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Kindergarten Readiness Event to Unite Cobb

Marietta, Georgia - To Kindergarten and Beyond... Hasta el Kinder y Más Allá is a collaborative effort being lead by Communities In Schools of Marietta/Cobb County (CISMCC) that will bring families with children, under six-years-old, together with organizations dedicated to child well-being and success in school.

As a dropout prevention organization, CISMCC's Parents as Teachers (PAT) program starts working with families at birth! Early childhood support from PAT and other quality early education programs have proven to be a cost-effective and successful intervention.

On June 14th at First Presbyterian Church Marietta (189 Church St) from 6-8pm, parents and caregivers with children under six are invited to partake in a free dinner sponsored by Children's Health Care of Atlanta (CHOA), to mingle with community organizations, play the Brain Architecture Game led by The Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students (GEEARS) and to be part of Spanish and English panels discussing everything parents will want to know before their child enters Kindergarten.

Other organizations that will be in attendance include; Revved Up Kids, Safe Routes to School GA, CHOA Strong4Life, Amerigroup, WellCare, Cobb County Public Library System, YMCA ELR Program, and Life University's Center for Health and Optimum Performance. If other organizations with the desire to see children succeed would like to participate, they can join the event by contacting Kati Arias at karias@cismcc.org.

Volunteers with Cobb Moms Helping Cobb and friends of Mahmooda Rehman have generously donated kindergarten readiness toolkits for all participants to take home. Additionally, Action Ministries has allotted for every child to take home three books to add to their home library. Families who would like to participate in the To Kindergarten and Beyond... Hasta el Kinder y Más Allá are encouraged to RSVP to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/to-kindergarten-and-beyond-hasta-el-kinder-y-mas-alla-tickets-34357403920> as space is limited.

Find out more about what Communities In Schools of Marietta/Cobb County is doing in our schools and neighborhoods by visiting our website, www.cismcc.org.

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Since 2000, Communities In Schools of Marietta/Cobb County has served students in both Marietta City Schools and Cobb County Schools. Through a school-based coordinator, Communities In Schools of Marietta/Cobb County connects students and their families to critical community resources tailored to local needs. Last school year, 154 students served by CIS of Marietta/Cobb County graduated who were otherwise on track to dropout. Communities In Schools of Marietta/Cobb County is part of the national Communities In Schools network, which is one of the nation's leading dropout prevention organizations. To learn more about CIS of Marietta/Cobb County, visit www.cismcc.org.