

Read below for tobacco and community news:



## **WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!**

We're excited to announce the launch of our official Wellness Coalition Facebook Page! This page will be a central hub for sharing partner updates, upcoming events and valuable resources to support our collective mission for our community wellness.

We invite you to **like and follow the page** to stay connected and engage with our growing network



We are thrilled to announce that the **CalFresh Healthy Living Program** has received an **EXTENSION** and will **continue** its vital work in San Benito County **through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026!** 

This means we can maintain our valued partnership with you and our coalition. We remain committed to promoting health and wellness for our entire community. This extension also gives us time to work with community partners to explore sustainability strategies and support beyond the program's closure.



Next Wellness Coalition meeting will be held in December 2025, Location TBD.

If you are interested in joining our coalition and presenting at our next meeting, please contact Sean Smith at ssmith@sanbenitocountyca.gov

# ORGANIZATION







## YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

The Youth Advisory Board (YAB), recently established through our bi-county Youth Opioid Response grant, brings youth voices to the forefront of substance use prevention and education across San Benito and Monterey Counties. We look forward to YAB becoming a sub-group of the San Benito County Opioid Task Force and Monterey's Central Coast Overdose Prevention.

With its launch, the YAB is establishing a strong foundation with a diverse group of youth members representing local schools, colleges, and lived experiences. Members have completed their onboarding session to familiarize themselves with the mission, expectations, and operations of the YAB. Each upcoming quarterly meeting will include some leadership skills training and guide members toward key goals, starting with planning their first youth listening session. Building on insights gathered from these sessions, the YAB will facilitate parent/caregiver listening session, create social media campaigns, and develop a podcast series, ensuring that young voices help shape prevention strategies and support systems for families and peers.

For more information, please visit www.sbcopioidtaskforce.org

## **FUEL YOUR FUN**



## Stay Hydrated Stay Healthy!

Drinking more water helps keep you energized, supports digestion, and prevents dehydration. Choosing water instead of sugary drinks also cuts added sugar and empty calories, which supports a healthier lifestyle.

## **Crazy for Citrus Fruits**

- Oranges. Peel and eat. Or, cut the orange in half lengthwise and each half into 3 or 4 wedges. Then remove the peel with your hands or just bite off the juicy fruit.
- Clementines. Peel—they are usually easier to peel than oranges—and eat. Kids can do this!
- Grapefruit. Cut in half and scoop out each section with a spoon. You may have to cut around each section first.
   Or cut the grapefruit into wedges and then cut off the peel.





#### Make a Game Out of It!

Physical activity doesn't have to be organized sports or traditional exercise. It can be playing a fun silly game with your child. Try playing a game with UNO® cards, a traditional deck of cards or dice. Have your kids determine an activity for each color, suit or number. Then do that activity as many times as the number on the card.

Here are some examples to get started:

- Squats
- Starfish jumps or jumping jacks
  - · Dance or "air" instruments
    - · Arm circles · Skipping
- · Free choices for the wild cards or joker





Funded by USDA SNAP, an equal opportunity provider. Visit www.CalFreshHealthyLiving.org for healthy tips.

## ALIMENTA TU DIVERSIÓN



## Mantente Hidratado, Mantente Saludable

Beber más agua ayuda a mantenerte con energía, favorece la digestión y previene la deshidratación. Elegir agua en lugar de bebidas azucaradas también reduce el azúcar añadido y las calorías vacías, lo que apoya un estilo de vida más saludable.

## Loco por los cítricos

- Naranjas. Pélalas y cómelas. O corta la naranja por la mitad a lo largo y cada mitad en 3 o 4 gajos. Luego, quita la cáscara con las manos o simplemente muerde la jugosa fruta.
- Clementinas. Pélalas (por lo general son más fáciles de pelar que las naranjas) y cómelas. ¡Los niños pueden hacerlo!
- Pomelos. Córtelos por la mitad y saque cada gajo con una cuchara. Es posible que primero tenga que cortar alrededor de cada gajo. O corte el fruto en gajos y luego quite la piel.





### iQue parezca un juego!

La actividad física no tiene por qué ser un deporte organizado o un ejercicio tradicional. Puede ser jugar a un juego divertido y tonto con su hijo. Pruebe a jugar con cartas UNO®, una baraja tradicional o dados. Haga que sus hijos determinen una actividad para cada color, palo o número. A continuación, realicen esa actividad tantas veces como indique el número de la carta.

Aqui hay algunos ejemplos para empezar:
• Sentadillas

 Saltos de estrella de mar o saltos de tijera - Bailar o tocar instrumentos «aéreos» - Círculos con los brazos - Saltar a la comba - Elecciones libres para las cartas Wild o Joker.





Financiado por SNAP del USDA, un proveedor que brinda igualdad de oportunidades. Para consejos saludables, visite www.CalFreshHealthyLiving.org.

# Events

ALZHEIMER'S () ASSOCIATION

## THE EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES

Presented by the Alzheimer's Association®



The Empowered Caregiver will be hosted at Dignity Health

Wellness Center 21340 E Cliff Dr. Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Register at the provided links for each class. For more information please call 831.457.7099

HOSTED BY:



Wellness Center

Join us for The Empowered Caregiver, an education program that teaches caregivers how to navigate the responsibilities of caring for someone living with dementia. This series features the following four topics:

#### **BUILDING FOUNDATIONS OF CAREGIVING**

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 | 4-5 p.m. Register: tinyurl.com/FOCSEPT23

Explores the role of caregiver and changes they may experience, building a support team and managing caregiver stress.

#### SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 | 4-5 p.m.

Register: tinyurl.com/INDSEPT30

Focuses on helping the person living with dementia take part in daily activities, providing the right amount of support and balancing safety and independence while managing expectations.

#### COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 | 4-5 p.m.

Register: tinyurl.com/COMOCT28

Teaches how dementia affects communication, including tips for communicating well with family, friends and health care profession

#### RESPONDING TO DEMENTIA-RELATED BEHAVIORS

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 | 4-5 p.m.

Register: tinyurl.com/BEHNOV04

Details common behavior changes and how they are a form of mmunication, non-medical approaches to behaviors and recognizing when additional help is needed.

### JOIN US IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER ONLINE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Presented by the Alzheimer's Association

#### ENGLISH CLASSES

**Building Foundations of Caregiving** Thursday, October 9, 2-3 p.m. | Register

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Tuesday, October 14, 2-3 p.m. | Register

Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors Tuesday, October 21, 10-11 a.m. | Register

Creating Dementia-Friendly Holidays and

Wednesday, November 5, Noon-1 p.m. | Register

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia Thursday, November 6, 2-3 p.m. | Register

nicating Effectively

Thursday, November 13, 2-3 p.m. | Register

Navigating Dementia-

From Diagnosis to Living Well
Tuesday, November 18, 10-11 a.m. | Register

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body Tuesday, December 2, 10-11 a.m. | Register

Supporting Independence rsday, December 11, 10-11 a.m. | Register

Exploring Care and Support Services
Tuesday, December 16, 2-3 p.m. | Register

To register, please call 800,272,3900 or visit us online at alx.org/crf For on-demand recorded classes, visit alz.org/education

#### SPANISH CLASSES

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia Thursday, October 16, 6-7 p.m. | Register

Communicating Effectively Thursday, November 20, 6-7 p.m. | Register

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body Thursday, December 18, 6-7 p.m. | Register

#### CHINESE CLASSES

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's (Mandarin) Wednesday, October 22, 2-3 p.m. | Register

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body (Cantonese)

Friday, November 14, 10-11 a.m. | Register

Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors (Mandarin)

Tuesday, November 18, 2-3 p.m. | Register

Communicating Effectively (Mandarin)

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

(Mandarin) Friday, December 12, 10-11 am | Register



ALZHEIMER'S 95 ASSOCIATION

## JOIN US IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER EDUCATION CLASSES

For families, community members and people facing dementia

The Alzheimer's Association® offers a range of awareness and caregiver skill-building classes. The classes aim to help caregivers feel more prepared to handle the challenges that come with caring for someone living with dementia.

#### CREATING DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY HOLIDAYS AND

CELEBRATIONS:
The holidays are a since when family and thrends often come together. For families living with Alzheimen's and other dementias, the holidays can be challenging but with some planning and adjusted eigenstations emberations can title the hoppy memorable occasions. Learn how to uspe with the holidays and stay connected while caring for someone living with idementias.

#### AWARENESS PRESENTATION

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terrents, inform the community of Altheimer's Association
ties, and engage people in the Association's rission.

#### INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S

This presentation provides a breef overview of Aldremer's di-dementa and the Alzheimer's Association services. Topics di-dementa and the Alzheimer's, risk factors, warning signs and how others can join the fight against the disease.

#### HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY

exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a for healthy aging.

#### 10 WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S

This education program will help you recognize common signs of the disease in yourself and others and next steps to take, including how to talk to your doctor.

#### UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

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#### MANAGING MONEY: A CAREGIVER'S GUIDE TO FINANCES

#### NAVIGATING DEMENTIA-FROM DIAGNOSIS TO LIVING WELL

#### ADVANCING THE SCIENCE: THE LATEST IN ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA RESEARCH

AND DEMENTIA RESEARCH
Althorism's is a global health problem with more than 7 mills
people living with the disease in the U.S. alone. Timemotions is
have been made in the understanding of the sizence and ba
binlogy underlying Althorism's and other dementias. These
advances are leading to great trible in strategies for prevent
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Examines how best to prepare for future care decisions and changes, including respite care, residential care and end-of life care.

To register, please call 800.272.3900 or visit us online at alz.org/crf

For on-demand recorded classes,

ALZHEIMER'S ( ASSOCIATION



## Join us for a FREE **Community Resource fair!**



## Tuesday, October 7 | 2pm - 5pm

Meet local partners and community organizations, all gathered in one place to share valuable information and resources.



Learn about local programs, services, and support in your area



Find helpful resources that matter to you and your loved ones



Connect with local community partners, organizations, and agencies



County Health & Human Services Department 1111 San Felipe Rd, Hollister, CA 95023

For more information: Lizzette Turner | (831) 637-0439



Come join us for a fun and friendly time to connect with other new parents while learning the latest tips in infant care. Meet other parents, share stories, ask questions and leave feeling more confident and supported!

- · Welcome Baby
- · Baby's Signs
- · Feeding
- Safety
- · Safe Sleep
- · Routines Baby Development and Observations
- Literacy
- · The Power of Play and much more!

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am Location: Children's Kingdom 1011 Line St. Room 10



September 17, 2025

October 15, 2025

- February 11, 2026
- March 18, 2026
- April 15, 2026
- May 3, 2026





Acompáñenos a pasar un rato divertido y agradable para conectar con otros padres primerizos mientras aprende los últimos consejos sobre el cuidado infantil. ¡Conozca a otros padres, comparta historias, haga preguntas y salga sintiéndose más seguro y apoyadol

#### Temas y Fechas

- Bienvenido Bebé
- · Señales del Bebé
- Alimentarlo
- · Seguridad
- · Sueño Seguro
- Rutinas
- Desarrollo del Bebé y Observaciones
- Alfabetización
- · El Poder del Juego y mucho más!

Hora: 10.00 am - 11.00 am Ubicacion: The Children's Kingdom 1011 Line St. Salon 10





• 17 de septiembre, 2025

• 19 de noviembre, 2025

17 de diciembre, 2025

14 de enero, 2026

11 de febrero, 2026

18 de marzo, 2026

15 de octubre, 2025

First 5 San Benito Program Calendar

2025



## October



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27 Talk, Read, Sing 10:00-11:00AM (0-5)	28 Talk, Read, Sing 10:00-11:00AM (0-5)	29 Food Distribution 3:30-5:00PM	30 Talk, Read, Sing 10:00-11:00AM (0-5)	31







services offered are free for families with children ages 0-5 years old
All programs are located at
First 5 Family Resiliency Center 351 Tree Pinos Rd, Suite 103-A
For more information about our programs please call
(831) 325-0321 or email manifold first 5 b. com

@first5sanbenito @first5sbc

Calendario de programas de los primeros 5 de san benito

2025



# Octubre 👸



Viernes	Jueves	Miércoles	Martes	Lunes
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ios ofrecidos son gratis para todas las familias con niños de 0-5 años Todos los programas están localizados en eros 5 centro de resiliencia familiar 351 Tres Pinos Rd, Suite 103-A

nás información sobre nuestros programas por favor lla e al (831) 325-6321 o envie un correo electronio a <u>maria</u> @first5sanbenito @first5sbc



ee Flu Shots by San Benito County Public Health

nd Much Morel



Abierto al público Campus de Hollister, 505 Fairview Road

Patrocinado por los Servicios de Salud Estudiantil







# YARD SALE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11



BUY, SELL, AND FIND HIDDEN TREASURES
Reserve your space today—spots are limited!

#### INTERESTED?

REGISTER TO RENT A SPACE!

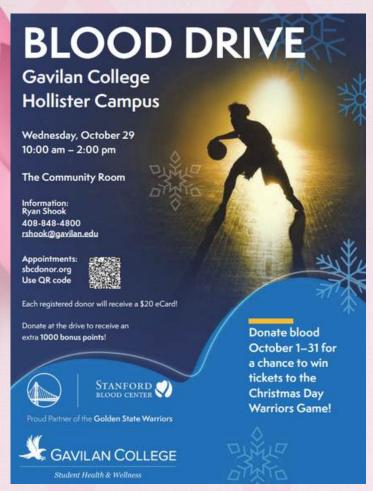






**Donations** from the space rental fee **help** ensure everyone is welcome at the Y and has the opportunity to participate in programs and services that change and enrich lives through our **Financial Assistance Scholarship Fund**.

Email inquires to acadena@ymcacentralcoast.org





## CLÍNICA GRATUITA DE VACUNACIÓN CONTRA LA GRIPE



COLEGIO EN GILROY

1 DE OCTUBRE DE 2025 10 AM A 2 PM

CENTRO DE ESTUDIANTES

5055 SANTA TERESA BLVD, GILROY

COLEGIO EN HOLLISTER

20 DE OCTUBRE DE 2025, 10AM A 1PM
505 FAIRVIEW RD., HOLLISTER



## FREE FLU VACCINE CLINIC



GILROY CAMPUS
OCTOBER 1, 2025 10 AM - 2 PM
STUDENT CENTER
5055 SANTA TERESA BLVD, GILROY

OCTOBER 20, 2025 10 AM - 1 PM 505 FAIRVIEW RD., HOLLISTER



## Worried about your immigration status or Medi-Cal coverage?

CALIFORNIA

We're here to help.



¿Le preocupa su situación migratoria o su cobertura de Medi-Cal? Estamos aquí para ayudarle.





#### Esto es lo que debe saber:

- di-Cal sigue disponible para todos los que son
- da ha cambiado sobre quién puede obtener
- A partir de enero de 2026, algunos miembros verán cambios en sus beneficios. Debe seguir viendo a su doctor para recibir el

## ¿Necesita cuidado de salud desde casa? Tiene opciones.

4th Annual

**置Thursday**,

- i es como:
  Llame a su doctor y pregunte si ofrece visitas por teléfono o video.
  Llame a la Linea de Consejos de Enfermeras en cualquier momento, de dia o de noche:
  844-971-8907 (TTY-711)
  Use Rocket Doctor para programar una cita virtual con un doctor: 844-996-3763
  Use Zócalo Health para hablar con un doctor o una promotora de salud: 213-855-3465

Health &

Wellness

October 23rd, 2025

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Active Senior Inc.

100 Harvest St.

Salinas, Ca

93901

Senior Resource Day

Quiere más información o necesita ayuda con temas de inmigración?

Escanee el código QR o visite



Estamos aquí para usted y su familia.

Are you 16-25 years old and have ideas about how to support youth substance use prevention and community education? If so...

We're here for you and your family.



San Benito County Opioid Task Force (SBCOTF)

Central Coast Overdose Prevention (CCODP)

We are looking for 2 members from San Benito County and 2 from Monterey County!

Eligibility:16-25 years old Time commitment: 2-4 hrs/mont Stipend: \$25 per meeting

We are committed to preventing overdoses and drug-related deaths by increasing awareness, reducing stigma, educating the public, improving community support services, and expanding treatment options.

San Benito County-Adriana Garcia: adgarcia@sanbenitocountyca.gov Monterey County- Khanh Nguyen Whited: knw@ccodp.org

Free:

Complimentary snack Blood Pressur Flu Shot

The first 100 quests

received a gift card upon entry



For more information:

Visit ASI website @ https://www.activeseniorsinc.org/









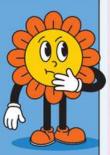
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## Never a Bother

# I want to talk to them. Where do I start?



Learning that your child is thinking about suicide can be a scary thing for a parent or caregiver. First of all, stay calm. And take their feelings seriously, Encourage your child to talk about why they are thinking about suicide. Listen without dismissing or judging their feelings.

Ask about the behaviors you have noticed.

ake sure your questions are open-end

Get comfortable with silence and give them time to think.

Don't worry about getting the words exactly right.

Validate their feelings and let them know you're proud of them for sharing with you.

Make sure they know they can come to you anytime, that they're never a bother.

Most importantly, ask directly. "Are you thinking about suicide?"

Asking questions won't put the idea in their head. Your child may be releved that



Learn more icebreakers and responses at NeveraBother.org

Call the Suicide and Oritic Lifetine at 988 any time (24/7) to get hole right away.

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# Quiero hablarle. **¿Por dónde** empiezo?



Saber que tu hijo está pensando en el suicidio puede ser algo aterrador para un padre o cuidador. Primero, mantén la calma. Y toma en serio sus sentimientos. Anima a tu hijo a hablar sobre por qué está pensando en suicidarse. Escucha ein desestimar ni juzgar aus sentimientos.

Pregunta sobre los comportamientos que observaste.

Acegúnato de que tus preguntas sean ablertas, en lugar de respondense con "si" o "no".

Acepta con comodidad el silencio y dale tiempo para pensar

No te preccupes por encontrar las palabras correctas. Valida sus sentimientos y dile que te enorgulisce que los comparta contigo.

Asegurate de que sepa que puede acudir a ti en cualquie

Lo más importante es que preguntes directamente.

"¿Estás pensando en sulcidarte?" Hacer preguntas no le matera la idea en la cabeza. Tu rijo

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Conoce más conversaciones para romper el hielo y rospuestas en NeveraBother.org

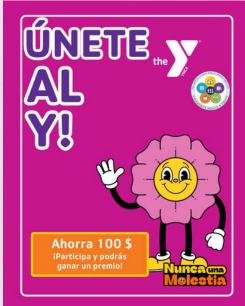
Liama a la Linea de Prevendón del Subbillo y Ortals al ISS en cualquiar momento (247) pora obtener ayuda de inmediata.

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Black Friday Birding was initiated to acquaint folks with our Historical Park on Airline Hwy, and its rich population of permanent and migrating species.

REMINDERS:

FRIDAY • 8:30AM NOVEMBER 28, 2025



Bring your binoculars and water bottle, walking shoes and warm layers for the crisp morning air.





A local Birding enthusiast will conduct a tour of the grounds in search of species observed here of late.



R.E.A.C.H. Board members will bring coffee, and midmorning treats for a rewarding post walk conversation at the park's picnic area.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

October 12th is Fall eBird Big Day, also known as October Big Day, is a global 24-hour event to count and identify bird populations. Our Black Friday Birding day will include a discussion of 'Big Days', and how you might get involved in your own backyard.











# Would like to share an announcement? Email our Program Coordinator at ssmith@sanbenitocountyca.gov

**Cessation Resources** 



**Ready to Quit?** 

Kick It CA is a free program that helps Californians kick tobacco with the help of proven, science-based strategies.

Take the first step toward quitting.

For more information:
San Benito County Tobacco Education Program 351
Tres Pinos Rd,
Suite A-202 Hollister, CA 95023 Tel: (831) 637-5367
Monday-Friday:
8:00am to 5:00pm

San Benito County Tobacco Education Program Coalitions