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AP-OD Family Connections

Message from AP-OD

Summer is here! This is a season full of possibility and opportunities for connection and joy. Whether you are planning family outings, visits to the library, spending time at the park, enjoying quiet mornings at home, or simply soaking up a little extra time with your little ones, summer is a beautiful reminder of what matters most: the moments we share together.

As your child's first and most important teacher, you support learning every day. Reading together, sharing stories, exploring nature, singing songs, asking questions, and having conversations all help build the skills children need for success in school and in life.

In this issue, we are sharing resources to help your family make the most of the season. From trusted, age-appropriate media recommendations to the AP-OD 2026 Summer Resources Guide, packed with free activities, summer meals, literacy programs, and so much more. Whatever your summer looks like, we hope these resources help create opportunities for learning, joy, and connection.

Here's to a summer filled with curiosity, new discoveries, and special moments together.



AP-OD Parent Spotlight



Building Legacy

Joana, a Los Angeles mother of eight, knows what it means to weather a storm. During the pandemic, she was pregnant, caring for her children, and struggling to keep up with the bills. But those hard years revealed something she hadn't fully seen in herself before.



Through the pandemic, I realized that, hey, I have a voice. I actually have two voices, because I'm bilingual. I think that really is my main drive — always helping marginalized communities that feel unheard.

Today, Joana is a certified peer support specialist, a community advocate, and is helping her husband launch his own wholesale flower business after nearly 30 years of working for others. “I told him: do something for yourself and for our family. Something that can be a legacy.”

According to the [2026 National Latino Family Report](#), one in five Latino parents started their own business this year — a testament to the resilience and determination Latino families bring to building a better future.

Read Joana's full story: [Economic Challenges and Opportunities](#)

Explore the [2026 National Latino Family Report](#) in English and in Spanish



Explore the report in English



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Tip of the Month



Make the Most of Summer with the 2026 Summer Resources Guide & AP-OD Family App!

Summer is in full swing, and that means more time together as a family! And every moment is an opportunity to learn, grow, and connect.

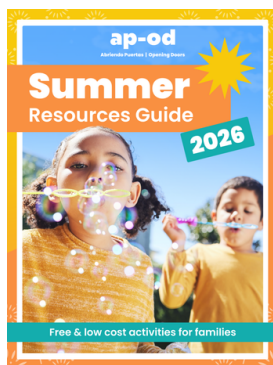
One great resource to help you navigate screen time this summer is Common Sense Media's Summer Survival Guide. A free weekly resource that offers curated, age-appropriate media picks for kids, from books to educational shows, designed to keep learning alive all summer long without the pressure of a lesson plan.

[Check out the Common Sense Media Summer Survival Guide](#)

And that's just the beginning! The [AP-OD 2026 Summer Resources Guide](#) has even more to help your family make the most of the season, including:

- ☀ Educational apps like Khan Academy Kids, Daily Vroom, and Breathe Think Do with Sesame
- ☀ Free literacy programs, including Imagination Library and the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading program
- ☀ Free summer meals for kids 18 and under through the USDA Summer Meals program
- ☀ Fun printable activities from Sesame Workshop, Family Math, and Khan Academy Kids
- ☀ Free and low-cost family outings, including free state park entry and discounted movie tickets

The [AP-OD 2026 Summer Resources Guide](#) is available in English and Spanish!



Download the guide in English



Descargar la guía en español

[Download the AP-OD Family App](#) to find local events near you all summer long!

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Upcoming Events and Workshops



Stay tuned for upcoming webinars and events!

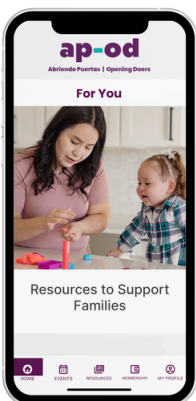
In the meantime, we invite you to watch the webinar launch of the [2026 National Latino Family Report](#) and hear Joana's inspiring story.



[Watch the recording](#)

Don't forget that the AP-OD Family App is your go-to resource for local family events from our partners — available anytime, anywhere, and completely free.

[Download the AP-OD Family App](#)



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Community Building

Summer Memories in the Making!

Summer is here, and we want to celebrate it with YOU! Whether you are exploring a local event you found on the AP-OD Family App, trying out activities from the AP-OD Summer Resources Guide, or simply making magic in your own backyard, we want to hear about it.

Share your favorite summer moment with our community: Post a photo or video on Instagram or Facebook and tag us [@AP_OD_National](#). Tell us in the comments: What is one memory you are creating with your family this summer?

Every family's story is worth celebrating. Let's inspire each other!



Saying "It's by doing and undoing that we learn"