

## For Immediate Release

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### Post Event Press Release

#### *70 Preschoolers Promote from Joan Richards Learning Village*

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(Stockton CA) The Family Resource Center’s State-funded Preschool, the Joan Richards Learning Village (JRLV), celebrated the academic and social milestones of 70 children with special promotion ceremonies. The students of Family Resource Center’s State Funded Preschool have all demonstrated that they have the academic and social-emotional skills needed for kindergarten and beyond.

This year’s Hawaiian themed festivities were held at the school’s playground where students in each class sang songs to their families thanking them for their support in their early learning and development. Dressed in cap and gown, the children sang and danced to, “I Am Special” and “Put Your Hands in the Air-It’s Been a Good Year.” The children were then awarded a certificate of completion.

The Center's teachers thanked parents for entrusting their children to them and presented each child with three brand new age-appropriate books all with special heartfelt inscriptions written by their teachers. Students also received notebooks and pencils so that they are equipped for their first day of kindergarten in the fall.

The ceremonies closed with the families being invited to participate in a celebratory dance party with their students. Parents also received their student’s portfolio of work—a collection of the student’s progress towards school readiness and their expressive artwork.

Chief Operations Officer, Leslie Reece, shares her thanks to the families. “We appreciate the parents. Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We have really enjoyed teaching them and getting them ready for school. We’re also so very proud of you and how involved you were with your students’ learning along the way.”

**About Family Resource Center:** Family Resource Center is committed to the health and well-being of children in San Joaquin County, and the adults who care for them. Serving the community since 1980, our mission is to provide resources to parents and childcare providers to encourage healthy growth for the children in their care. We do that by providing advocacy, information, education, nutritional support, training, and childcare services – directly and by financially supporting community childcare providers – so that every child, and parent, has access to safe and stimulating care outside the home. Through the provision of the county’s 2-1-1 system, housed and administered by Family Resource Services, we offer new and current residents referral and access to information about child care, nutritional services and other programs available in San Joaquin County that support broader community health.

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