

P R E S S R E L E A S E

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WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD : APRIL 9-16, 2016
First 5 Shasta Supports Learning Adventures for Children

Families with young children are eagerly awaiting the Week of the Young Child (WOYC), an annual nationwide celebration that has become a Shasta County tradition organized by First 5 Shasta. WOYC will take place April 9-16, 2016 and families are encouraged to use the WOYC Calendar at first5shasta.org to plan a week of learning adventures with their children. Behind the scenes, a diverse group of agencies, organizations, and family-focused groups has been working for months to create over 40 engaging, education-rich events where children can enjoy activities and parents have a chance to learn about supports they may not realize are available to them. WOYC is full of fun, but it also helps families connect with vital services and resources.

In addition to publishing and distributing the WOYC Calendar, First 5 Shasta has awarded a total of **\$7,430 in WOYC 2016 Grants** to support WOYC events and is providing over **2,100 children’s books** (valued at \$13,692) that will be handed out during the week. It is our distinct pleasure to announce the following recipients of WOYC Grants:

Active 20-30 Club of Redding	The Big Race	\$450 +books	Shasta College Early Childhood Education Center	Sensory Exploration: Sticky, Slippery, Wet, Bumpy and Goey	\$460
Bright Futures Children Center	Heritage Plaza Storytime	\$360 +books	Shasta County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council	Welcome to the Jungle: A Family Adventure	\$400 +books
CSU Chico, Research Foundation	North State Symphony Tour of Preschools	\$495	Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency, CalWORKS	CalWORKS Fair: Kids, Jobs & Resources	\$350 +books
Early Foundations Children’s Academy	Blast Off to Learning	\$450 +books	Shasta County Office of Education, Early Intervention	Inclusion Story Time	\$100 +books
Friends of the Redding Trails	Kidical Mass	\$450 +books	Shasta County YMCA Manzanita Preschool	Read and Play at Manzanita	\$240 +books
Gateway Unified School District	Healthy Family Fun Night	\$450 +books	Shasta County YMCA North Cow Creek Preschool	Read and Play at North Cow Creek	\$300 +books
Happy Valley Union Elementary School District	Happy Valley Literacy Fair	\$400 +books	Shasta Library Foundation	Rev, Rumble and Roar	\$450 +books
Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, Inc.	Storytime at the Plaza	\$450 +books	Tri County Community Network	Family Appreciation Dinner	\$350 +books
One Safe Place	Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader	\$400 +books	Turtle Bay Exploration Park	It’s a Big, Big World, So Let’s Take Care of It	\$200 +books
Redding Cooperative Preschool	Fantastic 5 Senses Fun	\$375 +books	Carol von Brandt Child Care	Bubble Festival at Anderson River Park	\$300 +books

Additional Grantees: Books Only
Bright Futures Children Center (Center story time)
Healthy Kids Choice Restaurants (Book at participating Redding restaurants)
Right Road Recovery Programs (Books at Triple P parenting activity)

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