



Welcome/Bienvenidos

Letter from the Director/Carta Enviada por el Director



BY CECE PINHEIRO / POR CECE PINHEIRO

Dear Friends—It is with great sadness that I dedicate this issue of our SPIN newsletter to SPIN friend, parent, supporter and all around nice guy, Patrick Albert Teutschel who passed away on November 1, 2017 at the age of 68.

Patrick was a great friend to SPIN, his wife Dee is our SPIN board chair. Patrick was always helpful with our one big fundraiser Quiz night donating many travel opportunities to our guests, he and Dee opened their home to SPIN for all our Board meetings, board retreats and Quiz committee meetings for the past 3 ½ years, and much more; it is a great loss to our SPIN family and to our whole community and he will be greatly missed by all.

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."

—Rabindranath Tagore.



Queridos Amigos— Es con gran tristeza que dedico esta edición de nuestro boletín a un gran amigo de SPIN, padre, amigo y una gran persona en todos los aspectos, Patrick Albert Teutschel quien falleció el 1 de noviembre de 2017 a la edad de 68 años.

Patrick fue un gran amigo de SPIN, su esposa Dee es nuestra presidenta de la mesa directiva de SPIN. Patrick siempre apoyo nuestro evento de recaudación de fondos Quiz Nite donando oportunidades de viajar a nuestros invitados, él y Dee abrieron su casa a SPIN para todas nuestras reuniones de la Mesa Directiva, retiros de la mesa directiva y reuniones del Comité de Quiz Nite durante los últimos 3 años y medio, y mucho más; es una gran pérdida para nuestra familia de SPIN y a nuestra comunidad y todos lo extrañaremos enormemente.

"Yo dormía y soñé que la vida era alegría. Me desperté y vi que la vida era servicio. He actuado y he aquí, el servicio era alegría." - Rabindranath Tagore.

Quiz Nite 2018! Save the date! March 10, 2018! Please mark your calendars and call me for reservations, it sells out fast. Quiz Nite 2018 will be held Saturday March 10, 2018 at Holy Cross Hall in Santa Cruz. It is \$100 per person and Sunny's Catering will be providing an exquisite meal, there will be lots of exciting new games this year too.

Many non-profits do numerous fund raisers every year, we only do one, Quiz Nite, is the one time a year those who support SPIN can come out and help us honor a family with a special needs child, have great food, wine

Quiz Nite 2018! Aparte la fecha del 10 de marzo de 2018! Por favor marquen sus calendarios y llámeme para hacer sus reservaciones, se agota rápido. Quiz Nite 2018 tendrá lugar el sábado 10 de marzo de 2018, en Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia Holy Cross en Santa Cruz. El costo será \$100 por persona y Sunny's catering ofrecerá una exquisita comida, este año habrá muchos juegos nuevos y emocionantes.

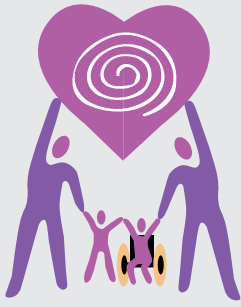
Muchas organizaciones sin fines de lucro hacen numerosos grandes eventos para recaudar fondos cada año, nosotros sólo hacemos uno, Quiz Nite, es una vez al

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Special Kids'
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...Nutriendo
el Potencial de
Niños Especiales



Special Parents Information Network

SPIN is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing support, information and training to the families and guardians of children with special needs.

Red de informacion para Padres Especiales SPIN es una organizaci3n sin fin de lucro dedicada a proveer apoyo, informaci3n y entrenamiento para las familias y tutores de ni3os con necesidades especiales.

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and much more. 2018's family of the year is the Victoria family. Mom, Angelica, daughter, Angelica Marlene and son Mitchell who has Autism. We are very proud of the Victoria family and you will be inspired by their story I am sure! 2018's theme is "SPINNING for SPIN"! We will have new fun carnival type games and of course our big Quiz Trivial Pursuit game with big, big prizes. See you there!

año donde todos los que apoyan a SPIN pueden venir y ayudarnos a honrar a una familia con niños con necesidades especiales, disfrutar comida deliciosa, vino y mucho más. Este Quiz Nite la familia honorada será la familia Victoria. Mamá, Angélica, hija Angélica Marlene e hijo Mitchell, quien tiene autismo. Estamos muy orgullosos de la familia Victoria y usted será inspirado por su historia estoy segura! El lema será "Girando para SPIN"! Tendremos nuevos juegos de tipo carnaval muy divertidos y por supuesto nuestro gran concurso trivial pursuit con grandes, grandes premios. ¡Nos vemos allí!



We Want You—Now! A Call for Board Members

Would you like to give back to the community? Would you like to help families of kids with special needs & help SPIN become a stronger organization? If you want to serve on a dynamic & dedicated Board of Directors, then SPIN would like to talk to you.

Please call Cece Pinheiro at 722-2800 for more details.

Disparity Project/ *Proyecto de Disparidad*

The Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act established a system of 21 Regional Centers to support Californians with developmental disabilities. Our local regional center is San Andreas (SARC), serving Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties. Each year SARC is required to compile its Purchase of Service (POS) data relating to the authorization, utilization, and expenditure on services, categorized by age, race or ethnicity, primary language, disability and residence type.

The goal of collecting this data is to analyze the process for delivering services and **to determine if all people have equal access**, including the number and percentage of individuals who are eligible for Regional Center services **but are not receiving services**. Consistently, data have shown that non-white consumers receive substantially fewer service dollars; differences in service funding have remained consistent throughout the state and over time, with some local variations.

To address these issues, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), which funds the Regional Center system, has authorized funding for a **Disparity Project**. The hope of this project is to increase utilization of services and supports within the Latino, African American and Asian communities, and find out some of the possible reasons for this disparity.

San Andreas Regional Center has hired a Cultural Diversity Specialist to coordinate the Disparity program, and has contracted with five Family Resource Centers in its catchment area. Three of our SPIN staff are working on this project as "liaisons" between the Regional Center and the community in two main ways:

One to one mentorship: working with existing SARC clients who either are not utilizing authorized services OR don't have services at all, and orienting new clients;

Outreach events: conducting bilingual workshops and community events to inform families about Regional Center services and support them to apply, if eligible.

Please reach out to SPIN if you need information or support about Regional Center services!

Proyecto de Disparidad

La Ley Lanterman de Servicios de Discapacidades de Desarrollo estableció un sistema de 21 Centros Regionales para apoyar a californianos con discapacidades del desarrollo. Nuestro centro regional local es San Andreas (SARC), sirviendo los condados de Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey y San Benito. Cada año se requiere que SARC recopile sus datos de compra de servicio (POS) tocante a la autorización, la utilización y el gasto en servicios, categorizados por edad, raza o grupo étnico, idioma, tipo de discapacidad y residencia.

La meta de recopilar estos datos es de analizar el proceso para proveer servicios y **para determinar si todas las personas tienen igualdad de acceso**, incluyendo el número y el porcentaje de individuos que son elegibles para servicios del Centro Regional **pero no están recibiendo servicios**.

Consistentemente, los datos han indicado que los clientes de razas o grupo étnicos no blancos reciben substancialmente menos dólares para servicios; estas diferencias en la financiación de servicios se han sido constantes en todo el estado y con el transcurso del tiempo, con algunas variaciones locales.

Para abordar estas cuestiones, el Departamento de Servicios del Desarrollo (DDS), que financia el sistema de Centros Regionales, ha autorizado fondos para un **Proyecto de Disparidad**. La esperanza de este proyecto es de incrementar la utilización de servicios y apoyos en las comunidades latinas, afroamericanas y asiáticas, y averiguar algunas de las posibles razones por esta disparidad.

El Centro Regional de San Andreas ha contratado un Especialista en Diversidad Cultural para coordinar el programa de disparidad y ha contratado a cinco centros de recursos familiares en su área de servicio. Tres de nuestro personal de SPIN están trabajando en este proyecto como "enlaces" entre la comunidad y el Centro Regional de dos maneras principales:

*Alone we can
do so little.
Together we can
do so much.*

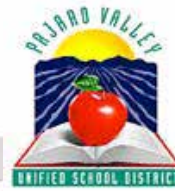
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*Solos podemos
hacer poco.
Juntos podemos
hacer mucho.*

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Save the Date



Aparte el Dia

Pajaro Valley Conference

Conferencia Del Valle Del Pajaro

For Spanish Speaking families of children with special needs
Para Familias de Niños con Necesidades Especiales

Saturday, January 27th 2018
Sabado, 27 de enero 2018

8:00 am-1:00pm

Rolling Hills Middle School
130 Herman Ave., Watsonville

This conference is designed for Spanish speaking families with children with disabilities. Bilingual professionals are also welcome to attend. Educational workshops and a community resource fair will be offered. Continental breakfast will be provided.

Esta es una conferencia en español diseñada para familias de niños con discapacidades. Profesionales también son bienvenidos. Se ofrecerán talleres educativos y una feria de recursos comunitarios. Se proveerá desayuno continental.

Childcare will be available but is limited
Habrà cuidado de niños pero será limitado

For more information or to register call
Para mas información o registrarse llame a
Elizabeth Chavez (831) 722-2800 • email/correo electrónico : echavez@spinc.org



Mark your 2018 calendars now!!!

Quiz Nite 2018

Saturday, March 10, 2018

5:00pm-10:00pm

Holy Cross Parish Hall

170 High St., Santa Cruz, CA

Bring your smarts and competitive spirit for an evening of trivia, great food and an opportunity to bid on some fabulous silent and live auction items.

Tickets are \$100.00 per person (tables of 10 people) and include a buffet dinner, dessert and wine.
www.sunnyscatering.com

BRING A FRIEND!

Reservations are Required.

For more information or to make reservations call Cece @ SPIN at:
(831) 722-2800



SPIN CHALLENGE: SPIN loves Quiz Night and we know you our long time supporters love Quiz Night. This year we would like to CHALLENGE our supporters to BRING A FRIEND or 2 or MORE to QUIZ NIGHT 2018. This is our 18th year of supporting special parents and we want to keep up the good work.

co-sponsored by PDCR, COE, Cabrillo ECE Dept, and the Infant Development Association.
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y La Asociación del Desarrollo Infantil.*

POSITIVE DISCIPLINE / DISCIPLINA POSITIVA FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS PARA NIÑOS CON NECESIDADES ESPECIALES

A One Day Conference / Una Conferencia

April 14, 2018 from 8:00AM to 4:00 PM

El 14 de Abril del 2018 de 8:00AM a 4:00PM

Cabrillo College, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003

\$25 per person including lunch

El costo es \$25 cada persona con el almuerzo incluido

For parents, caregivers, teachers, social workers, resource specialists, tutors, medial practitioners--

Positive Discipline for children with Special Needs Co-author Steven Foster will speak about this important relationship based approach, followed by a panel of resources professionals and 5 workshops that will be repeated 2x.

Topics to include: contrasting behaviorist and Adlerian or humanistic approaches in dealing with challenging behaviors, Positive Discipline tools such as Mistaken Goals in understanding and managing behavior, understanding trauma and its effects, whole family support with communication adaptations and non-verbal communication enhancements and other strategies.

Para padres de familia, cuidadores, maestros, trabajadores sociales, especialistas de recursos, tutores, y proveedores medicales.--

Steven Foster, el Co-Autor del libro *Disciplina Positiva para Niños con Necesidades Especiales*, hablará sobre este método importante basado en relación, seguido por una presentación de profesionales de recursos y 5 talleres que se repetirán 2 veces.

Temas que se incluirán son: el contraste entre métodos Adlerianos y conductistas para manejar comportamientos difíciles; herramientas de *Disciplina Positiva* como "Metas Equivocadas" para entender y guiar comportamientos; el entender del trauma y sus efectos; apoyo para la familia entera con adaptaciones de comunicación; la aumentación de comunicación no verbal, y otras estrategias.

**For Registration and/or More Information, Call / Para Inscribirse y/o Más Información, Llame al
PDCR 831-476-7284 x107**



SPIN now has a Facebook page.

Please look us up "Special Parents Information Network" and LIKE our page to receive updates and announcements.

Proyecto de Disparidad

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Apoyo individual: con clientes existentes de SARC que no están utilizando los servicios autorizados o no tienen servicios y 2) orientación de clientes nuevos;

Eventos de difusión: realización de talleres bilingües y eventos comunitarios para informar a las familias sobre los servicios del Centro Regional y apoyarles a aplicar, si son elegibles.

¡Por favor comuníquese con SPIN si necesita información o ayuda sobre los servicios del Centro Regional!

thank you/ gracias

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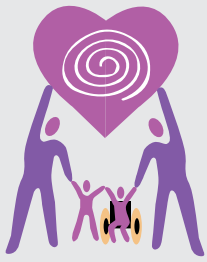
Thirty years of experience building homes for resale.
How can I help you?

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My name is Darci Thole, I am a real estate agent with Keller Williams. I have one adult child a grandson and twin teenagers at home. When I became pregnant with twins at age 50 I called SPIN, as I felt disabled, I appreciate all the information SPIN provided and still provides for me and my family. I am very happy and excited to be able to serve SPIN families. I am very creative and can help people who think they can't participate in this market get into a home! I will give SPIN \$500. To anyone who comes to me through this add and buys a home!

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Support Group Meetings

GET CONNECTED! CHECK OUT SUPPORT INFO

SPIN All Disabilities Parent Support Group

Join the group for special speakers and topics, as well as receive informational and emotional support from other parents. Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm at 820 Bay Ave. Capitola. Call Heidi at (831) 234-0990 or heidilister@att.net for more info.

Grupo de Apoyo Para Todas las Discapacidades

Es usted padre de un hijo/a con necesidades especiales. Quiere conocer otros padres, compartir sus experiencias, saber de nuevos recursos. Quiere recibir apoyo de personas que entienden su situación entonces venga a nuestras juntas y haga nuevas amistades. Las reuniones son el tercer sábado del mes de 10:30am-12:30pm en las oficinas de Head Start, 225 Westridge Drive, Watsonville. Llame a Elizabeth Chavez al (831) 722-2800 o echavez@spinsc.org para más información

San Benito Parent Support Group

If Parents are interested in The San Benito County Support Group; please contact Ricardo Cornejo at (831) 722-2800 or rcornejo@spinsc.org for more information.

SPIN ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP:

This group is open only to parents or family members in the Santa Cruz and San Benito counties of Central California. To participate, go to this webpage: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/spinsc>

Follow the directions to join. Be sure to tell us your first and last name; city where you reside, and child's disability. This is to protect our group and keep it local. Your information will be kept confidential by the moderator. The more who join the more people who can give and receive support! Our group email is: spinsc@yahoo.com Contact Heidi Lister at 423-7713 or heidilister@att.net for more info.

Autism/ Asperger Support Group

Meets the Second Tuesday of every month. 7:00-9:00pm at Hope Services in downtown Santa Cruz. Contact Heidi at heidilister@att.net for more info.

PARENT / COMMUNITY LED SUPPORT GROUPS:

C.H.A.D.D Support Group for Parents of children with AD/HD. Meetings are held in Apts. Contact Judy Brenis for more information about this informational group at 831-684-0590 or visit their website: <http://www.chadd.net/436>

Grupo Renacer Parent-led support group for all disabilities (for Spanish speaking parents). Contact Maricella Padilla at (831) 763-2620.

NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) Parents Support Group for Parents of Teens & Young Adults whose children have neurobehavioral and/or mental health issues. Contact Emily Chapman at ebc73@comcast.net or (831) 476-1020 for meeting place and dates. Or go to their website: <http://youth.namisc.org> for their online NAMI Yahoo Parent group.

SPIN is a member of "FEDC" – California Family Empowerment Disability Council

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