

# Familiar FACES

Family Assessment Counseling & Education Services

Spring Edition

## F.A.C.E.S. Provides:

- Counseling services on a sliding scale for children and parents.
- Anger management and parenting classes
- Monitored visitations and safe exchanges
- Therapeutic counseling for individuals, couples, children and families
- Assessments, referrals, family mediation and custody evaluations
- Children's groups, divorced parents' groups and teen groups

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## F.A.C.E.S. Board Gathers at Retreat in March



*(left to right:) 1st Row: Femi Daramola, Mary de Silva, Norma Rodriguez, President Joe Welch Vice President Back row: Mary O'Connor, Executive Director Bartek Korsak, Joe Yu, Secretary Judi Allen, Jack White, Treasurer Michael Bush, Carolina Estrada, Missing: Bonnie Shirley, J.D. Member*

Spring has sprung! The F.A.C.E.S. 07 Board of Directors marked the opening of Spring with a busy Board Retreat to look at F.A.C.E.S. history and plan our future.

"The Board is very interested in helping F.A.C.E.S. age gracefully...it is approaching its 20th year", says board President, Norma Rodriguez. This board has the talent and

come of age and help more families in 2007 who had never heard of our services."

Plans are underway for a series of mixers "Networking with Purpose" in May, August, and November. We want to let businesses know that F.A.C.E.S. can help their employees who are stressed about their marriages, kids, or getting divorced, that the

F.A.C.E.S. counselors are here for them.

The Board has wonderful goals for this year, to continue to build a solid financial base for F.A.C.E.S. and to outreach to our many diverse communities.

This takes time and effort, and with our active board, we look forward to very brighter futures for the families we serve."

## Superior Court Mediators visit F.A.C.E.S.

Joe Dusquensel, (standing right) Supervisor at Orange County Superior Court Family Court Services and his staff met with F.A.C.E.S. counseling staff met to talk about collaborative efforts managing court ordered therapeutic monitored visits between parents and children at F.A.C.E.S. sites. The information exchange was invaluable for both F.A.C.E.S. counselors and the mediation team at Superior court.





Jeff Stuart, Fullerton Police Department, Tim Shaw, Probation, Judge Claudia Silbar, Cathy Harmon, Orange County Superior Court Family Court Services, and Elizabeth Salio, teacher with ACCESS programs, joined forces in February to present a panel discussion, following a video about violent youth.

*At the Fullerton Marriott ballroom Board President Norma Rodriguez introduced the panel, with Nicki Curran, MFT as Moderator. Norma welcomed participants from Orange, L.A and Riverside Counties who had a special interest in our presentation.*

Children who are Violent is the fifth topic in F.A.C.E.S. Hearts in Action Annual Series of workshops about Do

mestic Violence. The multidisciplinary team of panelists spoke of their varied experiences with children who witness domestic violence.

Cathy Harmon quoted a study that found that children who experienced violence in their homes were 3 times as likely to become violent themselves.

Carolina Estrada, event chair, was impressed with the tremendous diversity of experiences of the presenters and the knowledge base of many of the participants who engaged in roundtable discussions after the panel presentations. Evaluations from the participants included "Give us more!"

### DID YOU KNOW?

F.A.C.E.S. first Children's Art Group is starting April 21, with Art Therapist Rose Larson as the group leader. Sat in Fullerton from 10-11 am. Call 714.879.9616 for information

In addition to our Board of Directors, we are grateful to the following local businesses and community members, whose efforts and caring help to keep F.A.C.E.S. doors open:

- Capital Group
- Crean Foundation
- D. Michael Bush
- John W. Phelps
- Fullerton Community Bank
- Paychex Corporation
- Tamara's Skincare
- Harrington Geotechnical Engineering, Inc.
- Images in Motion
- Fullerton Police Dept.
- Welch Family
- Norma Rodriguez
- Orange County Community Foundation, Marisla Fund

## In the Community

**F.A.C.E.S. Grand Opening of our South Central L.A. Office on Broadway**  
**Rainbows and Bridges**  
**Art Workshops for Children**  
 At F.A.C.E.S. Fullerton Office  
 Starting Saturday, April 21, 2007  
 from 10-11 am  
 Call F.A.C.E.S. for detail

**F.A.C.E.S. 2nd Annual Golf Tournament**  
 June 5  
 Black Gold Golf Course  
 Contact Joseph Welch 714 381-1823  
 or Michael Bush 714-501-1148  
 for tickets or sponsorships

## F.A.C.E.S. Gala team



It's never too early to start planning say Gala team members are putting the pieces together for F.A.C.E.S. third annual gala in Orange Hills on October 13th. The Hawaiian theme highlights a \$10,000 trip to Maui for the winner of the opportunity drawing. The night will have two bands, dancing, live auction and silent auctions. "This night will have something for everyone!" Says co-chair, Tamara Petrucci.

Bonnie Wong is ticket chair. Please call us for more information says Shelly Gutensohn, co-chair.