



# DOWNTOWN SANTA BARBARA EMPLOYER CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP



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*Child care is like roads, parents need both to get to work.*

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## Employee Child Care Project Update

We have all been anticipating the public release of the Downtown Santa Barbara Employer Child Care Study results with great excitement.

We appreciate your patience in the past few months and are happy to announce that it appears that we will be presenting the project's key findings to the County Board of Supervisors on June 2, 2009.

We would like to have a strong presence of Partnership members at the

Board of Supervisors meeting so please save the date and come hear the results.



Please let us know if you will be attending by sending an email to Holly at hgold@countyofsb.org.

We will reconfirm the

pertinent details regarding the Board of Supervisors presentation as we are closer to the date.

A Partnership meeting will be scheduled shortly after the presentation to go over the study key findings in more detail and to start strategizing the next steps.

Stay posted for more details regarding the date and location of the upcoming Partnership meeting.

## National Week of the Young Child

Hundreds and hundreds of programs and families across the country participated in Week of the Young Child events this past month.

National Week of the Young Child has been set aside as a time each year for early childhood programs to hold activities that bring awareness to the needs of children.

Young children and their families depend on high-

quality education and care, which help children get a great start, and bring lasting benefits to local communities, and our nation.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. Since then, the Week of

the Young Child has become a time to plan how we--as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation--will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

Founded in 1926, NAEYC has nearly 90,000 members worldwide and is the largest and most influential advocate for early care and education in the United States. For more information go to: [www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org).