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## **Forty Carrots Family Center and Sarasota County Libraries Partner to Support Local Families in Venice**

[Sarasota, FL] – On June 5, Forty Carrots Family Center and the Sarasota County Libraries will once again offer weekly *Partners In Play* classes in Venice. The free classes, offered every Monday for families with children ages 0 – 5, will start at 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. and be held at the Venice Community Center.

“The long-time partnership between Forty Carrots and the Sarasota County Public Libraries is valued highly by libraries staff, because of the tremendously positive outcomes for the children and families that participate”, said Sarabeth Kalajian, Library Director. “Serving the families in the Venice area and throughout the County is part of the public library tradition as well as central to our mission. We are delighted to resume this outstanding program series.”

*Partners In Play* (PIP) is a free educational class that provides parents with support and information about early childhood development and parenting strategies, while creating a fun, enriching learning environment for young children. Details and class schedule are online at : <http://fortycarrots.com/parenting-program/classes/>.

The PIP classes, which had taken place at the Venice Library, were temporarily suspended when the library was closed.

“We are thrilled to be able to serve Venice families again, in the heart of their community,” said Christina Rodrigues, Forty Carrots Parenting Program Director. “We are thankful to the Venice Community Center for opening its doors for us! We will be welcoming back our Venice Library families and hope to make new friends as well.”

**About Forty Carrots.** Forty Carrots Family Center strives to provide children with a Good Beginning That Lasts a Lifetime through its Parenting Program, Mental Health Services, and Preschool. Rated 4-Stars by Charity Navigator, Forty Carrots fundraises to provide these services to families from all walks of life, with 93% of families receiving free services. To learn more about Forty Carrots programs: [www.fortycarrots.org](http://www.fortycarrots.org).

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