



South Waco Recreation Center

Saturday, April 19, 2008

10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

MISSION:

to celebrate the early years through a region-wide event that will educate parents, policy-makers, and the general public on safe care and quality learning experiences that will help children succeed in school and beyond

GOALS:

- to provide a family-friendly community event celebrating young children, their teachers and other adults who work to build better futures for all children
- to educate the region, including policymakers, on the importance of the early years
- to strengthen community partnerships between agencies/organization who serve young children and families

WHAT TO EXPECT

- As part of the national Week of the Young Child celebrated across the country, we are honoring young children and all those who make a difference in children's lives.
- This year's entertainment will include the nationally acclaimed musical performer, Anna Moo. Thousands of children, families and educators nationwide and abroad are delighting in her award winning songwriter, recording, and bilingual performances.
- The event is free and children and families will participate in an array of hand-on creative arts activities including movement and music, construction, and storytelling.
- Parents will have the opportunity to learn about early childhood programs and community resources available.
- A recognition ceremony will thank those individuals who are working to improve the lives of young children.
- Families should park at University High School where a Child Safety Seat & Booster Seat Check-up Event sponsored by the KidSafe Program at Hillcrest will take place.
- Children will enjoy riding on trolleys provided by Waco Transit to shuttle families down the street to the South Waco Park and Recreation Center.



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