



NOTE FROM CEO

Dear Friends,

The summer can be a particularly challenging time for parents and young children. Children aged 4 and younger account for 40% of all cases of child maltreatment in the US, and new **studies show a direct link** to the heat and increase in child neglect and abuse. Prevention is even more critical in the summer, and Forty Carrots is unique in our commitment to providing high quality, low/no cost opportunities for learning, growing, supporting, and nurturing children and families.

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PRESCHOOL

SUMMER AT THE PRESCHOOL HAS BEEN ALL ABOUT SCIENCE!



The students took a deep dive into engineering, animal homes, trees, and even science on the playground! VPK students became engineers, learning about the design cycle and using the process to build simple machines, mazes, circuits, and more to solve engineering problems.

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PARENTING EDUCATION

PARTNERS IN PLAY® IS NOW AT THE NEW LAKEWOOD RANCH LIBRARY!

Forty Carrots' Partners In Play® has launched at the new Lakewood Ranch Library, part of the Manatee Public Library system. This initiative aims to serve families residing in the east county area and face transportation barriers, offering them easier access to parenting support and connection close to their homes. One parent told us, "I just wanted to reach out and say how excited I am that the PIP Program has expanded to LWR. I just moved to the area from St. Pete, and I am on the hunt for inexpensive and high-quality toddler activities. Thank you so much for providing such an amazing program for families!" The Lakewood Ranch Partners In Play® group meets on Fridays from 12:15pm-1:15pm at the new library located at 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211.



SUPPORT FORTY CARROTS



Investing in a young child's future pays dividends for life. Your tax-deductible donation today will have a lasting impact. Thank you!

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CHILD + FAMILY THERAPY

POSTPARTUM SUPPORT GROUP NOW OFFERED AT MOTHERS HELPING MOTHERS



As a result of the development of a new community partnership, Forty Carrots' Mental Health Department is now offering an in-person Postpartum Support Group at Mothers Helping Mothers. Facilitated by two licensed mental health therapists, this group is intended for parents and caregivers of babies aged 0 - 12 months-old.

The group meets every Tuesday from 12:30pm - 1:30pm where free childcare, snacks, and coffee are offered.

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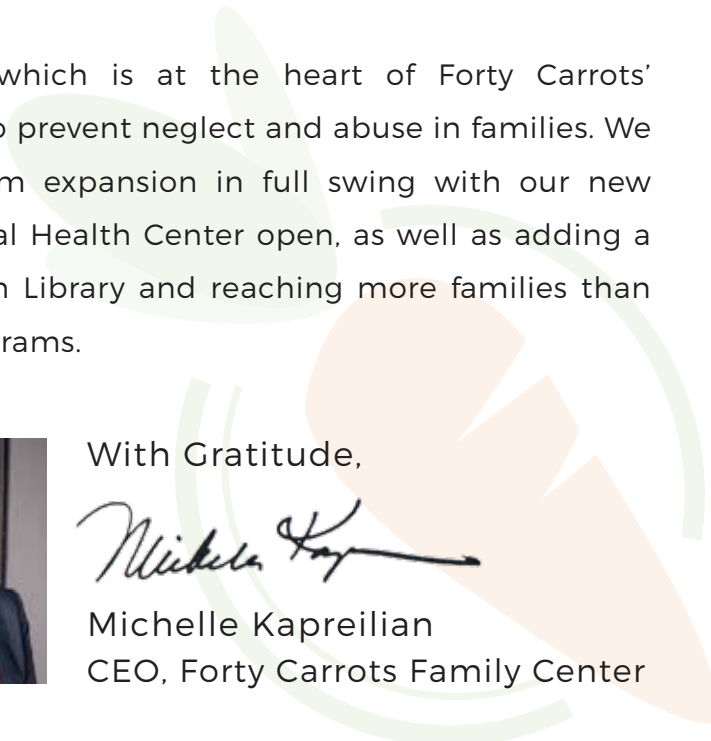
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Building **Protective Factors**, which is at the heart of Forty Carrots' programming, is the best way to prevent neglect and abuse in families. We are proud to have our program expansion in full swing with our new Parenting Education and Mental Health Center open, as well as adding a partner in the Lakewood Ranch Library and reaching more families than ever with our life changing programs.



With Gratitude,

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Michelle Kapreilian

Michelle Kapreilian
CEO, Forty Carrots Family Center

PRESCHOOL

SUMMER AT THE PRESCHOOL

WAS ALL ABOUT SCIENCE!



The children learned about amazing animal engineers who build their own homes and then copy their techniques. They have made tailor bird nests, ovenbird nests, and paper wasp nests using paper they made themselves! Our youngest campers investigated trees in the classroom and on the playground and made their own paper from classroom scraps. By exploring and creating on the playground and in the classroom, the students learned that science is all around them!

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Prospective group members do not need to be a Mothers Helping Mothers client in order to sign-up for or attend the group! Mothers Helping Mothers is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization that provides basic necessities such as clothing and baby items (including bassinets, car seats, strollers, formula, breast pumps, and more), free of charge to families in Sarasota, Manatee, and surrounding counties. Mothers Helping Mothers also offers a variety of help with crisis, emergency, and emotional support and referral services designed to help families meet their immediate health and self-sufficiency needs.