

FAST *Forward*

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SPOTLIGHTING LUCIANA PUYO

Born and raised in Argentina, Luciana has a Bachelors Degree in Special Education. She spent several years as a Special Ed teacher in a public elementary school in her home town Rosario before emigrating to the US. This year she will graduate from Hope International University with her BS in Human Development. In addition to her educational pursuits, Luciana has been a Community Facilitator with the Newport Mesa Unified School District since 1997. For six years Luciana Puyo has been an integral part of the FAST program at Pomona Elementary School. "There are so many great success stories from the families who have graduated from the program. In particular I remember a family of four, a single mother with her three children. Her children were doing poorly in school; both academically and there were behavior problems. The mother spent many long hours at work, with little time for her children. After attending the eight week FAST session, the family made great improvements. Mom saw her children improve in school. She became better equipped to dedicate quality time to her children. She carved out time to become involved in school activities like PTA and Site Council and that made her children so proud!" At C&SC we are proud to have Luciana part of the FAST team!

FAST FACTS

FAST – Families and Schools Together – is a multi-level approach that is recognized as one of the leading programs in the nation to address the factors that put children at risk.

FAST was developed at the University of California, Irvine and the University of Wisconsin and has been in nationwide use for fifteen years.

The FAST program applies decades of research that have been funded by the National Institute for Mental Health in the fields of psychology, psychiatry, family therapy, family stress, social support and community organizing.

FAST creates family support for children who are exhibiting emotional and behavioral problems in school, and bridges the gap between parents and the school.

FAST outcomes are remarkable and lasting for children and their families.

To schedule your FAST program tour call Charlene at 949-270-2932 today!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your generous contributions continue to make a real difference. As the FAST program continues to expand to reach more kids and their families in our community so does our need for financial support. Please join us with your financial donation. If you prefer to donate in a more tangible way C&SC is always seeking art supplies and prizes to be awarded to our program participants. Of course volunteers are always needed to serve on our Board or spread the word about how Community & School Collaboration is changing lives through its programs.

FROM THE FOUNDER, JOE ROSENER

As we begin our eighth year, Community & Schools Collaboration continues to provide quality service to young children and their families in Costa Mesa schools! Our collaboration includes successful partnering with the Newport Mesa Unified School District, our business community and foundations close to home! C&SC has been able to bring together quality FAST teams, built on years of experience. We are also very fortunate to have a dedicated core of volunteer Board members. This year our Board has benefited from the expertise of nonprofit consultant Carol Stone who has guided us through changes and challenges. Let's continue on this path *FAST Forward*, together!

REVISED WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Thanks to the generosity of Gary Striano, of the Merage School of Business C&SC is thrilled to announce its new website. Please visit us at www.c-sc.org. We are looking forward to providing you with future copies of **FAST Forward** with e-lets! Register for your email updates to cmash@ashendorf.com.

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THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

The Early Learning Center (ELC) opened its doors in fall 2005 at Sonora Elementary School in Costa Mesa and serves children and families at Harper Preschool and Sonora Elementary. Funded by grants from Children and Families Commission of Orange County and Merage Foundation, the ELC is conducting a pilot program for the 2005-2006 school year, in cooperation with the Newport Mesa Unified School District. The ELC's target population is families in the District 1) who are low-income to extremely low-income, 2) whose parents are English learners and also have a low literacy rate and 3) whose children are consequently at risk for future academic and lifetime failure. Program days are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend for a tour.

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