration of the program will be the responsibility of Kidango, located at 44000 Old Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538-6145 and CAPE, located at 3037 Independence Dr. Suite A, Livermore, CA. 94551. Kidango offices can be reached via phone at 510-897-6900 and CAPE offices can be reached via phone at 925-443-3434.

Message from Awardees:

Kidango

Kidango has more than 40 years of experience providing high-quality early childhood services to fulfill our mission of setting every child on the path to thrive in kindergarten and in life. Kidango is the largest provider of preschool and child care in the San Francisco Bay Area and has operated Head Start and Early Head Start programs for more than 20 years. We are excited about this opportunity to expand our services to the children and families in Hayward, Fremont, Union City, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, Newark, and San Leandro. Enrollment questions from CFCS families should be sent to hello@kidango.org. We are also excited to welcome CFCS staff to apply for any open position they are interested in and qualified for at Kidango, including the new positions that are being created by this new grant. Please email jobs@kidango.org and visit our website kidango.org/careers/ for information about job opportunities.

CAPE Inc.

CAPE has provided Head Start services since the 1960's and Early Head Start services since the 1990's in the Tri-Valley communities of Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, and in 2015 expanded Early Head Start services to Central Alameda County through an Early Head Start Child Care Partnership grant. CAPE's mission is to provide the highest quality programs for young children and their families, and to incorporate best practices in education, nutrition, parent involvement, mental health services and services for children with disabilities. CAPE is also very excited about expanding our services to more families in Central Alameda County. Enrollment questions from CFCS families should be sent to enrollment@capeheadstart.org. We'd also like to welcome CFCS staff to apply for open positions that are being created by this new grant. Please email hr@capeheadstart.org for information about job opportunities. CFCS families and staff can also visit CAPE's website: www.capeheadstart.org for additional information.

Message from Incumbent: Child, Family and Community Services, Inc. (CFCS)

For over 55 years, CFCS has had the privilege of strengthening our community by providing high quality early learning opportunities and comprehensive services to children and their families. We thank the many partners, including CAPE and Kidango, who have worked with us over the years, and we want to thank our dedicated staff who have given so much of themselves to encourage each child's curiosity and love of learning, and to strengthen and empower families. We are confident that Kidango and CAPE will continue to provide high quality Head Start and Early Head Start services to the region, and we offer them our best wishes for success.

Joint statement:

We at CFCS, Kidango and CAPE are committed to a seamless transition and continuity of services. We want to assure CFCS staff, families and the community that Head Start and Early Head Start services will continue. We are currently assessing all existing facilities to determine which ones will remain operational, as well as identifying new positions at Kidango and CAPE that CFCS staff would be encouraged to apply for.

In the days leading up to July 1, 2020, CFCS, Kidango and CAPE will notify the staff, families and the community regarding next steps. It is important to both agencies that all staff, families and community are informed and supported during this transition.

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