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August Newsletter

**The essential
community partner
for children and
families in crisis**



Save the Date!

April 30th 2022

Aldea's 50th Anniversary Gala will take place the evening of **April 30, 2022 at Stone Brewing in Napa!**

Join us as we acknowledge fifty years of impeccable service and tireless dedication to the

children and families in our community. Plan on a night of great music, tasty snacks, fabulous auction items and overwhelming generosity from our incredible community partners, donors, volunteers and staff.

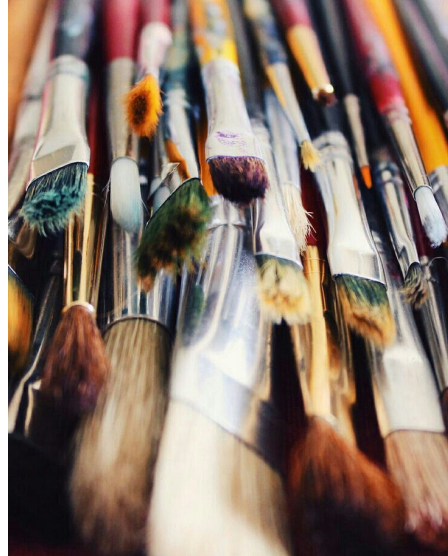


Art Camp 2021

August 2nd- 6th & August 9th-13th
12PM-2:30PM.

We are very excited to have our annual art camp this summer for the Napa youth. This is a free camp teaching the basics of acrylic painting and encouraging them to make healthy choices this August.

A huge thank you to St. Joseph Health Queen of the Valley Community Benefit for awarding Aldea the grant to underwrite the summer art camp. Together we share a commitment of healthy communities.



St. Joseph Health 
Queen of the Valley

Treatment Foster Care Outreach!

Come by and say hello!

As the essential partner for children and families, outreach is an integral part of how Aldea engages with the community.

Aldea's Treatment Foster Care program is a regular fixture at the Vallejo and Vacaville Farmers' Markets.

Stop by the Aldea table to learn more about how you can help a foster child, or support our mission to **improve lives and create bright futures** for the people we serve by providing mental health, child welfare, and support services in Napa, Sonoma and Solano counties.



'Stache Bag Saves

A fentanyl harm reduction campaign

As the essential community partner for children and families, Aldea is committed to bringing awareness to critical issues facing our clients and neighbors. One of the most insidious crises



nationwide is **fantanyl poisoning**, a product of the ongoing opioid epidemic. Of the fentanyl crisis, acclaimed author of Fentanyl, INC., Ben Westoff told Aldea, "Any pill or powder bought off the black market may contain fentanyl. Even if a pill looks exactly like a Xanax, Percocet, or whatever, it can kill you. Use fentanyl testing strips, and stay safe out there!"

In response to this urgent community need, Aldea has partnered with the Michael Leonardi Foundation to launch '**Stache Bags Save Lives**, a campaign with the purpose of informing young people and providing them with the means to test their doses for fentanyl before consumption. Michael Leonardi was a local young man and "empathetic soul" who tragically passed away after unknowingly ingesting a lethal dose of fentanyl, "**He was no way aware the counterfeit Percocet he purchased from a dealer on Snapchat was really fentanyl, not oxycodone.**" Tragically, his story is an increasingly common reality for many families in our community. 'Stache Bags Saves Lives is a harm-reduction initiative that aims to promote testing drugs before use and arms young people with the knowledge and resources to navigate instances of fentanyl poisonings.

It is in Michael's honor that Aldea will be passing out 'Stache Bags with single use testing strips along with information on signs of poisoning, how to access life-saving Narcan, and who to call when help is needed. **Aldea will be passing out bags at Napa Valley College on August 25th**, just days after what would have been Michael's 21st birthday. For more information on what Aldea is doing to combat lethal fentanyl poisoning, **click here**.

[Upcoming Training Click here to register today!](#)

August 5th, 2021 at 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Have Fun with Summer Activities with Youth in Care While Improving Their Skills and Self-Esteem

August 10th, 2021 at 5:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Resource Parent Orientation

August 11th, 2021 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Personal Rights for Youth in Care and the Responsibilities of Resource



Aldea is the essential community partner for children and families in crisis. We believe that in a family's most critical moments, the company of a trusted professional can mean the difference between strength and suffering.

Every day, our expert staff walks with young people on their journey to healing, providing the care that brings both short term comfort and long-term resilience. Because with a community of support, they discover their own ability to create a new life, one moment at a time. For more information please go to our website at www.aldeainc.org or call 707-224-8266.

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