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Public ribbon cutting to celebrate completion of first phase of new Hayward youth and family center

HAYWARD, Calif., March 6, 2025— The City of Hayward is inviting the community to celebrate completion of the first phase of the Stack Youth & Family Center at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 14, at the corner of Ruus Road and Panjon Street. Opening the Stack Center campus is an exciting milestone in a decades-long, community-led effort to create a neighborhood anchor, cultural center, service hub and economic catalyst for South Hayward.

The ribbon cutting is a free event featuring a variety of local food and dessert trucks as well as Curbie, the Hayward Public Library bookmobile, offering free books and resources. In addition, attendees can enjoy family-friendly activities sponsored by the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD), including a rock-climbing wall and lawn games.

Inside, guests will have the opportunity to tour new childcare facilities and connect with community partners, including Kidango, the Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Eden Youth, La Familia and HARD. For planning purposes, we ask community members to register [here](#) to attend the Stack Center Phase 1 Ribbon Cutting, though pre-registration is not required.

The first phase of the Stack Center increases access to affordable, high-quality childcare in South Hayward. In this phase, the City has created a new facility for full-time infant-to-preschool childcare, operated by Kidango, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free or reduced-cost childcare for families.

It also created a community event plaza designed to host large events and markets. The plaza can accommodate food trucks and sound equipment and serves as the entrance to the renovated Matt Jimenez Gymnasium, which is operated by HARD. For more information on the full project, please visit www.stackcenter.org.