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News and Events

Have a safe and happy holiday from all of us at Whole Child Connection!

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Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings to all,

With the holidays upon us, I'd like to take this time to recognize all that we at Whole Child Connection are thankful for.

The great response on the part of providers to become trained "Community Advisors" has had a positive impact on Martin County! Community Advisors can assist families directly in completing a Whole Child Profile and getting instant and confidential access to the services they need. With the help of a Community Advisor, families can more seamlessly connect with all of the great services available in Martin County,

and providers are more easily able to track their client's progress in accessing much needed services. Thank you to the following agencies who have recognized the importance of training key staff members as Community Advisors: Father and Child Resource Center, Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, Healthy Families, Head Start, House of Hope, Easter Seals, and Iglesia Bautista El Camino.

I'd also like to extend a huge "thank you" to Seawind and Pinewood Elementary Schools for educating parents on Whole Child Connection. These schools are sharing the

value of Whole Child Connection to parents through the Parent Resource Center and the school websites.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all of our community partners for your continued efforts in serving Martin County children and their families. It takes a village to raise a child, and with the collaborative efforts of Martin County's non-profit sector, our children and their families have a lot to be thankful for!

Sincerely,

Nicole King,
Executive Director

Top Providers for October, 2009

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

Martin County School District	7 Referrals
American Red Cross	7 Referrals
Helping People Succeed	3 Referrals

Way to go!

Meet Our Staff

Maria Zornosa, Advisor



daughter, and is expecting her first grandchild in December.

Maria Zornosa joined Whole Child Connection as the first Health Navigator in 2008. She is now the full-time Whole Child Advisor in Port Salerno. Maria moved to the United States in 2000 from her hometown of Cali, Colombia. In Colombia, Maria studied Psychology and she is currently completing her Bachelor's degree in Psychology at Florida Atlantic University.

Prior to joining Whole Child Connection, Maria assisted Retirees in applying for Medicare and additional benefits available to them. Maria is currently earning her US citizenship, which will be complete by the end of this year. She has two children, a son and a

As a Whole Child Advisor, Maria helps families complete the Whole Child Profile, link services on the Whole Child Resource List, and develop a comprehensive Whole Child Plan. Whole Child Advisors are also available to assist providers in updating information on the resource list, and to provide families with additional information on services and service providers.

Whole Child Advisors follow up on families, facilitating revisions to Whole Child Plans as needed and ensuring that families have the pieces in place for a successful future.

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www.floridakidcare.org

Reminder to Providers

All providers have access to information on over 350 services offered in Martin County at any time by logging in to the WCC System using your user name and password.

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Whole Child Connection System Statistics

The following statistics are based on profiles submitted between July 1st, 2009 and October 31st, 2009. A total of 346 new profiles were submitted during this time.

Top 60% Referral Generated Questions: Statistics represent the percentage of families responding to the question who indicated a *problem response*.

- Do you and your children have health insurance? 738/1032, 71%
- Do you sometimes need help paying for food, housing utilities, or clothing? 894/986, 90%
- Are you reading/sharing stories with your child several times a week? 420/420, 100%
- In the last year have you had a cholesterol test? 61/98, 62%
- Have you waited two years before trying to get pregnant again? 40/64, 62%
- Do your daily meals include fruits and vegetables? 87/98, 88%



Did You Know?

Florida KidCare Health Insurance Coverage is available to all families! Florida KidCare offers a full-pay option for families that don't qualify for a lower cost premium.

Whole Child Connection is a proud Florida KidCare Community Partner. Florida KidCare offers affordable health insurance coverage for children from birth through the age of 18. Florida KidCare covers doctor visits, well child check-ups & shots, prescriptions, emergencies, hospital visits, vision and hearing screenings, dental checkups, mental health treatment, and much more!

Eligibility for low-cost Florida KidCare is based on household size and family income. Most families pay \$15 or \$20 a month or nothing at all. However, there is a full pay option for families that don't qualify for lower cost premium. For additional information, please contact Whole Child Connection at (772) 463-2168, call Florida KidCare at **1-888-540-5437**, or visit www.floridakidcare.org.

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"Because of Whole Child Connection, I learned that Tykes and Teens counseling services were available at my child's school. Whole Child Connection enabled me to take action and positively affect my child's future by showing me how easy it is to access the services my children need."

"A man travels the world over in search of what he needs, and returns home to find it."

- George Moore



Connector's Club

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

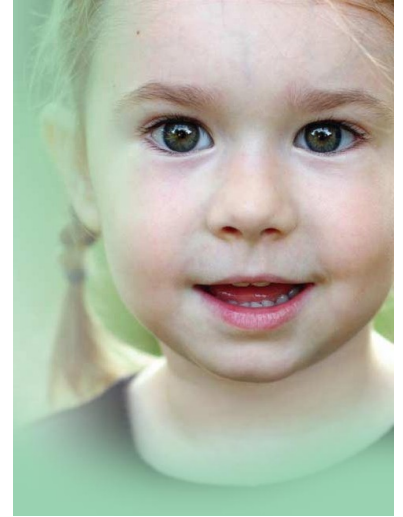
The Connector's Club is a select group of people who give a hand-up, not a hand-out, to families and children in Martin County. Your donation will go directly to help families and children get the assistance they need. Thanks to your support, this service is given free to everyone regardless of income.

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



"Families are the compass that guides us. They are the inspiration to reach great heights, and our comfort when we occasionally falter."
- Brad Henry

Top WCC Provider of October 2009



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