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### BRIDGES SUMMER READING PROGRAM IS HERE!

This June and July, all 10 BRIDGES sites are hosting the Summer Reading Program (SRP)—a fun and engaging initiative designed to help parents foster a love of reading in their children. Through interactive activities, reading sessions, and helpful tips, SRP supports families in building strong literacy habits together.

Check our **website** to find the BRIDGES site nearest you and join us in making reading a joyful part of your summer!

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#### ESSENCE OF FATHERHOOD

What does Fatherhood mean?

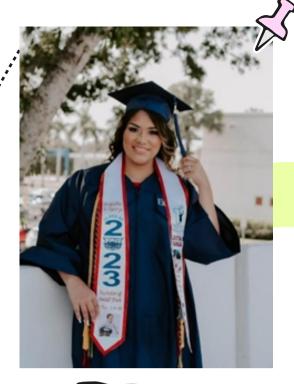
These days, fatherhood is all about being a dad.

That may mean many things to many people but perhaps there are common factors that contribute to 'dad-ness':

- Being there, as in really being present
- Listening
- Being involved with the little things
- · Spending time together
- Being supportive, firm yet fair
- Being a role model
- Being a teacher

#### FROM MEMBER TO MASTERS! ..

Jacqueline Esparza, proud mom to 4-year-old Ezekiel and 10-month-old Layla, was first introduced to BRIDGES at Pahokee (BAP) in 2021 while pregnant with her first child. As a new parent, she found invaluable support, tips, and resources from the BAP team. That same year, she joined the team as Site Administrator, later serving as a Navigator and Child Development Specialist. Today, Jacqueline continues her journey in social work as a Therapist with Community Partners of South Florida. She recently earned her Master's in Social Work from Florida Atlantic University as a first-generation graduate and plans to pursue her Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) certification.



#### A NEW CHAPTER FOR BRIDGES AT PAHOKEE-

We're excited to announce the official opening of the new Pahokee Community Center-a beautiful, purpose-built space co-developed with St. Mark's Episcopal Church. This project is grounded in shared values of faith, equity, and a deep commitment to the Glades.

The center will serve as a welcoming community hub and is the new home of BRIDGES at Pahokee, where families will continue to access vital resources, support, and connection.

Join us in celebrating this inspiring partnership and the many lives that will be uplifted through this new space. It promises to be a meaningful and memorable morning!

> Tst. Mark's Nativity Campus | 1020 E. Main Street, Pahokee 7 Friday, June 13 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM **ℜ** Ribbon Cutting: Pahokee Community Center





## BRIDGESAT BOYNTON BEACH CELEBRATES NEW HOME!

Congratulations to BRIDGES at Boynton Beach on the grand opening of their brand-new building! Operated by Prosperity Pathways, an affiliate of Community Partners of South Florida, this milestone marks an exciting new chapter in their continued service to families in the Boynton Beach community. As one of the 10 BRIDGES sites across Palm Beach County, BRIDGES at Boynton Beach remains a vital part of our shared mission to empower families and strengthen neighborhoods-now with an even more welcoming space to call home.

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