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**Quality Improvement and Consultation Grant Awarded to Kidango Child Development Center**

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant, children, families and staff at the Kidango Amador Child Development Center in Hayward will enjoy new resources and materials in the coming years. Kidango, a regional child development agency, took over operations of the Center just six months ago. Since then, Director Tamarra Barrett has increased enrollment almost to capacity. In addition, she was awarded this competitive grant through First 5 Alameda County.

The goal of Quality Counts is to improve children's experiences by boosting the classroom environment through staff development and facility enhancement. Teachers will also attend monthly coaching opportunities to learn new strategies to engage children and families.

Ms. Barrett plans to use the funding to purchase developmentally appropriate indoor and outdoor materials and equipment. Congratulations to Center staff on their achievement, and to the children and families who will benefit from this two year project.

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**About Kidango**

Kidango, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit children's agency. It began as Tri-Cities Children's Centers, Inc. in 1979 and at inception there were 90 children and families being served at one center in Fremont. As a leader in early care and education, Kidango offers a wide variety of programs to meet the diverse needs of children 0-12 years of age and their families. Currently there are 41 centers throughout the Bay Area and the agency is continuously expanding to meet the growing needs of children and families. Today more than 2,500 children and families are served in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties each year.

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