



# First 5 San Joaquin E-Update

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## Sun Safety

It is known that exposure to sun puts people at risk for **skin cancer** and premature aging and that most of that exposure comes during childhood (80% of a person's lifetime sun exposure occurs before they are 21). Regular use of sunscreen in children can lower their risk of skin cancer. As summertime approaches, it becomes increasingly important that parents are informed about the importance of sun safety. Check out the websites below to get information and free resources on sun safety:

- <http://www.sunsafetyforkids.org/>
- [http://www.keepkidshealthy.com/welcome/spring/sun\\_safety.html](http://www.keepkidshealthy.com/welcome/spring/sun_safety.html)
- [http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid\\_safe/outdoor/sun\\_safety.html](http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/outdoor/sun_safety.html)
- <http://life.familyeducation.com/child-care/safety/48191.html>

## Policy & Research

- "State-based Home Visiting: Strengthening Programs through State Leadership" (February 2009): [http://www.nccp.org/publications/pdf/text\\_862.pdf](http://www.nccp.org/publications/pdf/text_862.pdf)
- Overview of the 2009-10 May State Budget Revision (provided by the Legislative Analyst's Office, May 21, 2009): [http://www.lao.ca.gov/2009/bud/may\\_revise/may\\_revision\\_052109.pdf](http://www.lao.ca.gov/2009/bud/may_revise/may_revision_052109.pdf)

## Youth Garden Grants

**Deadline: November 2, 2009**

The National Gardening Association (NGA) has announced that the Home Depot is returning as the Youth Garden Grants sponsor for 2010. NGA annually awards Youth Garden Grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs across the United States. Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States are eligible. Applicants must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of three and 18 years. Previous Youth Garden Grant winners who wish to reapply may do so, but must wait one year before applying again, and must have significantly expanded their garden programs. For the 2010 grant cycle, 100 grants are available. Five programs will each receive gift cards valued at \$1,000 (a \$500 gift card to the Home Depot and a \$500 gift card to the Gardening with Kids catalog and educational materials from NGA). Ninety-five programs will each receive a \$500 gift card to the Home Depot and educational materials from NGA.

Complete program guidelines are available at the NGA Kids Gardening Web site:  
<http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp> .

## Sharing the Dream Grants

**Deadline: July 8, 2009**

A program of the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the MetLife Foundation, the Sharing the Dream Grants competition is designed to support elementary and middle school principals in their work to foster and encourage strong school-community relationships. The program provides support to principals working to develop programs committed to heightening community leadership, communication, ownership, and involvement in their schools with the goal of improving achievement for all students. Program grants allow principals to test ideas about involving and engaging their communities to build greater ownership for the work of their school by sharing leadership and decision-making, by keeping all stakeholders informed about all school news, and by creating a school climate that fosters open communication, safety and security, and respect for every individual. Selected principals will receive a \$3,000 grant to initiate a project designed to actively engage their communities.

Complete program guidelines can be downloaded at the NAESP Web site: <http://www.naesp.org/>

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## Raising A Reader Grant Writing/Marketing Tool Kit

For information and links to a variety of helpful documents related to marketing and grant writing for your Raising A Reader program, click on the link below:

<http://www.raisingareader.org/documents/resources/Grants%20Toolkit%20Doc%20outline.pdf>

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