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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Family Information Sessions Announced for Early REACH Program**

HARRIS COUNTY – BakerRipley, Harris County, and United Way of Greater Houston are pleased to announce a series of Family Information Sessions for The Early REACH (Raising Educational Access for Children in Harris County) Program. The sessions will provide parents and guardians with an opportunity to learn more about the program before the official application launch on June 12, 2023.

Early REACH is a groundbreaking initiative designed to create 800 new spaces within high-quality childcare programs to accommodate additional children in the county. The program addresses the need for accessible childcare and supports childcare centers that have been affected by the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through the Early REACH program, families across Harris County will have the opportunity to enroll their children aged zero to four in selected childcare centers at no cost. This support enables parents and guardians to pursue educational or work opportunities while ensuring their children receive quality care and early childhood education.

In addition, the program aims to enhance the compensation and training for early childhood educators working in participating classrooms. By offering increased compensation and professional development opportunities, Early REACH seeks to attract and retain talented educators who play a vital role in children's early development.

The Early REACH program will begin serving children and families on a rolling basis starting in June 2023. To be eligible for the program, families must reside in Harris County, and children must be between the ages of zero and four. Financial need can be demonstrated through various criteria, such as income, high need according to the Social Vulnerability Index, homelessness, foster care, or participation in certain assistance programs.

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The Family Information Sessions will take place on the following dates and locations:

**Precinct 1:**

Date: June 6, 2023  
Time: 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Location: Harris County Public Library  
15741 Wallisville Rd, Houston, TX 77049

**Precinct 2:**

Date: June 6, 2023  
Time: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.  
Location: BakerRipley Pasadena Campus  
720 Fairmont Pkwy, Room 201, Pasadena, TX 77504

**Precinct 3:**

Date: June 7, 2023  
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Location: Harris County Public Library – Atascocita Branch  
19520 Pinehurst Trail Dr, Humble, TX 77346

**Precinct 4:**

Date: June 7, 2023  
Time: 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Location: BakerRipley Gulfton Sharpstown Campus  
6500 Rookin St, Building D-Reunion Hall, Houston, TX 77074

These sessions aim to help families gain a comprehensive understanding of the Early REACH program and its benefits for young children across Harris County. For more information on the program or the Family Information Sessions, go to [earlyreach.org](http://earlyreach.org).

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