

# All Our News

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## MONTHLY NETWORK OPPORTUNITIES

You are always welcome to attend events at any of our three sites.

Please remember to sign up at least two days in advance. Meetings are for adults ONLY; please do not bring children.

Light meals will be included. All of our sessions are English-Spanish bilingual unless otherwise listed. We hope to see you soon!

To register for all events, please contact us at [network@allourkin.org](mailto:network@allourkin.org) or (203) 772-2294

## NEW HAVEN

### DCF Mandated Reporter

**All Our Kin New Haven Office**  
**Thursday, November 7**  
**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

All licensed family child care providers, substitutes and assistants are mandated by the State to report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect. Attend this training to learn more about your rights and responsibilities, the reporting process, and to have all of your questions answered.

### Understanding and Responding to Childhood Trauma - Workshop Series

**All Our Kin New Haven Office**  
**Mondays 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18**  
**6:00 - 8:30 pm**

*Presenter: Melissa Mendez, LCSW, IMH-E  
President, CT Association for Infant Mental Health*

This interactive series will provide an introduction to trauma and toxic stress and how it can impact child development. It will explore how providers' own experiences can impact their work with young children. You will gain specific strategies that can create supportive environments for young children experiencing trauma and toxic stress as well as strategies to use with families to address issues that stem from trauma and toxic stress. The final session will focus on provider self care and the impact of vicarious trauma and compassion fatigue. Participants are expected to attend all five sessions and will receive materials and other incentives to support their work in this area.

## BRIDGEPORT

### Know Your Rights

**All Our Kin Bridgeport Office**  
**Tuesday, November 14**  
**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Make The Road CT will lead a workshop on changes to immigration laws and policies and how these changes may affect our community. This session will cover your rights, where to find support, and how to stay updated and prepare your family. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns. Everyone is welcome - please share widely with anyone who may be interested! We do request that everyone who plans to attend, registers ahead of time.

## STAMFORD/NORWALK

### Immigration Information Session

**All Our Kin Stamford Office**  
**On-site child care provided**  
**Tuesday, November 14**  
**7:00-9:00 pm**

Join All Our Kin and Building One Community for an event to learn more about recent changes in immigration policy and the possible implications for our community. Please come with your questions and concerns as there will be an immigration attorney and specialist available. We will discuss topics like: your rights, preparing your family, and what is happening right now with immigration law. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT THIS MEETING!** Please share this information with anyone that may be interested. Registration is not necessary unless you will need on-site childcare during the meeting.

### Jingle & Mingle

**Early Educator Holiday Celebration**  
**All Our Kin Stamford Office**  
**Tuesday, December 5**  
**6:30 - 9:30 pm**

All Our Kin wants to celebrate early childhood educators and Kindergarten teachers TOGETHER. Join us for food, drinks, gifts and a group discussion with local Kindergarten teachers about what it means to be "Ready for Kindergarten". This event is limited to licensed family child care educators. Don't miss the FUN! Please RSVP by November 28.

## Featured Photo Corner

This month's featured photo comes to us from Evelyn Majano-Montiel, owner of The Angels' Daycare in Bridgeport! Do you want your program to be featured in next month's newsletter? Send your best recent photo to [network@allourkin.org](mailto:network@allourkin.org) by November 10 to be considered. If your photo is chosen, it will be featured in our newsletter and on our social media accounts, and you will receive a \$5 Target gift card.

Make sure that the parents of any children featured have signed an All Our Kin photo release. Need a photo release form? Let us know and we can send you one!



*This look of pure joy is the best reminder of why we do the work that we do.*

## CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES

We are not offering any CPR classes in English this month.

"Gratitude is a constant attitude of thankfulness and appreciation for life as it unfolds. Living in the moment, we are open to abundance around us and within us. We express appreciation freely. We contemplate the richness of our life. We feast on beauty. We notice small graces and are thankful for daily gifts. In life's trials, we seek to understand, to accept, and to learn. Gratitude is the essence of genuine happiness. It is a virtue we can never have too much of. Gratitude is a continual celebration of life."

-The Virtues Project

*November is gratitude month. We are grateful for you and everything you do for the children in our communities. It is a joy to be able to work with you and support your work.  
What are you grateful for?*