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SCC Children's Programs Granted Funding for Program Advancement

FAIRFIELD, CA, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012: Solano Community College (SCC) Children's Program was granted funding of up to \$21,000.00 by The Solano County First 5 Children and Families Commission. The grant will be available to the College from September 6, 2012 through June 30, 2015. The funding will be used for training, technical assistance, and to purchase classroom materials for SCC's Children's Programs.

In addition to the grant monies, one of the program's toddler classrooms and an early preschool classroom was selected to participate in the prestigious Child Signature project. This project was designed to enhance early learning services to young children, while supporting early childhood education students with access to high quality learning environments.

The Children's Program had to fulfill mandates specified in the First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission Tobacco Education, Prevention, and Investment Policy. This policy specifically states that funded projects will adhere to providing a smoke-free working environment, provide and/or arrange training and information to staff on smoking cessation/dangers of second-hand smoke, refuse tobacco funding, divest the organization of tobacco product investments, and distribute and/or make available smoking cessation-related materials for participants in Commission funded programs. The College's newly implemented Smoking Policy provides the structure for the Children's Program to meet the First 5 tobacco policy.

Christie Speck, Children's Programs Director commented, "We are honored to receive funding for the advancement of our programs. The Children's Programs have been such a blessing to our students who are parents and we want to continue providing quality classroom experiences for

the children we serve. They will benefit so much from the opportunities that the Grant and Child Signature project are affording our programs!"

For additional information about SCC's Children's Programs, please contact Christie Speck at Christie.speck@solano.edu or 707.864.7183.

About Solano Community College:

The College has served as the preeminent educational institution in Solano County since 1945 when it was founded as Vallejo Junior College. In the early 1970s, the College moved to its present Fairfield site, and is currently serving over 20,000 students throughout the academic year.

In addition to the main campus in Fairfield, the College has one Center in Vacaville, and one in Vallejo. To further serve the community, SCC offers courses at Travis Air Force Base, and operates a School of Aeronautics at the Nut Tree Airport.

Currently, Solano Community College offers Associate Degrees and Certificates in various disciplines, to include transfer courses to CSU and UC, and provides training in several trades. For more information, please visit us at www.solano.edu.

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