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Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings to all,

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all of our providers who were able to attend the First Annual Provider Recognition Luncheon. We here at Whole Child Connection appreciate the much-needed services you provide to our community every day, and we enjoyed the opportunity to acknowledge each and every agencies' contributions.

We were also allowed the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of five providers who have been trained as Whole Child Community Advisors. House of Hope, Healthy Families, Head Start, Healthy Start, and the Father and Child Resource Center all have staff

members available to guide clients through the Whole Child Profile system, enhancing their ability to serve Martin County residents effectively and efficiently.

We continue to encourage providers to adopt the Profile into their service delivery plans and expand upon the concept of 'true collaboration.'

During these times of cutbacks, more doors of opportunity for inter-agency collaboration are opening. Whole Child Connection is excited to collaborate with Martin County Healthy Start and the Boys and Girls Club of Martin County to share costs and space this upcoming fiscal year in order to more effectively

provide access to care for under-served families in Hobe Sound and Palm City.

As non-profit agencies in Martin County continue to 'think outside the box,' we will undoubtedly discover that these perilous times are simply providing the opportunity for greater potential!

For more information on becoming a Whole Child Community Advisor, please contact Alicia Hohsfield at ahohsfield@wholechildmartin.com or by calling (772) 220-0248.

Sincerely,

Nicole King,
Executive Director

News and Events

- *Provider Meeting*
September 15th, 2009
10:30 am, CSCMC
- *Provider Training*
September 18th, 2009
10:30 am, CSCMC

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Top Providers for June & July, 2009

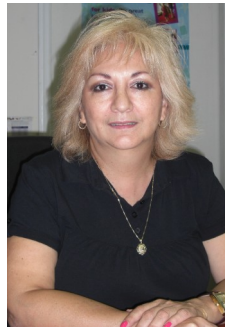
The Providers below have received and responded to the highest number of client referrals for the months of June & July, 2009. These Providers have responded to Client Service Requests generated from the WCC System in a timely manner!

Caring Children Clothing Children	42 Referrals
CASTLE	23 Referrals
Child Support Enforcement	19 Referrals

Way to go!

Meet Our Staff

Odilio Nerios, Health Navigator



Odilia Nerios originally hails from Corpus Christi, Texas. She moved to Chicago and Virginia before settling in Florida. She has 2 sons, both of whom are married, 4 grandsons, and 2 granddogs. Odilia is an active member of Morningside Church in Port St. Lucie, where she participates in several ministries.

Odilia worked for a KidCare contractor prior to coming to Whole Child Connection.

As a Health Navigator, Odilia assists families in accessing and applying for DCF (Department of Children and Families) services.

In addition to assisting and

verifying the clients' application process, Health Navigators liaise with agencies providing economic services and other required services in order to establish economic services eligibility. They monitor the clients' application process and appointment compliance over time, and assist the client in complying with required and accurate documentation necessary to access Medicaid coverage. Health Navigators serve as an advocate for clients and refer them to Whole Child Advisors to connect them to other community programs.

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Whole Child Connection System Statistics

The following statistics are based on profiles submitted between July 1st, 2009 and August 31st, 2009. A total of 175 profiles were submitted during this time.

Top 60% referral generated questions:

- Do you and your children have health insurance? 68%
- Do you sometimes need help paying for food, housing utilities, or clothing? 91%
- Are you reading/sharing stories with your child several times a week? 100%
- Do you have a gynecologist? 63%
- Have you waited two years before trying to have a child again? 63%
- Do your daily meals include fruits and vegetables? 89%



Back to School Study Tips

The school supplies are purchased, the pencils are sharpened—yes, the school year has officially begun.

Start this year off on the right foot with a refresher of proactive study habits for your child. Whether your child is preparing for their first FCAT or cramming for the SATs, the following tips will help maximize their results:

- Study in chunks: study for 20-50 minutes at a time with 5 minute breaks in between
- Rank your top 3 most challenging classes and devote 10-15 additional minutes a day,

everyday to just those subject areas

- Study actively: ask yourself questions as you go along
- Don't 'cram' the night before a big test; instead review material often and over a longer period of time for better retention
- Only study in a group if the others in the group are serious about learning the material
- Listen to relaxing music at a low volume
- Take notes on key ideas as you study the

material

- Study only when you are rested and alert
- Avoid distractions, such as the internet or areas with high traffic
- Enjoy a healthy snack, like fruit or peanut butter and celery, while you study to keep yourself alert and refreshed

Most importantly, parents must remember to provide positive encouragement to children and motivate them to do their best! We at Whole Child Connection wish you all a joyful and productive school year!

“A person soon learns how little he knows when a child begins to ask questions.”

– Richard L. Evans

“Affirming words from moms and dads are like light switches. Speak a word of affirmation at the right moment in a child's life and it's like lighting up a whole roomful of possibilities.”

– Gary Smalley



Connector's Club

You're invited to join the Whole Child Connection Connector's Club!

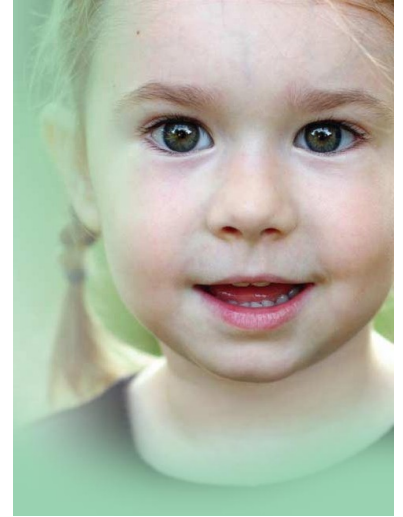
The Connector's Club is a select group of people who give a hand-up, not a hand-out, to families and children in Martin County. Your donation will go directly to help families and children get the assistance they need. Thanks to your support, this service is given free to everyone regardless of income.

Benefits of joining the Connector's Club include:

- ◆ An invitation to exclusive Connectors Club receptions
- ◆ A free Whole Child Connection mouse pad

- ◆ Your name and/or company listed on the Whole Child website and in the annual report
- ◆ Free passes to the Children's Museum in Jensen Beach
- ◆ Your donation of cash, stocks, bonds, life insurance, 401K, or property to Whole Child Connection, a 501C3 non-profit organization, is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

For more information regarding the Connector's Club, please visit www.connectingmartinkids.com/donate



*"Don't demand respect as a parent. Demand civility and insist on honesty. But respect is something you must earn - with kids as well as with adults."
- William Attwood*

Top WCC Provider of June & July 2009



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