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### Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings to all,

As we approach the new fiscal year, Whole Child Connection encourages more providers to become Whole Child Community Advisors and gain access to even more benefits available through the web-based system.

As a Community Advisor, local providers can more easily refer their clients to other community services through the Whole Child system. Rather than spending time identifying your clients' unmet needs and searching for the resources that can help, a Community Advisor has the ability to access the online system, help a client create a profile, and generate an

immediate referral to the services needed.

Additionally, becoming a Community Advisor allows providers to save valuable time by tracking a client's needs and referrals online. Advisors are trained and receive additional access on the Whole Child System, which allows them to follow their client's progress and view the providers they have already been referred to. An advisor can assist the client in addressing new needs through their Whole Child Profile and can track their progress securely online.

With providers becoming Community Advisors, we can create a more seamless system of care for

clients and providers by increasing awareness and reducing duplications of referrals. It allows our community to work together, without spending excess time generating referrals.

We look forward to the continued growth of Whole Child Community Advisors and the benefits shared with Martin County residents and providers alike.

For more information on becoming a Whole Child Advisor, please contact Alicia Hohsfield at (772) 220-0248.

Sincerely,  
Nicole King,  
Executive Director

### News and Events

- **Provider Training:**  
July 21st, 2009  
10:30 am  
2026 SE Ocean Blvd.
- **Provider Recognition Luncheon**  
August 14th, 2009  
12:00pm

### Top Providers for May, 2009

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

CASTLE	6 Referrals
Legacy Behavioral Health Center, Inc.	3 Referrals
Prenatal Outreach Center	3 Referrals

Way to go!

Meet Our Staff

Alicia Hohsfield,  
Senior Whole Child  
Advisor



Alicia Hohsfield was born and raised in Peru, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Translations from Ricardo Palma University. She moved to New York 18 years ago, where she worked for the South Huntington School District for eleven years. With the school district, she was responsible for translations and began working in the social work field.

Alicia moved to Florida five years ago with her two children—Kenneth and Julissa—and began working at the Port Salerno Elementary Family Learning Center. In April of

2006 she became a Whole Child Advisor and is now the Senior Whole Child Advisor for Whole Child Connection.

As Senior Whole Child Advisor, Alicia is responsible for maintaining the Whole Child Connection System, providing support to providers and advisors, conducting presentations to Martin County families, and managing client service requests.

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Family PLUS!



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OF MARTIN COUNTY

A new FREE family fun series!

- June 26, 2009, 5:30-8:30pm: Family Movie Night at the East Stuart Branch
- July 24, 2009: 5:30-8:30pm: Family Bingo and Craft Night at the Palm City Branch
- August 15, 2009: 1950's themed Summer Fair at the Cole-Clark Branch in Hobe Sound

Log on to [www.bgcmcf.org](http://www.bgcmcf.org) to learn more!



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## Whole Child Connection System Statistics

The following statistics are based on profiles submitted between September 1st, 2008 and June 30th, 2009. A total of 1779 profiles were submitted during this time.

### Top 60% referral generated questions:

- Do you sometimes need help paying for food, housing, utilities, or clothing? 77%
- Are you reading/sharing stories with your child several times a week? 89%
- Do you want information on how to teach your children to treat others the way they want to be treated? 57%
- Do you want information on how to teach your children to obey the rules? 62%
- Alcohol and drugs cause extreme complications when pregnant. Do you need help to overcome drug and alcohol abuse? 60%



## Summer Reading for Your Children

The summer is here, as is the time to implement leisure reading into your children's summertime routine. Self-selected reading is fundamental to the sharpening of a child's reading ability and vocabulary development.

This summer, allow your children to 'shop' the local library to find a creative, constructive, and enjoyable way to spend their break from school. To help your child find a book appropriate to their reading level, follow these simple guidelines:

- For Kindergarten: Select a book with 8 pages or less, with only a few words on
- For 1st to 2nd grade: Ideal books are still short with large text and lots of pictures to give early readers context clues. Books should be selected based on your child's interest, and humorous books can especially encourage an early reader to enjoy reading at any level.
- For 3rd grade and up: By the 3rd grade, children are ready for

each page. These books should contain familiar images and predictable patterns to help emerging readers recognize words.

independent reading, but sometimes have trouble finding a book that keeps their interest. Encourage your children to pick out books in a genre that interests them, whether it be comedic novels, scary stories, or sports related just to name a few. Look for recommended lists and popular check-outs at the library.

Whichever book they pick, it is important to encourage children to continue reading for pleasure, and to allow them the opportunity to enjoy reading this summer outside of the classroom.

*"No matter what you've done for yourself or for humanity, if you can't look back on having given love and attention to your own family, what have you really accomplished?"*  
- Elbert Hubbard

*"Nobody has ever before asked the nuclear family to live all by itself in a box the way we do. With no relatives, no support, we've put it in an impossible situation."*

— Margaret Mead



## Connector's Club

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

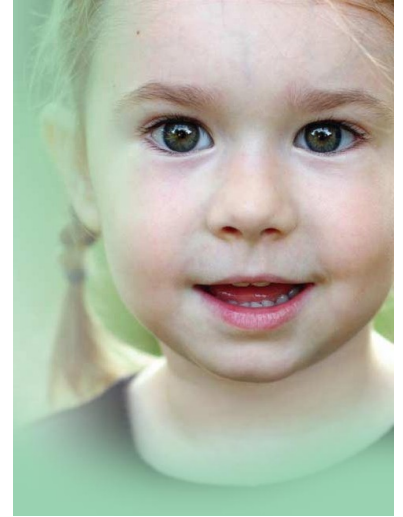
The Connector's Club is a select group of people who give a hand-up, not a hand-out, to families and children in Martin County. Your donation will go directly to help families and children get the assistance they need. Thanks to your support, this service is given free to everyone regardless of income.

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](http://www.connectingmartinkids.com/donate)



*"You don't really understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around - and why his parents will always wave back."*

*- William D. Tammeus*

## Top WCC Provider of May 2009



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