EIGHTH ANNUAL STATE OF OUR CHILDREN BREAKFAST

A COMMUNITY ON THE MOVE
THE POWER OF SHARED PURPOSE

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Good morning and thank you for being here. We have had an incredibly productive year! The power of shared purpose is on full display with the completion of the Preconception to Age 5 Blueprint for Funding and Advocacy. This plan represents the most comprehensive effort ever undertaken to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Fresno County’s youngest children and their families. The Children’s Movement continues to be the heart and soul of this work. When asked for input on service and program gaps, TCM delivered. When asked to think deeply about goals and strategies, TCM delivered. When support was needed for a robust effort to engage parents, TCM delivered. Thanks to all who contributed their time and talent! Most importantly, the Blueprint development process created a strong cross-sector infrastructure of networks ready to focus on implementation.

The next step in our collaborative work is to embed priority strategies from the Blueprint into the fabric of the community to effect lasting change. Once again, TCM will be instrumental in the effort. Together, we will be defining targets and progress measures with as much precision as possible. We will also be developing specific tactics, putting them into action and using continuous improvement to guide us. If you thought the hard work was over, it isn’t! We need all-hands-on-deck more than ever during the next year.

I also want to note that TCM’s weekly e-digest “Our Children this Week,” launched in 2017, continues to go out to over 4,000 people every Monday. OCTW has become a valuable local resource for comprehensive news, policy, agenda and event information. The Policy Watch portion includes legislative bills flagged as top priorities by organizations who are part of our TCM community. Multiple groups across the state have recognized this as a useful tool in their advocacy work.

We are, indeed, a community on the move and are becoming a wonderful example of the power of shared purpose. This breakfast is a celebration of what we have done together. Take a look around the room; this is your work, your progress.

Looking forward,

Linda Gleason
Founding Director
Welcome
Courtney Shapiro,
Breakfast Chair

Danay Ferguson,
8th Grade, Fresno Unified School District
Danyell Ferguson,
5th Grade, Fresno Unified School District

Brooklynblair Shapiro,
7th Grade, Clovis Unified School District
Taylor Shapiro,
5th Grade, Clovis Unified School District

National Anthem
Seth Olmedo, 5th Grade, Central Unified School District

Invocation
Dr. Francine Oputa, Director,
Cross Cultural and Gender Center, Fresno State

Annual Update: State of Our Children
Linda Gleason, Founding Director, The Children’s Movement of Fresno

Keynote Speaker Introduction
Susan Anderson, Attorney, Former Fresno County Supervisor

Keynote Address
David Lawrence, Jr., Author, Children’s Advocate,
Founder of The Children’s Movement of Florida

Call to Action
Brooklynblair Shapiro and Danay Ferguson

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David Lawrence, Jr.
Children’s Advocate, Author, and Founder of The Children’s Movement of Florida

David Lawrence, Jr. is a nationally known newspaper editor and publisher who retired at the age of 56 and became a leading national advocate for children, especially in the area of early childhood investment. His national honors include the Ida B. Wells Award “for exemplary leadership in providing minorities employment opportunities” and the National Association of Minority Media Executives award for “lifetime achievement in diversity”. He has been honored with the American Public Health Association Award of Excellence, the Lewis Hine Award for Children and Youth, and the “Children’s Champion” award from the National Black Child Development Institute.

In 2002, Dave was a key figure in Florida’s passage of a statewide constitutional amendment to provide pre-K for all 4-year olds. The David Lawrence Jr. K-8 Public School opened in 2006 across from the north campus of Florida International University. A fully endowed chair in early childhood studies is established in his name at the University of Florida College of Education.

Dave is a powerful role model for a life of service to one’s community. His recently published memoir “A Dedicated Life: Journalism, Justice, and a Chance for Every Child” highlights his accomplished career in journalism and his commitment to transforming the lives of youth. Dave was a major force behind the founding of The Children’s Movement of Fresno (TCM) and was the keynote speaker at the first TCM Fresno breakfast in 2012.
**Bold characters defy stereotypes.**

Growing up, theatre arts student Alexis Elisa Macedo rarely saw a Latina character that wasn’t a stereotype.

But at Fresno State, Alexis has the lead role in a play that’s performed in front of Central Valley youth. She’s not a stereotype — she’s a superhero.

“We go into these schools and some kids who have never seen live theater before are immediately floored,” she says. “I hope this gives them a voice and represents them.”

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Jim A. Yovino
Superintendent

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2017
TCM Fresno launched “Our Children This Week” - a weekly e-digest providing information on issues that affect Fresno County children including local, state and national news, policy and meeting agendas.

2018
TCM Action Forums provided opportunity for robust community engagement with key stakeholders during the development stages of the Preconception to Age 5 Blueprint.

2019
The C2C Partnership Table members joined the TCM Action Forums to prioritize and synthesize the goals and strategies for the Preconception to Age 5 Blueprint.

2020
The next step is to embed priority strategies from Preconception to Age 5 Blueprint into the fabric of the community to affect lasting change. As part of the heart of our civic infrastructure, TCM will play a key role in setting targets, identifying tactics, and implementing action plans.
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Department of Behavioral Health
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Fresno Unified Superintendent

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61 Mobile Unit Days
18 School Districts

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