



IMPACT Weekly

April 9, 2025

Reading is the foundation for academic success and lifelong learning. Families are a child's first and most important teachers, and small daily habits can make a big impact. Creating a reading-friendly home environment helps children develop vocabulary, comprehension, and a love of learning.

Here are five free and easy ways to build strong reading habits at home:

1. **Read together every day** – Set aside 15–20 minutes for reading aloud, taking turns reading or reading all the words you see as you run errands.
2. **Swap books with friends or neighbors** – Create a small book exchange in your community or with other families and relatives.
3. **Create a cozy reading space** – A quiet corner with pillows or a blanket can turn reading into a special time.
4. **Talk about books** – Ask open-ended questions like, “What do you think will happen next?” or “Which character did you like best?”
5. **Be a reading role model** – Let your child see you reading newspapers, books, or even recipes—reading is everywhere!

Together, we can nurture a culture of literacy at home and help every child grow as a confident reader.

Happy reading!

Community News and Resources



Youth Creating Change Art Contest

Youth Creating Change hosts a monthly art contest for youth ages 12 to 25 years old.

The prompt for April is Mental Health Thrival (Survival) Tips. Create a Mental Health Thrival (or Survival) Story sized for Instagram. The deadline to submit is April 30, 2025.

To learn more, visit: <https://hopeandjustice.art/contest/monthly-prompt/>

LIBRARY PARKS PASS PROGRAM



The County Parks Library Parks Pass Program

The County Parks Library Parks Pass Program continues in 2025. Library cardholders can check out a vehicle pass from any of our partnering libraries for up to three weeks.

Speak with a librarian to check out a pass so you can visit many of our beautiful parks for free. When you are done with the pass, scan the QR code on the back to fill out a brief survey and be entered into a raffle for Parks Annual Pass!

For more information, visit <https://parks.santaclaracounty.gov/library-parks-pass>

SCCOE Events and Resources



LOCAL CRITERIA FOR THE STATE SEAL OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

California State Seal of Civic Engagement (SSCE)

Are your students eligible for the California State Seal of Civic Engagement (SSCE)? Explore the local Santa Clara County criteria for students based on the California Department of Education criteria for 11th and 12th graders to earn the SSCE by demonstrating excellence in civics education and participation, and an understanding of the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, and the democratic system of government.

Upon completion of the form, those who submit will receive confirmation and a formal invitation to the celebration event on May 19, 2025.

For more information, visit: <https://www.sccoe.org/history/Pages/State-Seal-of-Civic-Engagement.aspx>

To report your student completion, visit: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUf2-c8abklo-64h91F6AKf_S9bTPNLEX345JkjKji7LV9zQ/viewform

ANNUAL STATEWIDE RESIDENCY SYMPOSIUM

*A California Collective Effort
Shaping the Future of Education*



MAY 1-2, 2025
8:00AM-4:00PM

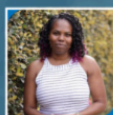
Join us for a transformative gathering of educators, leaders, and innovators dedicated to advancing residency programs across California!

KEYNOTES:



Dr. Linda Belans

Author, Founding Director – Center for Coaching and Leading For Equitable Schools



Dr. Kai Mathews

Executive Director of Urban Ed Academy & Founder of The Liberatory Classroom



Dr. Bre Evans-Santiago

Associate Dean of Education & Founder of the Black Educator Teacher Residency

Register Here

sccoe.to/SRTAC2025



Legacy Resort Hotel & Spa 875 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, CA 92108

Annual Statewide Residency Symposium

Register Now for the Annual Statewide Residency Symposium! Join us on May 1–2, 2025, in San Diego, CA, for an inspiring and innovative gathering of education professionals dedicated to strengthening residency programs.

- Engaging Sessions & Expert Keynotes – Gain insights from leaders in educator preparation.
- Unparalleled Networking – Connect, collaborate, and share best practices with peers from across the state.
- Residency Success Stories – Be inspired by impactful data and personal journeys that showcase the power of residency programs.

Don't miss out—reserve your spot today! Register now at sccoe.to/SRTAC2025

Visit srtac.sccoe.org to explore additional resources and support for residency programs across California.

District Resources



Education Specialist Preliminary Credential Program

Don't wait to start your career in education; watch the video and get inspired! Learn more about the Education Specialist Preliminary Credential (EPIC) pathway with concentrations in Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), Mild Moderate Support Needs (MMSN), and Extensive Support Needs (ESN).

The application for our EPIC Summer Cohort closes **April 24, 2025!**

To learn more, visit: <https://sccoe.to/epp-tcp>

LEAP

Leaders in Educational Administration Program



Leaders in Educational Administration Program (LEAP)

The Leaders in Educational Administration Program (LEAP) is designed to support aspiring school leaders. Join the LEAP program for their new summer cohort! The Preliminary Administrative Services Credential (PASC) application closes on April 20, 2025.

To register for an informational meeting, visit: <https://sccoe.to/epp-infomtg>

To learn more, visit: <https://sccoe.to/epp-sccoe-main>

Health and Wellness



Mental Health FIRST AID

from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR
MENTAL WELLBEING

Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid is an evidence-based, early-intervention course that teaches participants about mental health and substance use challenges. In this nationally recognized curriculum, receive a certification after completion of this course.

In this course, you will learn: risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, information on depression, anxiety, trauma, psychosis, and addiction disorders, a 5-step action plan to help someone developing a mental health problem or in crisis, and where to turn for professional, peer, and self-help resources.

To register, visit: <https://na-admin.eventsccloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=822587&language=eng>

**There is a cost associated with this training*

Medi-Cal renewals happen every year.

Keep your information up to date.



Medi-Cal Coverage

Stay covered! Your local Medi-Cal office will review your eligibility every year. You may be renewed automatically. They'll reach out to you when it's your turn. Make sure your information is up to date. Learn more at [Medi-Cal.dhcs.ca.gov](https://www.Medi-Cal.dhcs.ca.gov)

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