



November 2025 Newsletter

Dear Friend,

As the new Chair of the Board of Directors, I'm honored to join you in supporting the vital work of Carpinteria Children's Project (CCP). This season of gratitude is the perfect time to reflect on the difference CCP makes every day and to invite you to be part of the impact.

For 15 years, CCP has helped Carpinteria's children and families build strong foundations. From high-quality early education to family support services and health connections, CCP ensures every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. I've seen firsthand how this organization uplifts families and strengthens our entire community.

In my years as a pediatrician at the Carpinteria Health Care Center, I referred many families to CCP. I knew that they would be treated with dignity and respect, and that the CCP staff would work hard to find the support the families needed. When my patients were students in the early childhood education center, I knew they were being prepared

to enter Kindergarten ready to learn and having the social and emotional skills to thrive at school.

Want to see what this looks like in practice? Start with our Family Resource Center update below. There's a short recap and a full interview if you have time.

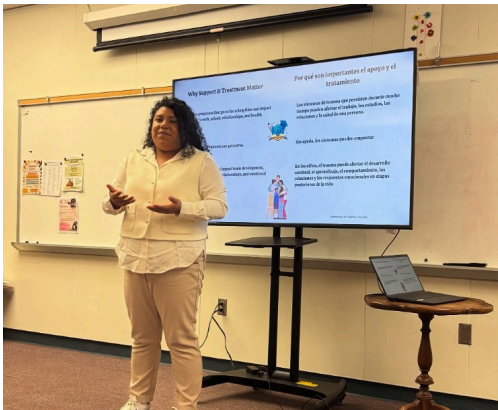
Together, we can continue building a community where every child's potential is nurtured from the very beginning.

In community,
Dr. Peggy Dodds



Building Community Resilience

This year, our Family Resource Center has zoomed in on immigration-related needs—partnering with supporters like you and local organizations to steady families through stressful moments.



Healing Together — Led by **Clinicians for Change**, a grassroots network of Santa Barbara therapists, our first community conversation offered a culturally centered, trauma-informed space to process the impacts of immigration enforcement. Vickie

Medina, LCSW presented on trauma & PTSD, followed by a support circle for collective healing.

Annual Health Fair — With 32 partner organizations in attendance, we welcomed 62 families (123 people). On site, partners provided 46 vision screenings and 52 flu vaccines, along with warm, next-step connections to essential services so care didn't end at the table. Local representatives, including Assemblymember Gregg Hart and staff from Congressman Salud Carbajal's office, joined us.

Helping Hands — Since July, we've supported 48 families, distributing over \$21,000 in food gift cards and rent/utility assistance to immigrant families in our community, stabilizing households so children stay safe and learning.

Want a deeper dive?

- **Watch:** 805 Focus interview (20 min) with our Executive Director & Director of Family Services → [Play video](#)
- **Visit:** Want to see our work in action? **Reply to this email to set up a tour.**

Watch the Interview

Pumpkins, Play, and Fall Joy

Our little learners soaked up the season, learning while having a blast. We explored pumpkins from seed to fruit, named their parts, and used all five senses along the way. Our Hummingbird class visited a local farm to learn about the fall harvest, then wrapped up their unit by picking pumpkins in our own patch.

We closed out the month with a Halloween costume parade and "trick-or-treating" through the hallways—high-fives, giggles, and so many superheroes.



CCP Around Town

- Our very own Teresa Alvarez was part of Nonprofit - Funder dialogue panel at Partnership for Excellence. She shared insights on supporting our community and nonprofit programs alongside former board member, Jon Clark.
- Director of Operations, Louisa Ornelas, completed Leading From Within's Emerging Leaders program! In the year-long program, Louisa made meaningful connections and grew in her leadership as Director of Operations. We are so proud of her achievements!
- Director of Early Learning, Guadalupe Perez received recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow from Carpinteria Rotary Noon, alongside other Carpinteria community members. The Paul Harris Fellow award recognizes individuals who have

demonstrated exceptional service to their community. Thank you, Bob, for the nomination!

- Know Your Rights training at Crane School — Our Director of Family Services, Jessica Ramirez, shared practical immigration rights info with school leadership. We are honored to provide important information and advocacy to the community.
- Our Promotoras group, a volunteer group committed to providing community w/ health information, was honored by the City of Carpinteria.



Keep the Good Going

Monthly supporters keep classrooms humming and make emergency support from our Family Resource Center responsive when families need it most.

With Gratitude to Michelle & Michael

With deep appreciation to **Michelle Perry** and **Michael Cooney** as they concluded their board terms. From CCP's early years through mudslides, a pandemic, and today's challenges, their steady leadership helped shape CCP into the strong, community-rooted nonprofit it is today.

Tell Us What Inspires You!

We'll route the right mix of classroom wins, family impact, and community cheer your way.

Teachers & little
learners (ECE)

Family & community
support (FRC)

Keep It All Coming

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