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Santa Ana College Breaks Ground on new Child Development Center on May 28 Center completion will mark departure from 50-year old church site

SANTA ANA, CA – Santa Ana College will celebrate the construction of a new building that, when completed, will house its child development services center and human development instructional program. The groundbreaking ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 28 at noon at the site of the building's new location.

In November 2002, voters in the Rancho Santiago Community College District approved Measure E, providing \$337 million for renovation and new construction at both Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College. The new building is the newest Measure E project at Santa Ana College. It will accommodate 178 infants, toddlers and preschool children, as well as up to 100 college students. An extension to the academic program of the college, the center will be a unique facility featuring eight children's classrooms, lecture rooms and opportunities for on-site observation. The academic program will be housed in lecture rooms and offices on the second floor of a centrally located administration building.

“The child development center at Santa Ana College serves more than 200 children and families daily in its current location, said Erlinda Martinez, president, Santa Ana College. This new location will allow us to continue to educate and nurture our parents while they attend school, work and/or seek gainful employment as well as consolidate the location of our Human Development program, an influential instructional program that prepares our students for careers working with children.”

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The program will conclude with a ceremonial dig in a sandbox at the building site which is due to be excavated in July. Children from the college's child development center will participate in the ceremony. The building is scheduled for opening in Fall 2010. When completed, the center will mark the first building that has been specifically designed for children at the Santa Ana College campus. A new east campus, located in Santa Ana, recently opened in March 2009.

For more information about the Santa Ana College Child Development Center and/or its services at this, or any of the other five centers, call (714) 480-7546 or visit www.rscgd.edu

About Santa Ana College

Santa Ana College is a community college, part of the Rancho Santiago Community College District. The mission of the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) is to respond to the educational needs of an ever-changing community and to provide programs and services that reflect academic excellence. Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College are public community colleges of RSCCD, which serve the residents of Anaheim Hills, East Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Villa Park. Both colleges provide education for academic transfer and careers, courses for personal and professional development, customized training for business and industry, and programs to train nurses, firefighters and law enforcement personnel.

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