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Children pose with their new mural

Hispanic Counseling Center E-News

We've Been Splashed!

The talented artists of **Splashes of Hope** painted five beautiful murals for the School Age Child Care classroom to brighten the day for the children who receive services at HCC. When the children arrived in the afternoon they found their classroom transformed and very excited. Many thanks to the volunteer artists: Liz Macchio, Sandy Romano, Brian Fiedler, Sarah Baecher, and John Romano. Their generosity and vision is an inspiration to all the children, families and staff of HCC.

Upcoming Events

Save the Date: HCC's 34th Anniversary Gala, Friday, November 4, 2011 at the Crest Hollow Country Club. Join us for an enchanted evening of dining and dancing.

Our annual Referral Sources & Friends Breakfast & Information Showcase at HCC is Friday, May 6, at 8:30 am. We will bring you up to date on all services at HCC so you can utilize HCC as your resource for your constituents and clients. RSVP to Blanca Alvayero by April 20: balvayero@hispaniccounseling.org.

Summer Camp 2011 applications are being accepted. Call Claudia Boyle or Janet Marciano at 516-538-2613. Dates: 7/11-8/19. Daycare Applicants from DSS are welcome.



Program News

Congratulations to Milagros Rodriguez, parent advocate for the Respite Program, who received an Excellence Award from the Long Island Family Support Coalition of the New York State Office of Mental Health. The **Youth & Family Support Services (Respite) Program** continues to receive outstanding marks for effective services and a high rate of utilization. The program coordinator, Maria Evelyn Rodriguez deserves credit, as well as Milagros, Alex Umanzor, and Jeannette Rivas. A new addition to the program is an adolescent group for youth ages 12-18, who receive help with basic socialization skills, recreation, games, cultural and therapeutic activities.

The **Supplemental Education Services** program is now providing transportation at Hempstead High School or the child's home, as well as assistance with parent/teacher conference nights for S.E.S. students. S.E.S. provides after school tutoring math and English language arts by certified teachers.

The **HCC Kinship Caregivers Program** had a successful site visit by OCFS and continues to add many new families to its circle of care.

We also thank Max and Jeremy Schneck, founders of **Reading Reflections**, for donating many books for teens!

The mission of the Hispanic Counseling Center is to enhance the strengths of Long Island's Hispanic families and children through bilingual, bicultural counseling, prevention, vocational, and educational services to enrich their lives, foster economic independence, and nurture dreams for the generations to come.

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