Socios for Success 2019 Library Team

Socios for Success, Redwood City 2020’s family engagement initiative, uses family engagement as a lever to mitigate the effects of poverty, close racial and economic divides, and address inequity. The program has Community Mobilization Teams comprised of parents and caregivers in different community sites around Redwood City, including some Redwood City School District schools, the Fair Oaks Community Center, and the Redwood City Public Library. This month, Socios for Success held its first Library Community Mobilization Team meeting of the year on Thursday, April 4th.

Socios for Success builds on the strengths of our community to help families successfully engage with community partners to ensure children’s success. Families conduct outreach and community mobilization, learn from and teach others, create a welcoming environment, model partnership, lead and support projects, focus on positive outcomes, use their strengths and bring out strengths in others, and build a sense of community and social cohesion. Over the next three months, the Socios for Success Community Mobilization Team at the Redwood City Public Library will continue to meet and learn tangible strategies to support learning at home, be leaders in the community, and share information about local community resources that can support the success and wellbeing of children and families.

It is not too late to join! Interested parents/caregivers should call Redwood City 2020 at 650-423-2207 to register. Socios for Success is open to all parents/caregivers in Redwood City and North Fair Oaks, and the Library Community Mobilization Team is geared towards those with young children from toddlers through early elementary school. The team meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 10:15am-11:45 at the Redwood City Public Library downtown branch.

Redwood City 2020 Supports OYE Conference

On Saturday March 9th, and then again on Friday March 29th, hundreds of youth participants and adults gathered together for the 9th Annual OYE Conference. The Conference provided Latino youth
ages 12-22 with inspiring opportunities to explore questions of identity, purpose and how to overcome challenges through workshops, a resource fair, performances, and more. The range of topics for discovery was broad, from "Know Your Rights" to "Health and Wellness", to "Pathways to the Future".

The strength of the conference and its leaders shinned through, when, after a power outage at Cañada College brought the conference to an abrupt end, Part II was rapidly scheduled and held. Despite this unexpected challenge, and like every year, participants left the conference feeling connected with their community, empowered and motivated to embrace their identity and strive to reach their dreams. Redwood City 2020 commends the OYE Planning Committee for planning and hosting this event that cherishes and celebrates the diversity of Redwood City and North Fair Oaks.

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