

September  
2023

# THE FSC FLYER

Family Support Center Prince George's  
(formerly Adelphi/Langley Park Family Support Center)



## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month!

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### A MESSAGE FROM MARIELA

Hello!

This summer I had the opportunity to travel to my lovely country of Bolivia. I was so proud to show it off to my almost 4 year old daughter AND she loved it!

Hispanic Heritage month is important to me because it is a time for me to reflect on the sacrifices my parents made to uproot their whole lives to move us to the United States. I am so appreciative of them because they did this for me to have better opportunities. Here in our center, we will have a special day for families to dress in attire from their country as a way to celebrate their heritage.

*Mariela*







DESSALINA ROBERTS



BIENVENIDA JAIMES

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CLASSROOM

The theme for the child development classroom this month is back to school. We will learn about classroom routines, transitions, managing emotions, separation anxiety, and encouraging independence. In addition, we will be creating our “About Me” craft in order to get to know each other and be creative.

The book that we will be highlighting will be [This School Year Will Be the BEST!](#) by Kay Winters. This story talks about our hopes and dreams for the school year. It is a great conversation source when discussing what the new school might look like with 2 1/2-year-olds.

This is a wonderful opportunity to increase early emergent reading skills and transition kids as they enter our program in person.



KATHIA DONALICIO

## SERVICE COORDINATION

This month we are focusing on helping our participants with back-to-school transition. What is the most stressful time for parents? We'll be sharing some tips throughout the month, during our Parent Support groups, on how to make transitions easier, learning new routines and organization skills.

Also, we will be completing the Employment Readiness sessions with the M/W classes. I'll be joining Dr. Susie's class to provide the most updated information.

This month we have some backpacks and clothing donations for our families. Please feel free to contact me to schedule some time for you to come and pick up donations.



**September Birthdays:**  
**Fabiola P. 09/28**







DR. SUSIE MCPHILOMY  
**ADULT EDUCATION  
CLASSROOM**

Hispanic Heritage Month fills my heart with pride and joy! Not only do my students try their best to learn the language and the culture where they live, they also maintain their traditions and share their customs with us!

This month also has an important day for celebration, Labor Day, which is a well-deserved holiday for my students! They work so hard on a daily basis juggling responsibilities of being a mother, a professional, and a student. Our participants completed employment readiness sessions and are ready for the job market, promotion opportunities and educational advancement! Celebrate Labor Day, ladies!!!



LOIS DYER  
**OUR STORY  
IN NUMBERS**

- **Participants Served: 27**
- **Children Served: 37**
- **Adult Ed. Activities: 277**
- **Life Skills Ed. Activities: 24**
- **Parent-Child Activities: 533**
- **Social Support Activities: 67**
- **Circle Times: 8**
- **Diapers Delivered: 1750**



## PARTICIPANT OF THE MONTH: WILLIANIK D.



Willianik Sophia D. has amazed us since the day she joined the program! She works very hard and is consistently improving to try to do her best in her language learning journey, which she seems to enjoy greatly! Willianik is very creative and fun. She tries to run the extra mile when she does her work at home.

While Willianik is a new student, she showed enthusiasm during the orientation and asked the right questions. She wanted to engage in all center activities. Her smile is always contagious! She has a positive attitude and is very ambitious.

Willianik! We are so impressed and pleased with your work! You are awesome!

## HELPFUL RESOURCES

### **PGCPS DE REGRESO A CLASES 2023/PGCPS BACK TO SCHOOL GUIDE**

**[HTTPS://WWW.PBS.ORG/PARENTS/THRIVE/SETTING-GOALS-FOR-A-NEW-SCHOOL-YEAR](https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/setting-goals-for-a-new-school-year)**

### **PGCMLS LIBRARY STORY TIME**

**[HTTPS://WWW.PGCMLS.INFO/EVENTS?R=THISMONTH](https://www.pgcmls.info/events?r=thismonth)**

### **CAREER ONE STOP**

**[CAREERONESTOP.ORG](https://careeronestop.org)**

### **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AT PGCLMS**

**[HTTPS://WWW.PGCMLS.INFO/HISPANIC-HERITAGE#:~:TEXT=WE%20PROUDLY%20CELEBRATE%20NATIONAL%20HISPANIC,COMMUNITIES%20IN%20PRINCE%20GEORGE'S%20COUNTY.](https://www.pgcmls.info/hispanic-heritage#:~:text=we%20proudly%20celebrate%20national%20hispanic,communities%20in%20prince%20george's%20county.)**



# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 15

## National Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM) takes place from September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community. The month also celebrates the independence days of several Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15th, Mexico on September 16th, and Chile on September 18th. They also include holidays that recognize Hispanic contributions such as Virgin Islands-Puerto Rico Friendship Day which is celebrated in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Why is Hispanic Heritage Month split between September and October? People may be wondering why Heritage Month is celebrated in the middle of two months. There's a good explanation for that. Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point for Hispanic Heritage Month because it is the anniversary of the Cry of Dolores or "Grito de Dolores," according to Carlos Olave, head of the Hispanic Reading Room at the Library of Congress. This event marked the start of the Mexican War of Independence and resulted in freedom for the New Spain Colony (now Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Nicaragua) in 1821. Mexico, most Central American countries and Chile commemorate their independence from Spain on Sept. 15, Sept. 16, and Sept. 18, respectively. Columbus Day happens to fall during Hispanic Heritage Month, but instead of honoring the controversial explorer, Spanish-speaking countries celebrate "Día de la Raza" or "Day of the Race" on Oct. 12. This holiday, which bookends Hispanic Heritage Month in the U.S., recognizes the blend of indigenous and European or mestizo heritage across Spanish-speaking countries.

### Resource:

<https://sites.ed.gov/hispanic-initiative/national-hispanic-heritage-month>



**Just like there's no one-size-fits-all Latino or Hispanic experience, there's no one way to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.**

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month can range from hosting or attending cultural festivals to volunteering to help Latino communities in need," Emily Key, Director of Education at the Smithsonian Latino Center in Washington, D.C., told TODAY.

Museums across the country, including The Smithsonian National Museum of the American Latino, offer programs and resources to honor Latino and Hispanic communities. Throughout the month, check out museums and libraries near you to see if they're hosting similar events. The best part: They're often **free**. In Washington D.C., the Library of Congress will commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month throughout most of its 20 public reading rooms with blogs, performances, workshops, exhibits, screenings, lectures and special events. The Hispanic Reading Room will release 50 audio recordings by Latino writers from its PALABRA Archive, a collection of approximately 800 original audio recordings of 20th and 21st century Luso-Hispanic (a reference to regions once ruled by Portugal or Spain) poets and writers reading from their works.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage month at home by trying out traditional recipes from Latino and Hispanic chefs!

## FSC IN-HOUSE RESOURCES

### FSC CAR SEAT DISTRIBUTION:

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CAR SEATS OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JENIFFER AT JHERNANDEZ@CHILDRESOURCE.ORG OR PLEASE CALL 301-431-6210, EXTENSION 1100.

### PROGRAMA DE DISTRIBUCION DE SILLAS DE AUTO:

PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LOS ASIENTOS PARA AUTOMÓVILES O SI TIENE ALGUNA PREGUNTA, CONTÁCTE A JENIFFER AL CORREO JHERNANDEZ@CHILDRESOURCE.ORG O LLAME AL 301-431-6210, EXTENSIÓN 1100.



# Highlights from last month!





# September 2023

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**SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 22, & 29**  
**EMPLOYMENT READINESS**  
**10:00AM - 11:00AM**

**SEPTEMBER 26**  
**PARTICIPANT**  
**GRADUATION**

**SEPTEMBER 28**  
**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**  
**1:00PM - 2:00PM**