



2008
Children Summit
Contra Costa & Solano Counties

January 29, 2008

8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

**Pleasant Hill Community Center
320 Civic Drive
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523**

Investing in Young Children Is Good Public Policy



Keynote Speaker

David Kirp

Professor of Public Policy at the Goldman School of Public Policy, UC-Berkeley and author of the recently-published book, *The Sandbox Investment: The Preschool Movement and Kids-First Politics*. Dr. Kirp will speak in conversation with local reporter Belva Davis about the larger economic forces at work in creating children's policies

Interviewed by:

Belva Davis, a renowned Bay Area TV personality and leading anchorwoman, is a recent recipient of the Jefferson-Lincoln Award of the Panetta Institute. For the past 17 years she has been the host of "This Week in Northern California" on the award-winning KQED Public Broadcasting Station.

Guest Speakers

Ross Thompson, Professor of Psychology, UC-Davis. Dr. Thompson will discuss the latest information about brain development in young children and how this information should shape our public policy choices for children.

Neal Halfon, Director of the Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities and Professor of Pediatrics, Health Studies and Life Sciences at UCLA. Dr. Halfon will address the many issues impinging on the health of young children and the policies that will be necessary to make children and their families healthier.

Jean Ross, Executive Director, California Budget Project. Ms. Ross will describe the new economic realities for California families, and how these forces create challenges for families trying to secure the health and developmental supports their children need.

Moderator:

The Honorable **Osby Davis**, Mayor of Vallejo

- The Honorable George Miller
Member of Congress
- Maria Fort, Former
Federal Head Start Staff
- Child Start Incorporated
- Children's Network of Solano County
 - Contra Costa
Child Care Council
 - Contra Costa Council
- Contra Costa Community Services
Bureau, Head Start
- Contra Costa County
- Contra Costa Mental Health
Commission
- First 5 Contra Costa Children and
Families Commission
- First 5 Solano Children and
Families Commission
- The Richmond Children's
Foundation, Inc.
- Solano County
- Solano Coalition for Better Health
- We Care Services
for Children
- West Contra Costa
Youth Service Bureau

"Kids-first politics is smart economics: paying for preschool now can help save us from paying for unemployment, crime, and emergency rooms later."

— David L. Kirp, author of
*The Sandbox Investment: The Preschool
Movement and Kids-First Politics*

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