

Preschool Services Department



## Muscoy Celebrates New Preschool Services Site and Library

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Muscoy residents are celebrating the opening of the Baker Family Learning Center, a 10,000 square foot public library and preschool that will serve more than 10,600 residents in the unincorporated area of San Bernardino.

On Saturday, May 18, a dedication ceremony marked the opening day of the center at 2818 Macy St. in Muscoy. Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales, County Librarian Leonard Hernandez and Preschool Services (PSD) Director Diana Alexander were among the speakers at the event.

Neal Baker, founder of Baker's Drive-Thru, donated the land where the Baker Family Learning Center was built.

“Mr. Baker's goodwill lives on promoting the personal education and development of everyone in the underserved community of Muscoy,” said Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales. “His generous donation coupled with the creative ingenuity of our County departments made this beautiful project possible for the Fifth District. I need to thank everyone who has helped bring this dream to life.”

The site's preschool will provide parent engagement services designed to increase self-sufficiency, medical and dental screenings and follow-ups for enrolled children, as well as hot, nutritious meals and snacks. All services are free to income eligible families.

“It is an amazing collaboration to bring our County library services and Preschool together to meet the needs of the community,” said Alexander. “We, at PSD, are very excited about having our community's children in such a beautiful facility that symbolizes the learning experience that will take place there.”

The new library will have Wi-Fi access, public computers offering Internet access, free access to eBooks, audio books and other digital content. There will also be a children's library, a Summer Reading Program, book collection and many other resources the County library provides.

“We believe the service to the unincorporated area of Muscoy will enrich the lives of the old and young,” said Hernandez. “The unique blend of the library and preschool services under one roof is an innovative way of delivering much needed service to this area.”



(Above) Preschool Services (PSD) Director Diana Alexander and Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales celebrate the opening of the new Preschool Services site in Muscoy at the Baker Family Learning Center.

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