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February 2017 Express

Love, Love, Love...



*"And in the end, the love you take
is equal to the love you make"*

by Lennon & McCartney, "The End"

We could all use a little more love in our lives in these uncertain times. All too often, we let frustration, disappointment, and unrealistic expectations get in our way – especially when we think our children clearly need services and the school district just doesn't agree.

This Valentine's Day we challenge you to:

- Stop and take a breath
- Spread a little love on a combative situation
- Sprinkle a little appreciation on an IEP that doesn't quite meet your child's needs appropriately
- Mix in warmth and humor at the team meeting

Check out the [Matrix Annual/Triennial IEP Toolkits](#).

Being informed and prepared are your best allies. Matrix Parent Advisors are ready to help.

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Love, Love, Love in the Early Years



The rest of the world is in a Valentine's Day love frenzy. For parents with newly diagnosed babies and toddlers, their unconditional love is often paired with an intense fear of the unknown and worry for the future.

In between therapies and appointments:

**DONATE
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Upcoming Matrix Events



Love to golf?

Registration is now open for our Matrix Classic Charity Golf Tournament.

[Register by February 28](#)

Get a COMPLIMENTARY BOTTLE OF WINE!

Upcoming Matrix Trainings & Workshops

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Assessments Class I

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Abogando por su

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Thank You to our
Flagship Sponsor,
Capstone Roofing!

Cinco de Mayo themed dinner, raffle, & silent auction



Love to socialize and eat good food while supporting a great cause?

Join us for dinner at Charlie's Restaurant immediately following the fun day of golf!

[Dinner tickets can be purchased for \\$40.](#)

To purchase a table of eight and/or to learn about our exciting sponsorship opportunities [contact Kristie Anderson](#)

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Matrix News

WE'RE HIRING!

Come join our dynamic team!

Help empower families of children with special needs in your community. We are presently seeking a Part Time Bilingual (Spanish) Parent Advisor and a Full Time Office Manager. Check our [Employment Page](#) for more information.

Farewell Beth

We bid farewell to our Office Manager, Beth Eiess, who has worn many hats at Matrix – Office Manager, TA Assistant, Web Mistress, and the list goes on. We will miss her, but we wish her well in this new chapter in her life.

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Make an Impact

Learn about the many ways to help Matrix!



[Contact Kristie Anderson](#)

[Check out our online and offline ways to donate](#)

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Your \$20 a month provides support to 12 families a year.

Join us at [Our Kitchen Table.](#)

Community Events



Special Needs Support and IHSS Benefits

Seminar, hosted by [Galt Advocacy](#)

[Saturday, February 25](#)

Autism Daddy, Inspirational Presentation

[Monday, February 27](#)

Additional Resources

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Check out our 3 FaceBook Support

Groups!

- Try to find time just to be mommy or daddy
- Mindfully admire your baby's individuality
- Enjoy your baby while he or she is still little
- Check out [7 Ways to Show Your Kids Love](#) from parenting.com

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Upcoming Matrix Trainings, Workshops & Events

TRAINING

Assessments Class I

Wednesday, March 8

Matrix Office

94 Galli Drive, Suite C, Novato

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TRAINING

Conservatorships

Tuesday, March 14

Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE)

5340 Skylane Boulevard, Santa Rosa

[Click here to register](#)

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EVENTS

Matrix Classic Charity Golf Tournament



Friday April 28
Shotgun start at 1 pm
Windsor Golf Club

[Click here to register](#)



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- [Full Time Office Manager](#)

We bid farewell to Beth Eies, our Office Manager...[more](#)

Tools to Use

- [Getting Organized Early Years](#)
 - [Getting Organized Schoolage](#)
 - [IFSP](#)
 - [IEP Toolkit](#)
 - [Advocating for Your Child with Special Needs](#)
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Amor, Amor, Amor...

"Y al final, el amor que tomas
Es igual al amor que haces "
Por Lennon & McCartney, "El Fin"

Podríamos usar un poco más de amor en nuestras vidas en estos tiempos de incertidumbre. Con demasiada frecuencia, dejamos que la frustración, la decepción y las expectativas poco realistas se interpongan en nuestro camino, especialmente cuando pensamos que nuestros hijos claramente necesitan servicios y el distrito escolar simplemente no está de acuerdo.

Este Día de San Valentín le desafiamos a:

- Detenerse y tomar un respiro
- Difundir un poco de amor en una situación combativa
- Espolvoree un poco de aprecio por un IEP que no satisfaga adecuadamente las necesidades de su hijo
- Mezcle calidez y humor en la reunión del equipo

Revise el paquete de herramientas [del IEP anuales / trinitales de Matrix](#). Estar informado y preparado son sus mejores aliados. Los Asesores de Padres de Matrix están listo para ayudar.

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Amor, Amor, Amor en los primeros años

El resto del mundo está en un día de frenesí y amor en el día de San Valentín. Para padres con bebés recién diagnosticados y niños pequeños, su amor incondicional es a menudo emparejado con un miedo intenso de lo desconocido y la preocupación por el futuro.

Entre terapias y citas:

- Trate de encontrar tiempo solo para ser mami o papi
- Admire con atención la individualidad de su bebé
- Disfrute de su bebé mientras él o ella todavía es pequeño
- Revise [7 Ways to Show Your Kids Love](#) de parenting.com

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Próximos Entrenamientos y Talleres de Matrix

TRAINING

Abogando por su Estudiante con Necesidades Especiales

Lunes 16 de febrero

Parents By Choice Meeting Room
1545 N Texas Street #201, Fairfield

[Haga cliq aquí para mas información y para registrar](#)

TRAINING

Derechos y Responsabilidades de La Educación Especial

Lunes 13 de marzo

Roseland Pediatrics
711 Stony Point Road, Suite 17, Santa Rosa

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