

SHARING STORIES WITH KALEIDOSCOPE PLAY & LEARN!





MEET OUR WORKSHOP TEAM!



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WHAT IS KALEIDOSCOPE PLAY & LEARN



Facilitated play group for young children and their family, friend and neighbor caregivers and/or parents

KALEIDOSCOPE PLAY & LEARN'S DISTINGUISHING FACTORS



- A trained facilitator who plans, sets up and participates in each KP&L session
- Recruiting and engaging Family, Friend and Neighbor caregivers to participate
- Weekly sessions of 90 minutes or more
- Open-ended, child-directed and culturally-appropriate "free" play
- Coordinated group activity (i.e. circle time with books and songs)
- Caregiver learning about how children learn through play and other topics, such as child development, health and nutrition, early literacy and early math
- Opportunities for caregivers to get to know one another and build supportive relationships
- Opportunities for caregivers to develop leadership and to guide the group

For Caregivers, Kaleidoscope Play & Learn:

- Is a *group* experience rather than a classroom situation
- Encourages *active* participation
- Is a place to *practice* new ideas and skills
- Uses *sharing* and conversation among other participants
- Is a place for *support* and recognition



Key Messages to Caregivers from Kaleidoscope Play & Learn

- Caregivers have an important role in children's development and early learning.
- Children learn through play, relationships, and interaction.
- Children don't need expensive toys or equipment to play and learn.
- Everyday activities are full of "teachable moments."



Facilitator Techniques to Support Caregiver Learning

- Modeling:
 - Interactions
 - Activities
- Presenting and demonstrating
- Coaching and guiding
- Setting the stage for conversation among participants
- Providing written information
- Referring to other community resources



LET'S PLAY!



REFLECTIONS?





Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Los Angeles and San Bernardino

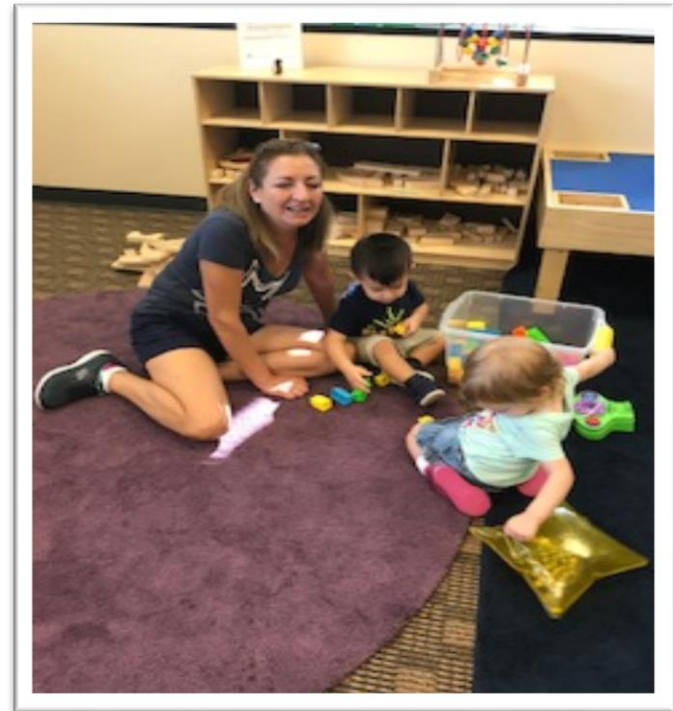


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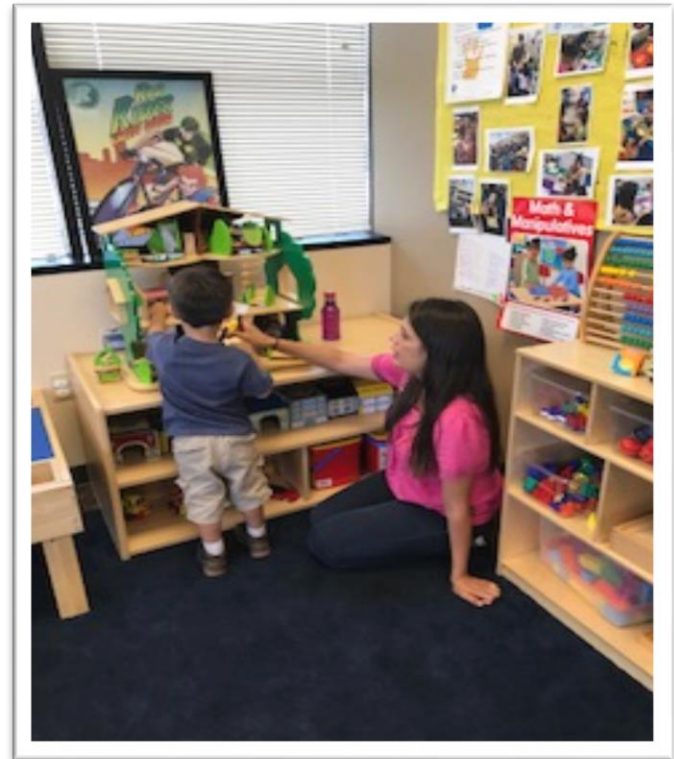
- Meet with Family, Friends and Neighbors every Friday.
- For the caregiver and child.
- We have two session every Friday .
- 9:30 AM -11AM
- 1:30PM- 3:00 PM



Meet our Families: Grandma Nora and Matthew



Meet Rosalina and Matthew



Meet our Families



A community Field Trip



Exploring Science



Our Success Stories

Lisa A grandparent to a 4 year old (HQ -CCRC)

Reasons I would recommend the program:

“program is well run, my grandchild loves going and enjoys the activities. I have learned a lot and have really started to feel that I understand Emily and it has made positive changes in our relationship.

I see how the facilitator engages with her and patiently motivates her and I learn from this”.

Maria a family friend that is the caregiver to 3 year old twins.(HQ -CCRC)

“The care and time that are taken to prepare and execute the objectives of the program are greatly appreciated.”

Alex and Andrea are thriving and happy. So many of the concerns that we had at the beginning of the school year seem to have dissipated. We attribute that to a large extent to the nurturing environment that is provided in Kaleidoscope .

We have attended Kaleidoscope this last year every Friday in hopes that it would help them adjust smoother when transitioning into Preschool /Head start.

“The program has really helped with that”

Overview of 4Cs Santa Clara County's Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Group

- Started in July 2016
 - monthly
- Play Group once a week
 - Since January of 2017
- 1.5 hours long
- 2 hour extension trial
 - November & December



Kaleidoscope Play and Learn



When:
Every Tuesday
9:30 am - 11:00 am

Where:
Checkers
302 Checkers Drive
San Jose, CA 95133

Kaleidoscope is a **free** program designed to provide caregivers with information, resources, support, and connections to provide high quality child care and development opportunities to ensure that children are prepared to succeed in school and life. For additional information please contact 4C Council (408) 487-0749 to RSVP



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**Adults & Children
Come Play with Us!**

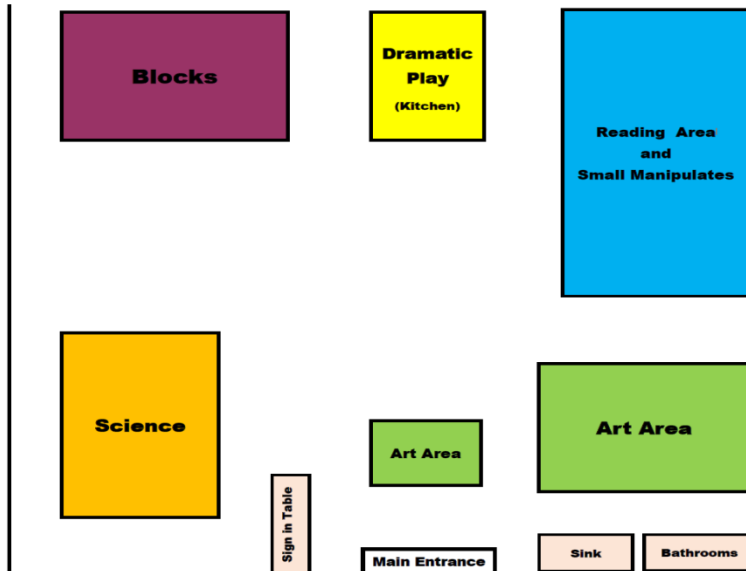


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Planning Process

- Weekly group planning mtg.
- Monthly & Weekly themes
- Presenters

Meeting Area



Kaleidoscope Agenda

Theme: Friends!

Date: 9/19/2017



Orientations as needed

Child-Directed Activities / Stations:

Art Area: Friend-ship Hand Paint	Infant Area:	Small Manipulatives Area	Reading Area:	Dramatic Play Area
Supplies needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paints • Brushes • Paper 	Supplies needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infant toys • Mirror • Pillows 	Supplies needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincoln Logs • Legos • Wooden standing maze • Dominoes 	Supplies needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books on friend-ship • Flannel board 	Supplies needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pretend Kitchen • Dolls • Food toys
Skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social skills • Fine motor skills • Writing skills 	Skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensory experiences • Socialization opportunities • Explore textures & colors 	Skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem solving • Pre-writing skills • Fine motor development • Sorting and counting • Taking turns / sharing 	Skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy • Fine motor Development 	Skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy Skill • Social Skills • Sharing with friends

Coordinated Group Activity / Closing:

@10:15am- Coordinated Group Activity : The Doorbell Rang Math Activity:@ kidney table: Melissa. Supplies needed: Cookie sheet, Crayons, Scissors, Paper plates

@10:50am- Clean Up: "Clean up, clean up, everybody everywhere, Clean up, clean up, everybody do your share."

@10:55am- Circle time #2: Talk about how to make friends, Pass the ice Cream Sharing Activity, Goodbye Song

GoodBye Song: We wave goodbye like this, We wave goodbye like this, We clap our hands for all our friends, We wave goodbye like this...One more time (go over song again)

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OCTOBER 2017

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn

Monthly Theme: Healthy and Safety

Every Session
Runs From
9:30AM
–
11:00AM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Activity ideas to gain skills & foster learning</i>	2 <i>Conduct an Experiment</i>	3 "Dirty Hands Spread Germs"	4 <i>Try Something New</i>	5 <i>Read a Book</i>	6 <i>Ask your Own Questions</i>	7 <i>Find Answers Together</i>
8 <i>Visit a Museum</i>	9  Indigenous People Day	10 "Making your house safe for children"	11 <i>Take a Trip to the Library</i>	12 <i>Go on a hike</i>	13 <i>Talk about Safety at Home</i>	14 <i>Visit a Zoo</i>
15 <i>Play a board game</i>	16 <i>Do a chore together</i>	17 "Earthquake safety & out of area contacts"	18 <i>Draw a picture</i>	19 <i>Read Bedtime Stories</i>	20 <i>Eat a Meal Together</i>	21 <i>Talk about Safety at Home</i>
22 <i>Visit a Park</i>	23 <i>Look at a Grocery Store Ad Together</i>	24 "Healthy Foods"	25 <i>Visit a Grocery Store</i>	26 <i>Cut Out Store Coupons</i>	27 <i>Play Outdoors</i>	28 <i>Visit a Friend</i>
29 <i>Have a Taste-testing Activity at Home</i>	30 <i>Talk About Stranger Safety</i>	31  "Poison Prevention"				

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Challenges we have faced...

- **Relocating**
 - 3 times
- **Outreach Efforts**
 - Flyer distribution
 - Face to face invitation
 - Surrounding
 - schools / Dr. offices
 - local libraries
 - Nextdoor
 - meetings
 - » Agencies
 - » Depts.





Questions?

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Children's Council of San Francisco

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn



Parents, Caregivers & Children Learning Together

- Parents and caregivers are looking for educational resources, access to professional development, connection to a network of adults working and caring for children and strategies to help support children and families.
- 79% of parents and caregivers reported they gained skills to support their children & family and gained confidence as caregivers through Playgroups.
- “We love you guys!” – parent/caregiver



One Year Strong!

- Playgroup Attendance (Unduplicated):
 - 200 parents & caregivers (12 grandparents)
 - 226 children
- Total Attendance (Duplicated Count):
 - 773 parents & caregivers
 - 1,026 children
- Average Attendance: 4 Playgroups
- Participants come from all over San Francisco and the Bay Area to our weekly Kaleidoscope Playgroup



What have we learned from Kaleidoscope?



- We adapt activities and learning opportunities to respond to children's and their caregivers' interest.
 - Based on feedback we have integrated more dance, movement, singing, and construction activities, we also post a schedule for each Playgroup.
- We have seen the positive impact of consistency through offering weekly Playgroups.
 - The class has grown from 1-2 participants (in our pilot phase) to an average of 20+ participants.
- Each week we share resources and program information with our participants to support their child development knowledge and professional skills.

Keep on Playing!!!

- 67% of our Playgroup participants reported increased child development skills, techniques and strategies, social emotional competence and knowledge of parenting and caregiving.
- 66% reported increased nurturing and attachment to their children, as a result of Kaleidoscope.
- Parents and caregivers are resilient. We see how all want to provide the best environment possible for their children and family.
- Playgroups support Children's Council to deepen our community relationships as well as our participants' leadership.



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Kaleidoscope 101 2 Day Facilitator Training- December 5th and 6th
- Kaleidoscope Evaluation: Through April 2018
- New Agencies start planning in January 2018



LET'S CELEBRATE OUR SITES!



Video!

THANK YOU!

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